

# St. Vincent de Paul Society NEWSLETTER

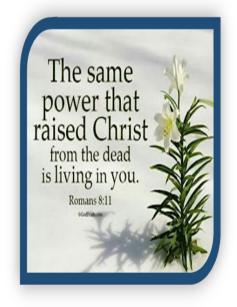


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"It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them." St. Vincent de Paul

May all your prayers be answered and may you feel the Lord's presence near you... not only for Easter, but always. Happy Easter!



## LOVING ACTS OF KINDNESS

Easter is here and gone are the solemn days of prayer, alms giving, fasting, abstinence, and suffering. While the forty days of Lent seem to drag on forever, the fifty days of Easter often fly by unnoticed. Few of us think about the fact that our Easter Season does not end on Easter Sunday but rather on the Feast of Pentecost. As Catholics, we know what is expected of us during Lent but how are we called to live out the fifty days of Easter?

The joy we experience at Easter is the joy that flows from the gift of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life with God. The joy of receiving the greatest of all gifts, a gift that was given to us freely out of love and love alone. Salvation is a gift that we did not earn or deserve but God out of perfect love gave it to us anyway. Venerable Fulton Sheen describes this love in a single sentence when he

proclaimed that "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection is the Divine Love story that overflows into the Eucharist itself.

The Easter Season calls us to find ways to become more fully a Eucharistic or Easter people. A people who live out the Divine Love story by sharing God's love with others through actions that are freely given with no expectation of a return. The Jews have a word for such acts and that word is: hesed.

*Hesed* surpasses ordinary kindness and friendship. It is more than simple charity. It is the inclination of the heart to show "amazing grace" to the one who is loved. *Hesed* runs deeper than social expectations, responsibilities, fluctuating emotions, or what is deserved or earned by the recipient. *Hesed* comes to life only in and through actions.

For Catholics, *hesed* is what is known to us as works of loving kindness or corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Loving kindness means tenderness and consideration *towards others*. Loving kindness is an outward expression that is not self-seeking but is completely free and offered through self-sacrifice with no strings attached. It is the love that the Society has for everyone but especially the poor and vulnerable.

For Vincentians, loving acts of kindness is our vocational call. We are called to grow in holiness through acts of kindness to our family, our friends and our neighbors. Jesus became man and lived among the poor and disenfranchised out of love and love alone. He emptied Himself unto death, death on a cross for our sake and opened the gates to heaven so that we could be one with Him and the Father forever.

The Easter Season calls us to freely pass on to others the love contained in the passion and the resurrection without any expectation of a return. As Vincentians, we do loving acts of kindness as a response to the immense love we have received from the Father. And, through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our love back to Him by loving others as we have been loved. The Easter Season calls us to be living participants in the Divine Love story.

By Shirley Smalley



## The Journey Together?

*Vincentians,*" the Rule reminds us, "*are called to journey together towards holiness.*" [Rule, Part I, 2.2] We repeat this often among ourselves, perhaps sometimes at the risk of it becoming a

mere slogan. It is good to consider more deeply from time to time exactly what we are saying, and more importantly to ask ourselves: What is holiness? In what special way are Vincentians called to it?

Our church, of course, teaches that all of us are called to holiness, not just a few of us, not just the clergy or other religious – all of us, whatever our state in life. [LG, Ch V] Because of the great variety of gifts and talents we are given, we may walk different paths towards the perfection to which Christ calls us, and for members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this vocation is our special way of being Catholic, our special pathway to holiness.

But what, exactly, is holiness? The Church officially declares the holiness of men and women through beatification and canonization. These blessed people stand for us as role models and intercessors. Yet part of these ecclesiastical processes is a requirement for performing miracles. Does the "universal call to holiness" then require each of us to perform miracles? That would seem to be a fairly high bar!

Pope Francis assures us that there are "saints next door". Perhaps you have met a few of those gentle souls whose kindness seems almost to touch you physically when you are in their presence. Perhaps this example of the virtue of gentleness is a small glimpse of the "heroic virtue" the church recognizes in our martyrs and saints. Can we journey towards holiness by living our virtues "heroically"? Can we be role models?

Yet, there is another aspect of holiness, and an important one, which is that "no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual." Indeed, we "are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people." [Get E, 6] We not only are made to live in community, but to lead each other to holiness through community. This is why we understand our Conferences to be "genuine communities of faith and love, of prayer and action." [Rule, Part I, 3.3] We grow in holiness not only by sharing one another's presence and prayers, but by sharing the work, and reflecting together on God's presence in the poor.

This, perhaps, is the special call to holiness the Society helps us to follow – that we may not only lead each other to holiness, but, through our works and our love, help to all welcome people to God's saving plan, one person, one neighborhood, one community at a time.

#### Contemplate

How do I grow in holiness within my Conference? Within my larger community?

#### **Recommended Reading**

Gaudete et Exsultate



#### From the Desk of the

**Conference Resources Committee** 

#### **Congratulations and Welcome!**

**Great news** – our new Prince of Peace conference has functioned as a conference for more than a year now. Their aggregation application has been approved by their conference, their District and the Diocesan Council Board. Their application is now well on its way to the National Council via the Western Region Vice President. Once approved by him and the National Council president, it will be sent to Paris for the final signature by the International president. Join us in welcoming our newest conference.

Our St. Stevens conference in Sun Lakes has been restarted and is going strong. The conference members have completed their OFE training and recently attended an Officers training class. We are so excited to have this conference active again. A special thanks to everyone who made this possible including the new officers, members, the District 12 president, and the staff of VSS. It is truly wonderful to have you back with us.

SET (Safe Environment Training) The Safe Environment Training year and renewal requirements begin every year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Prospective members who are not SET compliant already, must complete the process prior to serving with the Society and its conferences. Regardless of when a person is first approved, they must renew their training between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> unless their parish has an earlier deadline. Taking a class before July 1<sup>st</sup> is a great thing to do but that class will not count for the renewal requirements of the new SET year.

Conference and Council presidents need to be aware that a Certificate of Course Completion is not sufficient to verify a person's Safe Environment (SET) approval status. Individuals can complete a class but not be approved or be current in regards to their background check. We recently found a member that completed a course but who failed their background check and was thus not able to serve in any capacity with the Society. This is an important issue. Please check with your Parish SET Coordinator to verify SET approval status of your members. If you have no parish Coordinator, please contact Shirley Smalley at msmal14727@aol.com.

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#### Remember to be in "Good Standing" all Conferences must:

- Hold in-person meetings at least twice a month. Hybrid meetings with a combination of in-person and remote attendance to accommodate the needs of homebound members may be conducted, however, members attending from out of the parish area must meet all full member requirements in order to vote.
- Have an active Spiritual Advisor and include Opening and Closing prayer and a Spiritual reflection at every meeting.
- Have a full slate of conference officers that meet the full enhanced member requirements.
- Follow the SVdP Meeting Agenda for all meetings.
- Have Secretary minutes and a Treasurer's Report at each meeting.
- Obtain verification that all members, volunteers & employees are Safe Environment compliant and approved.
- Provide person-to-person services to our neighbors in need and, as often as possible, through Home Visits
- Conduct home and pantry visits in pairs.
- Be represented at 80% of their District Council and 50% of the Diocesan General Membership Meetings.
- Complete and submit Quarterly and Annual Reports in a timely fashion.



#### **Investments, CD's and Savings Accounts**

Part I, 3.14 of the <u>Rule</u> states that "The Society's funds must be handled with the utmost care, prudence and generosity. Money must not be hoarded."

In cases where a Conference receives a large donation or has a bank account balance that exceeds what they would normally need to fund their works and expenses, it may, in consultation with their District president, develop a plan to supplement monthly expenditures with income from invested funds. The large donation or excess funds may be invested in a savings account, Certificate of Deposit (CD) or in equities or bonds. "Hoarding" would result if the Conference purposely allows the principal of the investment to grow with the sole objective to accumulate additional excess funds.

A Conference should create a plan to eventually draw down the investment for the purposes of assisting the poor through the works of their conference or the larger Society including twinning with other Conferences or in making contributions to Higher Council works or programs.

In setting Conference Guidelines, members should remember that assistance to the people we serve is based on their need and not on a need or requirement to maintain a certain level of funds in Conference investment portfolios, CD's or saving accounts. The one exception to the concept of reserves is in the case where the Conference itself is operating a special work, such as a thrift store or a dining room. A portion of the funds may be placed in a reserve to pay anticipated expenses (such as rent, utilities, etc.) for a short period of time (up to six months is recommended).

A Conference that is presented with a large financial gift should refer to the Phoenix Diocesan Council <u>Policy for Conference Funds Management</u> which is attached as an Appendix.

Remember, the Society operates based on a dependence on Divine Providence not on financial planning.

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#### **Policy for Conference Funds Management**

As a "collective" entity, The Diocesan Council for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its affiliated Conferences have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the appropriate stewardship of assets contributed directly to the Council and its Conferences. The Council has, over many years, established a formal process to ensure this fiduciary responsibility is fulfilled, including the formalization of an Investment Committee (Committee) comprised of Board Members, Conference Members and outside investment professionals. The Committee has conducted a formal selection process to engage a third-party, fiduciary provider of investment advisory services (Investment Advisor) to manage the investment process under the oversight of the Committee and, ultimately, the Society's Board. Additionally, the Committee has established an investment policy (Investment Policy Statement) to facilitate the governance of assets gifted to the Society and ultimately, protect the longterm, continuation of the mission of the Society through disciplined investment management of these assets.

Given this context, the Society's Board is providing this policy to the Conferences to provide the same level of fiduciary oversight and stewardship of assets given directly to the Conferences. The Conferences subject to this policy shall:

□ Conferences with operating cash or longer-term assets of \$100,000 or less, are required to ensure the safe keeping of these assets by having the assets invested in checking, savings, money market or Certificates of Deposit within FDIC Insurance coverage at a local bank or financial institution.

□ Conferences that are given contributions or who have accumulated excess reserves greater than \$100,000 are expected to notify the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chair of the Society's Investment Committee. Together, with the Conference, this collective group will secure investment advice and establish a separate investment account in the name of the Conference for the stewardship of these assets and protect the long-term, financial wellbeing of the Conference. The investment plans for such contributions will be developed with the direct input of the Conference's leadership and managed in accordance with the Society's Investment Policy Statement.

□ Conferences are generally prohibited from holding individual equity or fixed income securities that do not fall under this policy unless these securities are under a restriction established at the time of the gift by the donor. If a contribution to a Conference meets these criteria, the Conference will notify the Chief Financial Officer and the Investment Committee Chair. Together, with the Conference, the collective group will secure investment advice with respect to a plan for the long-term stewardship of these securities.

Approved by the Diocesan Council Board on June 20, 2018

## **SVdP** Thrift Stores



## **BUNDLE DRIVES!**

Spring cleaning is a real thing and this cleaning out process provides a great opportunity for conferences and parishes to support the Society. Bundle or Fill A Truck Drives take only a little effort on the part of the sponsoring conference or parish but they offer a tremendous benefit to our stores.

So, you may be asking yourself exactly what is a Bundle Drive and what is required to host one? A Bundle Drive is where a

conference or parish schedules one of our SVdP stores' truck to be onsite for donors to bring their items and drop them off. Once a date has been chosen and a truck is scheduled, the conference or parish is responsible for publicizing the event. The Retail Stores staff will provide the conference or parish with all of the information they need to promote and conduct the Drive including when the truck will be there and what items can be accepted. Bulletin ads, pulpit announcements, notices in area neighborhood papers or community newsletter and even signs on the parish grounds let potential donors know that the event is coming and what items will be accepted.

The conference or parish gets to determine the hours that items will be accepted. Some groups decide to accept items for one day and set the times for drop-offs to correspond with the beginning and ending of mass times. For example, a conference might decide to accept donations for thirty minutes before and after Sunday morning masses. Other conferences might decide to accept donations between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on one or two days. It is really up to the conference to decide. Each conference or parish knows their donors, their members and their volunteers and should tailor their drive to fit the needs and resources of their parish.



Bundle Drives not only help to stock and promote our thrift stores, but they are also a great way to build community, to engage area neighbors, to enlist new donors and to build relationships that might lead to securing new members. These drives can be fun for everyone. Most conferences that host these



drives use parish volunteers and youth in addition to their own members. These drives allow the community to join us in helping others.

A Bundle Drive is actually a little Vincentian party of sorts. Refreshments such as donuts, fruit and/or cookies and drinks like coffee, juice and water are often provided to workers and sometimes even to donors. When donors drive up, they are greeted by cheerful and welcoming Vincentians and volunteers. Donations are unloaded, receipts are given and thank you is said over and over. Often members and volunteers have a chance to explain to donors a little bit about the Society, how their donations will be used, and where our thrift stores are located.

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Bundle Drive provide members with the opportunity to remember items that have long been forgotten and to explain what they were used for to the younger volunteers. Laughter is common regarding some of the more unusual donations or items that we have no idea how or for what they are used. That is especially true of kitchen and food prep items. During the times when there is a break in donors, Vincentians and volunteers have time to just visit and to get to know each other better.

These drives do the best in areas where there is no SVdP in the immediate area. Bundle or Fill A Truck Drives are also a way to get donations following a neighborhood garage sale. If neighborhoods in your area host periodic area garage sales on a Saturday, you might want to follow up with a Saturday evening and Sunday Bundle Drive to take their leftover items. Our stores love getting gently used leftovers!

Bundle Drives are a great way to support our stores while at the same time engaging our members, our fellow parishioners and the larger community. Why not call and schedule your Bundle Drive now before things start to heat up during the summer months? Now is the time for people to clean out unwanted and unneeded items and for our stores to clean up so to speak. These drives are truly winwin opportunities for everyone.

Did you know that our **Bringing Hope Home** program began a year ago by helping one or two families a month but just last week the program helped eight families? The need is there and as a Society we can help. Everyday our Retail Operations Team and the Stores Committee look for ways that our stores can support conferences and council programs and advance the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Save the Date

**General Membership Meeting** 

June 17, 2023

8:30 am Mass

## Jubilarian Celebration at St. Gregory Conference

On March 25, 2025, the Vincentians at St. Gregory Conference enjoyed a special mass during which four members were honored with the Jubilarian Crucifix and a Certificate. Mass was officiated by our Pastor, Father Paul Sullivan, who blessed the crucifixes and gave the final blessing. The recipients were: Margaret Tobin and Guadalupe Sosa, who have served over ten years; and Karen Walenga and Mary Wilson, who have served over five years.

The continued work of serving the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam by our Jubilarians primarily has been going out on home visits. However, our Jubilarians have been very active in many other Parish Ministries, always participate in our food drives, and each has other duties within the Conference



which keeps it functioning in an orderly fashion.

Following are some of the comments submitted by our Jubilarians:

<u>Learned from other Vincentians</u>: To be generous with time, talent, and gifts; deep sense of community; dedication to serve wherever and whenever possible; true fellowship; patience and understanding; though not able to assist everyone, respect and be kind to those we do help, and pray with them at home visits.

<u>Wisdom they wish to share with other Vincentians</u>: Life is better as a Vincentian; have met some wonderful people and made lifetime friendships; deep satisfaction, joy that comes from serving together in fellowship; worries about the growth of our Society--we must invite others to become Vincentians.

A celebration was held at our Conference meeting the following Tuesday. Congratulations to our most current Jubilarians.

#### April 2023



#### Save the Date for the 2023

St. Louis National Assembly,"Where It All Began."

The National Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul started in St. Louis in 1845 at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, most commonly known here in St. Louis as "The Old Cathedral. "Did you know that the first time St. Louis hosted the Annual Assembly was 1904, the same year the World's Fair was held in St. Louis! In April 1904, St. Louis opened its doors to the world for what was officially called the Louisiana Purchase Exposition but was widely known as the St. Louis World's Fair. Spread over 1200 square feet, and 1500 buildings, During the course of the year, the expo was visited by more than 20 million people.

Join us September 6 – 9, at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch St. Louis, as we celebrate our 109th Annual Assembly, and be "Where it All Began!"

Since we are hosting the 2024 National Assembly, our Council will be responsible for hosting a promotional table. Come to the Assembly this year and help out.







#### Our Lady of the Lake Conference receives a new van

*Pictured:* Representatives from Harvest Compassion Center/Mitchell Swabeck Charities Inc (In red) Ricky Hauke (Manager) and Sarah Viles (General Manager) St. Vincent de Paul Lake Havasu (In Blue)

On Friday March 3rd, at St. Mary's Food bank, St. Vincent de Paul of Lake Havasu was presented the first of seven Ford Transit refrigerated super vans. They handed the keys over to St. Vincent de Paul of Lake Havasu and Harvest Compassion Center/Mitchell Swabeck Charities Inc. These vans will help us collect food, feed home bound individuals in their area, and be a game-changer for our mission to serve those in need.

Through the federal CARES Act, St. Mary's received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Arizona's Community Development Block Grant CDBG. St. Mary's Food Bank will use those funds to gift seven transit vans, three full-sized refrigerated box trucks, and more than 30 commercial-sized refrigerators and freezers to there agency partners both in the Valley and in rural locations of the state.



## ST. ELIZABETH SETON

#### St Vincent de Paul Conference Food/Non-Food Drive

Our conference held a Food/Non-Food Drive on the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>tth.</sup> Paper bags were distributed the previous week with around 600 bags given. Through advertising and the generous support of Father Kilian, we were amazed and knew we were in for a busy weekend! With a great warrior couple, Chuck & Shirley Kuchar at the head, Barb Lavigne and her Pantry Crew and an abundance of our Vincentians putting in many tireless hours in, we were ready for the challenge. Our warrior couple, who have done several drives, have updated and streamlined operations, making things more efficient; still very busy, but working smarter!! With two masses on Saturday and three on Sunday, much was done in advance.



Saturday came with signs, boxes, pantry--ready to go! Food had arrived before mass. Inasmuch as the 4:00 o'clock mass is a very busy one, cars were pulling up around 3:00 o'clock for us to receive. Sharpies in hand, members were ready, tables were bulging with goods; and all were busy marking use-by-dates on all dated material. Boxes were being packed and moved into our panty. There was non-stop activity through 8:00pm that evening. The participation of our parishioners was fantastic.

Sunday came early as much needed to be done before 7am mass .With delivery at both sides of the church, movement was heavy, with participation continuing through 1:00pm. Pantry members, volunteers, and committee worked to "stuff" our pantry with product dated chronologically, boxed, and stored in our modest pantry. Our shelves and all areas are neat and full to capacity. Items not dated and food goods with early 2023 dates, that we could not find room for, were given to the Wickenburg Conference. They are in a poor



extended area with many migrant workers who are in constant need of assistance. They will be able to use our overage immediately as we work together to feed those in need.

Our food/non-food drive was one of the most successful drives we have had! There were 606 bags of food/non-food received, along with \$1,800 cash, plus food cards. Thirty-two people worked the two-day drive, with several working both days. We are extremely grateful to our parish, our religious leaders, members and volunteers, and our God.

The day was beautiful, our bounty fantastic, our poor and our conference blessed!

By Tina Prosenick

## OFE CLASSES – 2023 ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

Apr. 29, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; May 6, 2023 OFE 3 & 4 Prince of Peace – 14818 W Deer Valley Dr., Sun City West

June 22, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; June 23, 2023 OFE 3 & 4 St. John Vianney -180 Soldier Pass Rd., Sedona

July 15, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; July 22, 2023 OFE 3 & 4 Corpus Christi – 3550 E Knox Rd., Phoenix

Oct. 5 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 6 OFE 3 & 4 St. Mary/St. Juan Diego at St Mary's – 230 W. Galveston St., Chandler

Oct. 14, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 21, 2023 OFE 3 & 4 Church of the Resurrection -3201 S Evergreen Rd., Tempe

> To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter 928-699-9232 (Text or Call)

> > maryannhunter44@gmail.com

What is needed to register?

Your name; email, phone number, address, and your conference name

## **Blessed Frederic Ozanam Intercession Prayer Line**

O God, our Father, You alone have the power to bestow those precious gifts of Yours which we rightly call miracles. If it be Your will, be pleased to grant such a gift on behalf of...

ALL SAINTS MESA Judy Allard Barbara Velleman

BLESSED SACRAMENT Lee Matthews

HOLY CROSS Mary Powell Andy Torres Dee Shack Mary Jo Kent

Sharon Culley

#### IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION Michael McCann Frank Simmons Rosie Bell Linda Lee Chambon-Gay Sue Dori Scott Marthaler James Reed Tom and Barbara Reed Peg Shandera Lu Stitt

MOST HOLY TTRINITY Jackie Jennings

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF THE DESERET Rita Hughes Tony Mueller Valerie Panagopoulos Peggy Merrill Duke Merrill Mary Austin Art Austin

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE Susan Petrie Mary Kay Dunlevy Martina Bonilla

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ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET Phil Murphy Don Fraiser

ST. GABRIEL Jack McAward Philip Longabardi Dolores Galligan Robert Fitzer Phil Longobardi Louise Fullam

ST. GREGORY Edd Harrington Beverly Heart ST. HELEN Charlie & Jean Olds

ST. JAMES Diane Stofko Abel Noble

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA Betty Winick

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ST. TIMOTHY Mike Anderson Margaret Hewett Karl Rusnock Thea Podrybau

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ST. CLARE OF ASSISI Richard Jessen Joyce Murphy ST. ELIZABETH SETON Bob & Pat Purtill

ST. GERMAINE Joe Zambito Kathy Ferguson Joe Ferguson Sandy Smith

ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC Rev. Peter Dobrowski

ST. MARY—KINGMAN Patty Couch Roger and Rita Gaumond Diane Schatz

ST. MARY'S BASICILA The Boozer Family

ST. MARY-ST. JUAN DIEGO

Zoe Rainey Angie Welsh Winnie Bridgens Carl Cunningham Allen Vaughan Rich Gray Irene Beard

ST. MARY MAGDALENE Nancy Weise

ST. JEROME Nancy Barnes Yvonne Hurley

ST. MATTHEW Evelyn Guerra Alicia Alfonso

ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE Gene Harmeling Lucia Mastroianni Joan Katchur Corlaine Mortenson Philomena Kamara

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# **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**



### Phil Longobardi St. Gabriel

Shirley Pipke

Our Lady of the Valley

## Frank Celaya St. Gregory

Evelyn Guerra St. Matthew

## Pat Kruse St. Gregory

## **Robert "Bob" Lemme**

Corpus Christi

May the Angels lead them into Paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming and lead them into Jerusalem, the Holy City. May the Choir of Angels welcome them and, with Lazarus, who was also poor, may they have everlasting rest. The Dream Center



April 2023

# THE WINGENTIAN ANNUITY

Supporting St. Vincent de Paul not just for a lifetime, but **forever**.

	SINGLE LIFE	TWO LIVES
AGE 60	4.4%	3.9%
AGE 70	5.1%	4.6%
AGE 80	6.8%	5.7%
AGE 90	9.0%	8.2%

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Feed, clothe, house, heal, A gift through the Vincentian Annuity will give you the security of a fixed income over your lifetime and provide support for St. Vincent de Paul that will last forever.

As an example, Helen, an 80-year-old widow and St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, recently established a \$50,000 Vincentian gift annuity. For her age, the annuity rate is 6.8%, meaning she'll receive \$3,400 annually for the rest of her life. And, she may take an income tax deduction of about 50% of her gift this year. Best of all, her gift will support St. Vincent de Paul's work for generations to come. Annuity gifts start at \$10,000.

# TO SEE IF AN ANNUITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU visit plannedgiving.stvincentdepaul.net.

Take a look at our planned giving tools, including a benefit calculator. To discuss giving options, contact Donna Rodgers at 602-261-6884 or plannedgiving@svdpaz.org.

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