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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

The Tyranny of the Moment

The phrase *Tyranny of the Moment* is a term that is often used to describe how individuals, families and groups respond to a single or a series of crises. The word tyrant has many definitions but the overwhelming understanding of the term is a ruler who has unlimited power over others. Although a crisis is not the typical image for a tyrant, crisis situations do have the ability to exert unlimited and indiscriminate power over those experiencing them.



Although this term is often used to discuss the effects of situational and generational poverty, any crisis can result in individuals experiencing the *Tyranny of the Moment*. When Jesus was arrested, tried, and subsequently crucified, the Apostles were victim of this phenomenon. Only John was able to move past the thought of being arrested and killed himself and so he stood alone with the women at the foot of the Cross. Peter and the other apostles could think of nothing beyond their own survival because the threat of suffering and death was so real, so pervasive, and so ever present that it controlled everything including their actions. The situation led Peter, the Rock to deny Jesus three times. The apostle's love and commitment to our Lord was not strong enough to provide them with the ability to rebel against the tyranny of fear.

When I was in my later twenties, my doctor believed that I had all of the symptoms of advanced stage ovarian cancer. At the time, Mike and I were in the process of adopting our foster child who had lived with us for more than four years. An exploratory surgery was needed to confirm the diagnosis which was basically a death sentence. The state agency handling the adoption, put it on hold and we were told that if it turned out that I was terminal, our son would be removed and placed with another family. It took 45 days before I could get into the specialist that needed to do the surgery.

The thought of my husband losing both me and our son was overwhelming. I could think of nothing else. Our friends offered help but we could not even think far enough ahead to tell them what we needed. We were definitely experiencing the *Tyranny of the Moment*. Fortunately, what I had was a large benign tumor that was not attached to my ovary and was easily removed. After my surgery, we were able to finalize the adoption and life went back to normal. The realities of living in poverty are just as real as other crises and cause the same types of debilitating effects. The poor live in crisis day after day. Event after event with few if any support systems and with no foreseeable end in sight.

Natural disasters, mass shootings, victimization of all kinds, and war all create situations that have nearly unlimited power over people. The victims trapped in the stadium in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated their city could not think or act beyond things that were needed for that moment in time. They concentrated on getting food, water, access to sanitation, medications, health care for the sick and injured, and being rescued. No one thought about getting a better job, finding new and more affordable housing, securing a better interest rate on their car loan, or going back to school for a degree or vocational certification. No, all they could think about was staying alive.

Systemic change programs focus on the reality of the *Tyranny of the Moment* for those living in poverty. The Bridges Out of Poverty program describes the crisis of living in poverty in these words:

The Tyranny of the Moment Continued

Poverty is a lack of resources. People in poverty are often in survival mode, driven by the tyranny of the moment, where they cannot plan for the future. Their problems are often crises that must be dealt with today.

People in poverty are forced to decide which is their most immediate problem: Do they pay rent or their utility bill? Do they pay for medicine or groceries? What can they let slide for another week or month?

We need to realize the tremendous power that poverty holds over many of our neighbors. Often times, those suffering from situational poverty have the skills and resources needed to dig themselves out of the crisis at hand. They tend to be those neighbors that we regard as able to get back on their feet with a little help from the Society but what about those families whose needs are far greater than needing a simple rent or utility payment?

While helping those experiencing situational poverty can be easier, the Society is called to do more than help those individuals and families that are generally able to help themselves. We are called to look at generational poverty and to seek families that we can help through longer term systemic change.

Patricia Jones, from the Alliance Community Task Force reminds us that:

Poverty is at the heart of poor health, unaffordable housing, transportation challenges, homelessness, low-wage jobs, poor nutrition and hunger, lack of education, and unaffordable childcare.

The support systems those of us in the middle class take for granted are often non-existent for those in poverty. Yes, the taxes we pay offer many of the services needed by those in poverty. But those services challenge people in poverty by throwing up barriers at every turn. How does a single parent get to work at a minimum wage job without transportation or dependable childcare? Can they get any benefits if businesses are only hiring for part-time openings? Do they need to get two or three jobs to pay bills? How can they take off work to go to parent-teacher conferences, or visit food pantries, or sign up for assistance that requires using a computer, or visit an office that is only open during normal working hours? The system is not easy to navigate!

As Vincentians, we need to commit ourselves to learning more about the *Tyranny of the Moment* and the ways that we can make a real difference in the lives of the poor through systemic change. It can be done and it can be done in and through us. Our One-At-A-Time program is a great example of our Council's commitment to systemic change. There are classes and programs that can inform and guide us into developing more multidimensional and long-term programs that can offer effective support to those suffering from generational poverty.

May each of us open our hearts to accept the reality of the tyranny of poverty and to commit ourselves to working to overthrow the power poverty has on so many individuals and families. We can make a more profound difference if we just choose to do so. If we choose to expand our horizons beyond one-time rent and utility payments and food to developing and implementing complimentary systemic change programs to add to the crisis services we now offer.

Shirley Smalley



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

Parliamentary Procedures for Conference Meetings

Parliamentary Procedures are a set of accepted rules for conduct and decorum at meetings that allows everyone to be heard, to make decisions in an orderly and timely fashion and to record those decisions in a reliable and consistent manner. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not have a constitution but does have a Rule and bylaws at all the various levels. When the Rule and the bylaws are silent in regards to procedural situations, the Society has set *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as our default rules of order.

Because the Society and its conferences strive to make the majority of decisions by consensus, *Robert's Rules of Order* are seldom needed during a conference meeting.

Here are some major points for conference presidents to consider when setting their agenda and chairing conference meetings:

- A quorum is a simple majority or 50% of your current voting membership. It is not 50% percent plus one. However, if you have an odd number of members, since you can never really have half a member, you always round up.
- Silence by the assembly gives implied consent and the assembly may move forward as if the matter has been adopted.
- Although our sample agendas have the word Old Business, there is no such thing. The correct term is Unfinished Business. This section of the meeting is for action items that were previous brought up but where action was deferred.
- Items to be considered at a later date are not tabled, there are postponed. Tabled items must be deal with during the meeting in which they were tabled.
- New Business is for items where action can be taken. It is not for new discussion only items or brainstorming.
- Minutes may be approved by consensus and no motion or vote is needed to approve them.
- Treasurer's Reports are not approved they are filed for an annual audit. The conference does not have a copy of the check book or the reconciled Bank statements and thus are unable to authenticate the report.

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.



BRICKS to build the foundation

The Essential Element of Friendship

The Three Essential Elements of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are spirituality, friendship, and service. The original Manual of the Society published in 1845 defined what the Society means by the term "friendship".

To bring together men (and women) of good will and to assist them by mutual example and true friendship in drawing nearer to the Divine Model by fulfilling His essential precept; namely, the love of God in the person of others.

The key words in this statement are *mutual example* and *true friendship*. The Society's goal is not to develop a simple working relationship between our members but to foster deep, committed, and authentic bonds between them. In other words, for the members to become family.

Although friendship may not be the first element that comes to mind when people think about the Society, it is a critical part of who we are. When surveyed, the vast majority of members reported that they joined St. Vincent de Paul because a friend asked them to and that they remain active because of the close bonds they have with other Vincentians. Vincentian friendship is not just a casual thing it involves the care and faithfulness that is often only seen within families and religious orders.

How do we, how can we, develop and encourage this friendship among our members? We can look at activities that are part of the day-to-day personality of various Conferences. Here are some of those ideas. Pick some and give them a try. They may fit very nicely in your Conference.

Share Your Faith - During every Conference or Council meeting, we have time set aside on the agenda for a spiritual reading and discussion. This discussion is intended to provide both an opportunity to share faith experiences as well as to build friendship. Sharing what you really believe makes you vulnerable and this vulnerability leads to trust and to deeper levels of friendship. Knowing that we are all on a journey to holiness allows us to see that we do not travel alone but with friends.

As Vincentians, we pray together both at the beginning and the close of every meeting. The very words that are used in our prayers call for unity among the members. Our prayers use the word "we" rather than I. And the old adage holds true: the family that prays together stays together.

Work Together - One of the ways that the Society helps to promote friendship is through the works of the Conference or Council. While our meetings include the vast majority of our members, we often neglect to choose special events or make a real effort to include projects that include a significant number of members working side-by-side at the same time. By their very nature, home visits, working in pantries, and even volunteering in works such as our thrift stores are limited to only a few Vincentians at a time. Working together as a group builds friendship.

The Essential Element of Friendship continued

Celebrate Important Events - Remembering our fellow Vincentians on their birthdays, anniversaries, or any special commemorative event helps to develop the bonds between us. This can be done in any number of ways: sending cards, sharing special foods such as a birthday cake, and masses intentions are all simple ways to honor the events in the lives of members and volunteers.

Break Bread Together - Jesus knew the value of sharing a meal with others. Sharing a meal with someone allows for a relaxed atmosphere where food and conversation become a single activity. Picnics, potluck dinners, going together as a group to a restaurant are all ways that Vincentians can share a meal together. Conferences can get together for mass and a meal on special feast days, on an ongoing basis, or at special times of the year such as Christmas.

Expand Your Circle of Friends – Vincentian friendship should not be limited to your own Conference or Council. A good practice is to gather with neighboring Conferences or Councils for a joint project, a meeting, a spiritual event, or a social gathering. District socials and Diocesan events are a great way to expand your circle of friends and to experience the larger aspects of the Vincentian family.

Focus on Friendship – As Vincentians, we are called to see Christ in everyone and to be Christ to those around us. We are a family because we are brothers and sisters in Christ. In all circumstances, we are called to share the love of Christ with one another. As members, we can disagree on issues but we must not be disagreeable. Other members deserve the same respect and kindness that we work so hard to show to the poor.

St. Paul reminds us that: “Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes”.

Our love of Christ gives us the strength and grace to connect to each other in ways that transcends casual friendships and moves us into the realm of deep authentic connections that allow us “to share our burdens and joys as true friends in Christ”. We are family and that is a true blessing best realized by a commitment to focusing on the essential Vincentian element of friendship.



The Fact Remains

There are some popular sayings we sometimes repeat such as “Facts don’t care about your feelings” or “Facts are facts, whether you like them or not.” Both sayings are quite clever! They also are true, as far as they go, but both really mean the same thing: *Shut up and do what*

I say.

A fact does not care about anybody’s feelings, but that’s only because a fact is not a person. In the same way, rocks don’t care about your pain. But we don’t just throw them at people’s heads to make that point. Facts don’t care about your feelings, but we should. This doesn’t mean we must abandon truth in favor of sympathy – quite the contrary!

Blessed Frédéric took great consolation in knowing that “*while defending the truth with all my might, I never offended anyone.*” In our polarized time, this seems like a remarkable thing to say, and it turns out that our times are far less contentious and polarized than Frédéric’s.

Facts don’t care about your feelings. Rocks don’t care about your pain. Yet it can be so easy sometimes, during encounters with the neighbor, to become too focused on the facts. You have been evicted, and a shelter is the best place for you to go right now. That’s a fact. Many of the problems you face are the consequences of your own bad decisions. That’s a fact. Your debts are insurmountable. You need a plan for next month. Money won’t fix your problem. Fact, fact, fact.

It also is a fact, whether we remember it or not, that the neighbor’s problems can feel overwhelming. Some of them may garner nobody’s sympathy. The facts can make people feel very isolated, forgotten, helpless, and small, because facts, like rocks, don’t care about your feelings or your pain.

We do our neighbors no good by simply repeating to them the facts of their situations. The poor, our [Getting Ahead](#) training emphasizes, are experts in their own situation. They have already been hit in the head by their rocks. Like the Good Samaritan, we are not there primarily to focus on the facts; the passersby knew the facts. We are there to pour oil on the wound, to speak in a soothing tone, to offer a smile or a tear, to pause from our own lives and problems and truly share the neighbor’s.

Our virtue of [simplicity](#) calls us to speak not merely truth, but *the* Truth; the One Fact that stands above all others; the Fact that counts the hairs on our heads; the Fact that wipes away all tears; the Fact that transcends all worldly suffering. Let he who is without challenges, has made no bad decisions, and has never needed help cast the first rock, and let us instead try to build Christ’s church upon it. We serve in hope, and that’s a fact.

Contemplate

In light of the facts, how can I best convey hope?

Recommended Reading

[‘Tis a Gift to be Simple](#)

SVdP Thrift Stores

Did you know that our Thrift Stores have a variety of ways that donors can schedule a SVdP Thrift store pickup? We also have a couple of options for how the donations are picked up including a Priority or “White Glove” Pick-up service.

Potential donors that want a donation pick-up may schedule a pick-up by calling 602-354-3338 or by visiting the Diocesan website at www.stvincentdepaul.net. We now have business cards available to conferences that have a QR code that will take potential donors straight to the scheduling feature on our website. Contact Vincentian Support Services to get cards for your conference. These cards are a great way to respond to family, friends and associates when they ask how they can schedule a SVdP Thrift Store pick-up.

Our standard pick-ups are free and items are picked up outside of the donors’ location. Items can be left curbside, in a driveway, carport or in a garage with a donor present to open and close the garage. Unless special arrangements are made in advance, as in the case of elderly or disabled donors, drivers are not able to enter a home and all items must be located on the ground floor areas of apartment or condo complexes. As a rule, the free pick-ups need to be scheduled at least three days in advance. Earlier pickup dates are booked subject to availability. Although our standard pick-ups are free, there is a fee for picking up used mattresses and box springs. The fee is \$50 for up to three of these items. Since we do not sell used mattresses or box springs, the fee is a disposable fee.



About two years ago, we developed a new program we call “White Glove.” It is a specific processing of donations that merits special attention because of their potential value or the needs of a particular donor. The Retail management team handles these pick-ups personally, working with the donor to ensure their donation will receive proper care and processing.

Our Priority pick-up services are provided for a fee and are designed to help donors who need items to be removed from their home, apartment or condo. These pick-ups can be scheduled up to two days in advance. This service includes standard second floor and above second floor service if an elevator is available for the drivers to use. Our priority pick-ups can include disassembly of items as needed. The fee for this service is \$110 and up depending on the size and the nature of the pick-up. This service has been quite popular and well received by many of our larger and more upscale donors.

Our thrift stores and drivers accept most gently used furniture, appliances, household and clothing items. We are, however, unable to accept flimsy furniture, oversized items such as wall and entertainment units, damaged, broken, stained or foul-smelling items, and things that have missing parts.

Our stores are always in need of donations and this especially true now. You and your conference can be our best advocate and referral source for donations. Get some of our business cards with our donation information and QR code. Hand them out to family members and friends, Put them on a table in you Parish office. Take them with you to Garage sales. Hand them out everywhere you go and to everyone you meet. The more donations we receive the more we can help others including the neighbors you send to the us for furniture, appliances, household goods, and clothing.

Our retail stores are more than thrift stores. We care. Whatever a donation may be or whatever store a donor drops it off to, we will take the time and effort to evaluate what has been given us and process it to help support the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.



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!”

If you are interested in attending the 2023 National Assembly in St. Louis, please contact your District president. We hope to have a strong delegation at this year’s Assembly to not only represent our Diocesan Council but to promote the Assembly that we will be hosting in 2024. Come and enjoy the Assembly and serve as an ambassador for next year’s event. We want to help support you in attending this event, so please let us know that you would like to go.



Ascension creates mats for the homeless

Parishioners of the Church of the Ascension in cooperation with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Church of the Ascension Conference, have been producing sleeping mats for people suffering from homelessness.



Made of recycled plastic shopping bags, the mats measure three feet by six feet, providing a barrier when sleeping on cold or wet ground. Each mat takes 35 hours to complete, using over 700 plastic grocery bags. The bags are cut into loops and then intertwined to produce plastic yarn. The yarn is then crocheted into the finished product, including a carrying strap to contain the rolled mat.

The Conference of the Ascension will be donating the finished mats to the Saint Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council for distribution in Phoenix. Within each rolled mat, socks and toiletries will be provided as well. So far, 37 mats have been produced.

The Conference of the Ascension has been working with their neighbors in the Fountain Hills, Fort McDowell and the Verdes communities for 34 years, bringing stability to those they serve in any way they can.

For those who need food or other aid, call the Conference of the Ascension Hotline at -480-837-7287. For those who are interested in joining the effort to produce sleeping mats, call the hotline number as well to leave a message for Carol, the project coordinator.

Todd Brandys, Conference President

Jubilarians Honored at St. Matthew's Conference

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023 District Seven welcomed sixteen Jubilarians! Deacon O'Grady blessed the Jubilarian Crucifixes, and Luis and Laura presided over the ceremony..

There were seven conferences represented at this celebration with a combined 150 years of service. St. Matthew, St. Edwards the Professor, St. Anthony, St. Catherine, San Martin de Porres, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, and St. John Paul II.



A few com-

ments

Pictured left to right: Juan Martinez, Luis Garcia, Yolanda Celaya, Lucy Lopez, Albert Martinez, Sally Fontes, and Denise Van Dyke.

Not Pictured: Irma Martinez, Alberto Rascon, Frank Figueroa, Lupe Figueroa, John Canales, Bob and Marie Koscuisko.

from the Jubilarians:

In following the footsteps of Vincent and Fredric: *I have learned that the assistance we provide is minor compared to the rewards I feel in serving those neighbors most in need.*

Wisdom I wish to share with other Vincentians: *Where there two or more are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them. How true it is of our Vincentian Family. We are never alone.*

All of us have great and memorable stories to tell from the conference pantry to the home visits and General Membership Meetings.

**St Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
St Vincent de Paul Conference**

Our SVdP conference has been delivering Easter baskets to the Garden of Sun City Assisted Living for the last three years. We started the practice to brighten the day when the father of one of our members was living there. The baskets delighted the residents, so we decided to continue the practice. Member Rita Hogan coordinated the preparation with thoughtful items being brought in March by members. Some leftover ribbons and wrappings from our silent auction in February were used. Nine members were present on March 31st to assemble the baskets. Before assembling, Joan Murphy, our Spiritual Leader led attending members in prayer and work began. The assembly line put together stuffed animals, puzzles, word games, coloring books, colors, note pads, Kleenex packets, candy, and other fun items. There were M&M candies wrapped to resemble carrots and of

course - everyone got a chocolate Easter bunny! 42 baskets were delivered and on Easter morning residents were delighted to be remembered and receive these special baskets. A blessed Easter was had by all!

Karen Boeck



(Above) Photos of Kay, Peggy, and Eleanor with Peter Rabbit, (Below) The ladies of St. Elizabeth Seton Conference



OFE CLASSES – 2023

ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

May 20 OFE 1 & 2; May 21 OFE 3 & 4
St. Mary - Kingman

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

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

Aug. 12 OFE 1 & 2; Aug. 19 OFE 3 & 4
Holy Cross – 1244 S Power Rd., Mesa

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

Jan. 20 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 27 OFE 3 & 4
St. Gabriel – 32648 N Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek

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	ST. BERNADETTE Michael Smalley	ST. ELIZABETH SETON Bob & Pat Purtill	SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BLESSED SACRAMENT Lee Matthews	ST. BRIDGET Cheryl Crame Joe Fellhauer Terri Lyn Gardner	ST. GERMAINE Joe Zambito Kathy Ferguson Joe Ferguson Sandy Smith	Tommy Pitre Mary Jane Rynd Mike Syslo Kevin Conry Margaret Najor John Marrone Dale Lehe Sheila Alvarez Mr. and Mrs. John Bracken Tegan Searing Carla Francesca Martin Diane Hoeschler Mike Weigel Mark Hamblin Baby Hailey The Porscha Family Mary Teller Brock Weatherup Mary Lou Goldstein Glenda Dubes Judy Edwards Edmund Voyer Bessie McNair Fr. Tom Enneking Melvin Goldstein Bill Mulholland Pat O'Brien Margaret Pawlak Rob Sobczak Dave Najor Dominic Svorinic Jon Ehlinger Louise Kasmikha Chris Lowrey Paul Zabilski Nathan Turner Steve & Lucy Howell Marie Gallego Greg Ryan Lisa Eicher Jagger Michael Diem Nancy Phalen Tom Van Boven Jim Novotny Joyce Zabilski Evan Arriola Jayden Southern Robert Jacobs John Jakubczyk Peter McQuaid Kathleen Nageotte Ed Koval Nicole Hazen Mayuka and Family David Park Mary Jo Matthews Lloyd Bach
HOLY CROSS Mary Powell Andy Torres Dee Shack Mary Jo Kent Sharon Culley	ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET Phil Murphy Don Fraiser	ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC Rev. Peter Dobrowski	
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	ST. GABRIEL Jack McAward Philip Longabardi Dolores Galligan Robert Fitzer Phil Longobardi Louise Fullam	ST. MARY—KINGMAN Patty Couch Roger and Rita Gaumond Diane Schatz	
MOST HOLY TRINITY Jackie Jennings	ST. GREGORY Edd Harrington Beverly Heart	ST. MARY'S BASICILA The Boozer Family	
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Joe DiGiovanni	ST. HELEN Charlie & Jean Olds	ST. MARY-ST. JUAN DIEGO Zoe Rainey Angie Welsh Winnie Bridgens Carl Cunningham Allen Vaughan Rich Gray Irene Beard	
OUR LADY OF THE DESERET Rita Hughes Tony Mueller Valerie Panagopoulos Peggy Merrill Duke Merrill Mary Austin Art Austin	ST. JAMES Diane Stofko Abel Noble	ST. MARY MAGDALENE Nancy Weise	
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Cindy Smith	ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA Betty Winick	ST. JEROME Nancy Barnes Yvonne Hurley	
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	ST. MARY'S BASILICA Robert Nue	ST. JOAN OF ARC Paul Parent	
	ST. TIMOTHY Mike Anderson Margaret Hewett Karl Rusnock Thea Podrybau	ST. FRANCES CABRINI Andre Carrillo Rosemary McClair Donna McDonald	
	ST. LOUIS THE KING Ed & Esther Escarcega Mario & Mary Fierros	ST. THERESA George Dorley Twila Stern Tim Coughlin Colin Campbell	

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Patty Vincent
Church of the Resurrection

***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 VINCENTIAN ANNUITY

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

SAMPLE ANNUITY RATES

	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%

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.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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Save the Date

General Membership Meeting

June 17, 2023

8:30 am Mass