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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

St. Vincent de Paul: The Organizer of Charity



*It is not sufficient for me to love God
if I do not love my brother. I belong
to God and the Poor.*

St. Vincent de Paul

September is the month when Vincentians celebrate the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, the patron of charity and of our Society. The life, mission, and works of this humble saint are both inspiring and challenging, however, just like most of us, he was not always a saint. As a young man, he deplored poverty and was ashamed of his own father refusing even to accept a visit from him when he came to the seminary where Vincent was studying. Vincent spent the first twenty years of his life in pursuit of wealth and power. Yet, through God's grace, the cries of the poor, and the support of loving and caring individuals around him, he ended his life wanting only to do more for the poor and the vulnerable.

Images of St. Vincent de Paul often depicted him directly assisting the poor, but those images reflect only a small part of his actual service. While Vincent did spend time ministering directly to the poor and needy, his greatest contributions came from the fact that he was a visionary and an organizer of charitable works rather than the provider of them. While many encounters with the poor including hearing the confession of an elderly dying peasant servant of the Gondi family softened Vincent's heart for the poor, it was his experience of asking the parishioners at his church in Chatillon to help a family in need that caused him to see the plight of the poor and a potential solution. When Vincent asked the parishioners to help this family, there was a great outpouring of support and donations, but the donations overwhelmed the family and much of the donated foods they received went to waste because they received too much too quickly.

Vincent quickly realized that while the world was full of kind and generous people willing to help others, that random and personal acts of charity were inherently not as effective as when they were coordinated and connected to the works of others." St. Vincent de Paul observed that, "There is great charity, but it is badly organized." So, Vincent identified donors and volunteers and had them take turns helping the needy.

Within a year, this practice grew into a network of grassroots groups that were organized to provide supplies and services to the poor in an effective and meaningful way. These groups provided individuals from all stations of life a way to offer their gifts, talents, and resources to help others.

Vincent also discovered that the collective activities and funds of a charitable organization could serve as an effective tool for leveraging support, assistance and funds from other groups, individuals and even governments. Through his vision and organizational skills, the charitable works of the groups he founded flourished and nearly everyone in France heard about him and the works he started.

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St. Vincent de Paul: The Organizer of Charity

It is hard for us to picture Vincent as the saint of many meetings but in fact that is exactly what he was. Yes, he did direct ministry especially to the galley slaves. Yes, he was a devout and inspirational pastor and mentor to other priests. Yes, he was an effective teacher and a powerful man of faith. However, he also spent a great deal of his ministerial time on organizational tasks, in meetings, and even on stressing the importance of meetings to the members of the various groups he founded.

In addressing the Daughters of Charity, Vincent wrote about the importance of meetings. He shared why frequent meetings were mandatory:

- because their Rule obliged it
- because meetings were held to deal with the affairs of God
- because the work could not survive otherwise
- because in those meetings the members practiced several virtues including patience with the person speaking
- because the members received a greater abundance of grace than they would elsewhere, in the same way as the apostles received the Holy Spirit not alone but together.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul and to begin a new fiscal year, may we as Vincentians have the courage to reflect on the life of the Father of Charity, his journey into holiness, and his diverse legacy of helping the poor with love. He realized that we work best not as separate individuals but as the family of God working together and, for us that is through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Now is the perfect time to reflect on and evaluate our effectiveness in growing in holiness, fellowship, and service. We must ask ourselves if we are meeting the needs of our members, the poor and of our community. Things that are not evaluated often persist not because they are effective but because they are allowed to continue either out of habit or a lack of attention. A natural human tendency is to let things ride simply because it takes less effort than to evaluate, revise, and/or revitalize ourselves and our works. It is also easier to say we are a great conference than to strive to be an even better one.

We need to remember that Vincent was not only a compassionate provider of services to the poor and needy, but he was also a visionary, an organizer, and a leader. St. Vincent de Paul calls us to do the good that presents itself and to do it well. We can only do that by expanding our vision and our goals. Members need to dream, to vision and to be open to new ideas and ways of doing things. Our current Diocesan state-of-the-art dental clinic started as one dental chair and the vision, organizational skills and hard work of thousands of staff, Vincentians and volunteers helped make it what it is today. May we always strive like Vincent did to do more, to be inventive to infinity, and to commit ourselves to the understanding that meetings are an important and valuable part of charity.





Doing More!

There is an old saying that nobody, on his deathbed, ever said “I wish I had spent more time at the office.” Yet in a famous scene in the movie *Monsieur Vincent*, St. Vincent, near his own death, tells the queen that he has done nothing in his life. She asks then, if he

has done nothing, what should the rest of us do? St. Vincent de Paul replies, “More.”

Vincent’s life’s work, though, was not a job! Likewise, for us, our work of charity is not a job, nor are we simply “volunteers”. Instead, ours is a vocation; it isn’t what we do, it is who we are. There is no question of “clocking out” for the day, for ours is a “*vocation for every moment of our lives*”. [Rule, Part I, 2.6]

A vocation is a calling; the word itself comes from the Latin *vocāre*, meaning “to call”. Every person is called; our church teaches, to the common vocation “*to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father’s only Son*.” [CCC, 1877] This common vocation takes a personal form, leading each of us to our particular road toward the perfection to which Christ directs us.

Our road is the Vincentian pathway. It leads us to Christ; it is our way of being Catholic. We sons and daughters of St. Vincent are called by his example to “*love God...with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows*.” [CCD XI:32] With these words, Vincent recalls that labor is the common lot of mankind since being cast out of Eden, sentenced to eat bread only by the sweat of our brows, but as Blessed Frédéric Ozanam put it, this “*applies as much to the nourishment of the soul as of the body*.” [Letter 6, to Materne, 1829]

Ours is not a job for pay, but a labor of love – to serve Him in the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the desperate; to dry their tears, to offer our hearts, and to share with them this great hope that lights our path. “*That is what is proposed to us, the sublime vocation God has given us*.” Frédéric said. “*Would that we were a little bit worthy of it and bent easily to its burden*.” [Letter 90, to Curnier, 1835]

We needn’t be ashamed that we tire, from time to time, at the labor required to visit the poor, to stock the pantries, to answer the calls, to talk to the landlords, and even to fill out the paperwork, but let us always remember the Savior’s call to “*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest*.”

And let us also ask Blessed Frédéric to pray for us, as he did for his brothers, “*that you may know your vocation and will not fail in the courage to follow it...*” [Letter 387, to his brother Charles, 1842] In becoming Vincentians, we answered His call, and each time the Conference helpline rings, He is calling us again.

Contemplate

How can I seek to do “more”?



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

Conference & Council Officers

The Rule of the Society is very clear about Conference & Councils in regards to their officers. All Conferences and Councils must have a full slate of officers and a Spiritual Advisor. The officers include a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. No officer may hold more than one position at any given time. Additionally, no officer may be related to the president and no two signors on the checking accounts or other financial assets can be related to one another. Officers may not be officers in name only. Each officer must attend meetings and participate in the works of the Conference/ Council on a regular basis. There is no such thing as an officer on paper only.

If a Conference or Council is unable to meet these requirements, they are required to suspend their services and meetings until they are able to comply. While each Conference and Council must have a Spiritual Advisor that person is not considered to be an officer. If your Conference or Council has questions or needs assistance in meeting these requirements, please contact the Conference Resources committee for assistance.

Safe Environment Renewals and Compliance

All Vincentians are required to complete the Safe Environment requirements of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Once a person has completed their application, foundation course and background check, they are required to complete annual renewals. Regardless of when you were last approved, all volunteers including Vincentians must complete a renewal class in-person or online between July 1st and December 31st each year.

If a Vincentian or any other minister/volunteer misses a year without renewing, they will be required to complete the foundation course again before being approved. Please note that annual renewals generally take less than thirty minutes to complete, while the foundation course takes over an hour. Do not take the risk of having to start over with your class work, remember to renew now.

Please note that beginning with the 2023-2024 Annual Reports, all Conferences will be required to provide written proof of SET compliance of their members with their Annual Report.

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Meetings & Home Visits

The hallmarks of the Society include a commitment to bi-monthly in-person Conference meetings and regular home visits. All Conferences should now be holding in-person meetings and conducting home visits. While in some cases, pantry visits and other in-person visits may be needed, the standard practice for helping the poor through the Society should be through home visits. Other charities may conduct business in their offices or pantries but this is not the standard for the Society. Frederic started the first meeting of the Conference of Charity by saying to his friends, "Gentlemen let us take the Gospel into the streets" and that is what we are called to do, to go out into the streets and into the homes of the poor. It is far too easy to rationalize not doing home visits but few if any reasons truly justify changing the very character of who the Society is and what we do.

If you need assistance in starting or restarting home visits, please contact Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.

Remember to be in "Good Standing" a Conference 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

Maintaining A Positive Relationship With Your Pastor

Since 1949, the Bishops of Phoenix and Tucson have actively supported the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its works. Our Bishops endorse the existence and operation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at both the Diocesan and parish levels.

Many local pastors also have a positive relationship with St. Vincent de Paul and see the need for helping the poor in their individual parishes. Many pastors allow Conferences to raise funds through activities such as quarterly Fifth Sunday collections, poor boxes, food and clothing drives, and/or other events and activities that enable us to secure goods and/or financial support.

Conferences, however, should be aware that while the Bishops of Arizona support the Society, there is nothing that requires a pastor to have a Conference that operates within his parish. The existence and operation of a SVdP Conference is always at the pleasure of the pastor and so Vincentian Conference presidents must constantly strive to have a positive relationship and to establish and maintain frequent and effective communications with the clergy in their parish. *All members must remember that the Conference president alone speaks for the Conference.*

To maintain a healthy relationship between the pastor and a parish-based St. Vincent de Paul Conference, we suggest that Conference presidents do the following:

1. Create and maintain open, warm and positive communication lines with your pastor.
2. Provide regular communications with your pastor. Give him a copy of your Quarterly and Annual Conference Reports as well as a short summary of your current needs, activities and successes.
3. Invite your pastor and priests to attend Conference meetings. Make sure they know that this is an open invitation.
4. Ask your pastor if he or one of the other parish priests or deacons would be able to serve as the Conference's Spiritual Advisor. If they are not available to do so, ask if they would like to be a drop-in Advisor and include the pastor in the selection of a Lay Spiritual Advisor.
5. Schedule an in-person meeting with him at least every six months and stress the spiritual nature of the Society. Remind him about the spiritual aspect of our home visits. Explain that Vincentians pray before, during and after each visit.
6. Finally, stress that the Society is a charitable organization founded in 1833 that currently operates in more than 150 countries in the world. Our goal is not just to relieve material need but to promote growth in holiness among our members and those whom we serve.

Please note that an expanded pamphlet on this topic is located on the Diocesan webpage under VSS. You are encouraged to download and read that document.

Please note that a copy of this document will be included in the President's packet at the September General Membership Meeting.



LOOK WHO'S REPRESENTING OUR COUNCIL AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY!

Jack Ahern* - OLPH Glendale/District 4/Identity Program
Steve Attwood - St. Theresa/District 4/Diocesan Council Pres.
Ed Carpenter - St. Gabirel/District 11 Pres.
Gae Carpenter - St. Gabriel/District 11
Jerry Castro - Staff/VSS
Shannon Clancy - Staff/Diocesan CEO
Stacy Cotroneo - Blessed Sacrament/District 5/Diocesan Council VP
Sandy Edwards - Staff/VSS
Trent Hammer - St. Bernadette/District 11/Youth & Young Adult Rep.
Glen Hunter - Guest Volunteer
Mary Ann Hunter* - San Fransico de Assi/District 1
Steve Jenkins* - St. Gregory/District 6/2024 National Assembly Chair
Joe Riley - Prince of Peace/District 3/Diocesan Council Board Member
Mike Smalley - Guest Volunteer
Sharon Sammartino - Blessed Sacrament/District 5/Diocesan Council Board Member
Shirley Smalley* - St. Bernadette/District 11/Diocesan Council Board Member
Guadalupe Sosa - St. Gregory/District 6 National Council Secretary
Claire Wagner - St. Bernadette/District 11
RosaLee Walsh - St. Gabriel/District 11
Steve Zabilski - Diocesan Council Board Member

If you are attending the National Assembly in St. Louis and are not listed above, please contact Shirley Smalley at msmal14727@aol.com so we can put you on our group notification list so we can stay connected during the Assembly.

* Indicates individual serving on the Phoenix 2024 National Assembly Sterring Committee. This committee is responsible for collaborating with the National Council as representatives of our Diocesan Council. Please contact Sandy Edwards if you would like to help with this event or serve on one or more of the various sub-committees.

***A SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO STEPPED FORWARD TO ATTEND THE ASSMEBLY
AND TO THOSE WHO ARE HELPING US COVER OUR PROMOTIONAL TABLE THIS YEAR
ENCOURAGING VINCENTIANS TO JOIN US IN PHOENIX FOR THE 2024 ASSEBLY.***

SVdP Thrift Stores

FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF OUR THRIFT STORES

Jean Butler found herself craving something more out of retirement. She loved her late husband Cliff, and cared for him, but she missed the rest of the world.

"I wasn't getting out much," Jean recalls. "Cliff liked being by himself. Not me. I am a people person. I like being around people, so anyway, I said one day, 'Cliff I'd like to do something to get out of the house. I'm going to volunteer.'"



Never will she forget the day she walked into the St. Vincent de Paul Surprise Thrift Store to inquire about volunteering after seeing an ad in her church bulletin. Jean was immediately greeted by a store staff member.

"She came right over and gave me a hug," Jean remembers. She asked her to stay that day, but Jean was not available to volunteer until the next day. According to Jean, she came back the next day and has been volunteering there ever since.

Jean has volunteered in the housewares section of the thrift store for almost six years now. Recently, Jean increased her volunteering from two to four days a week. She works 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and rarely ever misses a shift.

At 84, the work keeps her active and spry. A petite lady, she lifts boxes, dives into large bins of donations and gets things sorted, processes and priced so they can be placed on the store floor for customers to purchase. Jean is meticulous about quality control. She will not put out anything that is broken, cracked or chipped. Her philosophy is that if the condition of an item is such that she wouldn't buy it, she won't put it out. That is her criteria.

A retired office manager for a Valley medical practice, Jean knows that keeping busy by doing meaningful service helps to keep her happy. She enjoys the community aspect of serving with others in the store and it makes her feel good to know that she is helping others. Jean recently received the CBS Channel 5 *Pay It Forward* award for her years of service and generosity.

Jean is exactly the type of volunteer that keeps our stores running smoothly. She learned about the opportunity to volunteer at one of our stores through her parish bulletin. Store volunteers do not need to be conference or even Society members, they only need a heart for service and a willingness to show up and do what needs to be done.

Vincetians can be the conduit that connects friends, family members and acquaintances to our stores. There are other people just like Jean out there waiting to be invited or even asked to help in our stores. Help us help others by helping us connect with potential store volunteers. Our stores and our Council will be better because of your efforts. Volunteers make our stores a place of warmth and caring. They make a difference!

Day of Reflection

On Saturday, August 5, Sr. Paule Freeburg, a Daughter of Charity, came from California and presented an all day retreat for 65 Vincentians from District One, Knights of Columbus and the Valley. Sister spoke about our universal call to holiness, holiness through service, and the tenderness of the heart of St. Vincent. The day began with mass at 8:15 am and adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Everyone enjoyed the day, especially the cooler weather in Flagstaff.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux Christmas Gift Drive



*St. Bernard recently had a
very successful
Christmas Gift Drive*

Yes, Christmas is almost here!



ServWare News

Several Conferences will soon be starting their second year of utilizing the ServWare Conference Activity Report (CAR) for quarterly and annual reporting. These Conferences have found advantages in utilizing this automated reporting:

- Once all functions in ServWare are implemented by the Conference, the report is automatically populated based on the information entered during the quarter.
- Following recommended quality steps, the ServWare CAR can be created and validated quickly.
- The report can be created in a spreadsheet format, which is requested by Vincentian Support Services for their review.

District 3 has three Conferences submitting quarterly reports using the ServWare CAR. Their District President, John Wernet is an advocate for the transition from the QRP to the CAR. John shared some of his thoughts regarding his experience in reviewing the District 3 reports:

"As a District President with conferences using the ServWare CAR reports for Quarterly reporting and not the QRP we are all familiar with, I am learning a new review procedure. It is much easier to review the CAR report, a 4-5 page PDF, than the QRP. I found it very helpful to attend the Zoom sessions Jenney is holding on the conference use of the financial functions. I now know the ServWare program has all the detail if it needs to be reviewed by someone. In total, I think it will be a good transition and I am in favor of anything that makes the treasurer's job easier"

To validate accuracy, Conferences wishing to transition from the QRP to the CAR are required to utilize and submit both reports for 2 consecutive quarters. Cindy Bossinger, Treasurer, at St. Elizabeth Seton Conference shared her experience with this process:

"I have simultaneously been using both QRP and ServWare. If you run a CAR report you can compare the totals against your expenses and receipts to make sure you are on the right track and entering things in the right category. I also compare my balance on the financial page of QRP against the SW account transaction section to make sure they match. Then I make sure my tithing amounts match as well. This has helped me make fewer mistakes and understand how the two systems are different but the same."

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ServWare News

Conferences interested in transitioning to the CAR report need to meet the following criteria:

1. Completely implement ServWare including the financial functions
2. Submit both the QRP and CAR for 2 consecutive quarters.
3. Obtain approval from their District President and Vincentian Support Services

It is recommended that the conference member preparing the quarterly and annual reports attends one of the ServWare demo/training sessions:

Transitioning from QRP to CAR for Quarterly & Annual Reporting

Day	Date	Time	Link to registration
Wednesday	Sept. 6, 2023	7pm	<u>Transition to CAR 09/06/2023</u>
Thursday	Sept. 14, 2023	7pm	<u>Transition to CAR 09/14/2023</u>
Friday	Sept. 22, 2023	9am	<u>Transition to CAR 09/22/2023</u>
Thursday	Sept. 28, 2023	1pm	<u>Transition to CAR 09/28/2023</u>
Wednesday	Oct. 4, 2023	1pm	<u>Transition to CAR 10/04/2023</u>
Thursday	Oct. 19, 2023	7pm	<u>Transition to CAR 10/19/2023</u>
Saturday	Oct. 21, 2023	1pm	<u>Transition to CAR 10/21/2023</u>

**General Membership Meeting
September 16, 2023
420 W. Watkins Road
Phoenix, AZ 85003**

**Mass begins at 8:30 am
Business Meeting at 10:00 am**

OFE CLASSES – 2023

ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM



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, 2024 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 27 OFE 3 & 4
St. Gabriel – 32648 N Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek

Feb. 10, 2024 OFE 1 & 2; Feb. 24, 2024 OFE 3 & 4
Vincentian Support Services – 420 W Watkins Rd., Phoenix

Apr. 27, 2024 OFE 1 & 4; Apr. 28, 2024 OFE 3 & 4
St. Germaine – 7997 E Dana Dr., Prescott Valley

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 TRINITY

Jackie Jennings

***OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE***

Lynn Schmidt
Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

Rita Hughes
Tony Mueller
Valerie Panagopoulos
Peggy Merrill
Duke Merrill
Mary Austin
Art Austin

PRINCE OF PEACE

Greg Roark

QUEEN OF PEACE

Susan Petrie
Mary Kay Dunlevy
Martina Bonilla

SACRED HEART PARKER

Edith Smith
Dora Norris Family
Fr. John Ikponko
Vernon Norris Family
Peggy Knapp
Ana Lopez
Tomasia Torres
Terry Watts
Marmelejo Family

ST. BRIDGET

Cheryl Crame
Joe Fellhauer
Terri Lyn Gardner

***ST. DANIEL THE
PROPHET***

Phil Murphy
Don Fraiser

ST. GABRIEL

Clare Marion
Jack McAward
Dolores Galligan
Robert Fitzer
Louise Fullam

ST. GREGORY

Edd Harrington
Beverly Heart

ST. HELEN

Charlie & Jean Olds

ST. JAMES

Diane Stofko
Abel Noble

***ST. JOHN VIANNEY
SEDONA***

Pam Klauser
Kathleen DeWeever
Ray West

ST. JOSEPH MAYER

Dennis Baile, Sr.

ST. MARGARET MARY

Ray Baca
Mary Esquibel

ST. MARY'S BASILICA

Robert Nue

ST. TIMOTHY

Margaret Hewett
Karl Rusnock
Thea Podrybau

ST. LOUIS THE KING

Ed & Esther Escarcega
Mario & Mary Fierros

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Joyce Murphy

ST. ELIZABETH SETON

Bob & Pat Purtill

ST. GERMAINE

Don Rien

ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC

Rev. Peter Dobrowski

ST. MARY—KINGMAN

Patty Couch
Roger and Rita Gaumond
Diane Schatz

ST. MARY'S BASILICA

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

Alicia Garibaldi
Carmen Alfonzo

ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE

Gene Harmeling
Lucia Mastroianni
Joan Katchur
Corlaine Mortenson
Philomena Kamara

ST. JOAN OF ARC

Paul Parent

ST. FRANCES CABRINI

Donna McDonald

ST. THERESA

George Dorley
Twila Stern
Tim Coughlin
Colin Campbell

Sandy Brumer

Paula Garlick
Dennis Gougion
Abigail Etheridge
Joan Goldfarb
Megan Ford
Cannon Jon Lewis
Reve Holleran
John Lees
Bob Ryan
Kendra Krause
Tommy Pitre
Mary Jane Rynd
Kevin Conry
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
Margaret Pawlak
Rob Sobczak
Dominic Svorinic
Jon Ehlinger
Louise Kasmikha
Chris Lowrey
Paul Zabitski
Nathan Turner
Steve & Lucy Howell
Marie Gallego
Greg Ryan
Lisa Eicher
Jagger Michael Diem
Nancy Phalen
Tom Van Boven
Jim Novotny
Joyce Zabitski
Jayden Southern
Robert Jacobs
John Jakubczyk
Peter McQuaid
Kathleen Nageotte
Ed Koval
Nicole Hazen
Mayuka and Family
David Park
Mary Jo Matthews
Lloyd Bach

***SVDP EXECUTIVE
OFFICE***



At our December General Membership Meeting (GMM), the names of our Vincentian recently deceased members will be read out loud and honored with a moment of silence. These faithful members are a large part of our heritage, our mission and who we are. We want to acknowledge them in a very special and prayerful way.

Please submit the names of all full, associate and retired Vincentians from your Conference who have passed away this year. Send the names of those members who have passed away during 2023 to Sandy Edwards at sedwards@svdpaz.org or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.

Our Councils and Conferences are strong because of their service and our remembrance is a sign of our love and appreciation. Families of the deceased members are welcome to join us in this remembrance that will immediately follow mass and breakfast.

**These members may be gone from us but
they are not forgotten.**



REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Vince Sheehan

Our Lady of Joy

Catherine Smith

St. Joan of Arc

Jim Jeffries

St. Germaine Prescott Valley

Dan Hurley

St. Maria Goretti

Chuck Zimmerman

St. Matthew

***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%



**THE SOCIETY OF
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
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