



# 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

## ***The Value of Being With***

*Vincentians endeavor to establish relationships based on trust and friendship. Conscious of their own frailty and weakness, their hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor. They do not judge those they serve. Rather, they seek to understand them as they would a brother or sister.*

Rule I: 1.9

In Part I of the Rule, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul articulates the mission and vision of our founders regarding how we are to view and interact with those whom we serve. As Vincentians, we are called to encounter the poor on an individual and personal basis taking their needs and concerns on as if they are our own.

Unlike other charitable organizations, the Society and its members strive to understand the poor, vulnerable and marginalized by uniting our hearts to their hearts. One of Ozanam's most famous quotes conveys the Vincentian commitment to understanding the needs of the poor through personal contacts and experiences. Frederick believed that as he put it, *we can only understand the poor by climbing the stairs to the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, and feeling the same cold that pierces him.*

Sympathy and empathy are words often used to describe a person's emotional involvement with the situations of those around us. While the two words may be similar, they do not mean the same thing. According to the American Psychology Association dictionary sympathy is having a feeling of concern or compassion resulting from the awareness of the suffering or sorrow of another while empathy is understanding a person's situation from his frame of reference rather than one's own.



Sympathy then is what we most often feel when those around us encounter negative situations or losses. It is the first emotional response we have when we hear about someone's difficulties. Hearing about their troubles, we feel bad for them and express our own feelings of sorrow or sadness for them. Sympathy moves us to offer condolences, send a card, take a meal, or offer to assist someone in their time of need. Sympathy's response is often a simple, *I am so sorry, or I will remember you in my prayers.*

*"Could a greater miracle  
take place than for us to  
look through each other's  
eyes for an instant?"  
—Henry David Thoreau*

Empathy, on the other hand, is the ability to understand on deeper emotional level what others are experiencing and feeling. Empathy allows us to put ourselves in their situation by seeing things from their point of view and to imagine how we would feel if we were in their shoes. Empathy requires us to take the time, put forth the effort and to create the emotional space necessary for us to see things through the same lens as the person with whom we are connecting.

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## ***The Value of Being With***

Empathy requires different skills than sympathy. Empathy moves us to listen to the entire story, to ask open-ended questions, to listen with our hearts as well as with our heads and to read and react to the person's emotions, body language and tones. Empathy is kind and sensitive and respects the person's ability to be an active part of the solution to the situation. Empathy allows us to enter more fully into problem solving with those in distress.

Sympathy and empathy are both important in building relationships and establishing mental health. Sympathy allows us to feel sorrow for acquaintances, distant relatives, and global issues without getting overwhelmed or burned out. However, because sympathy is more superficial and comes from our point of view, it is more likely to be judgmental and more prone to drawing us into the role of rescuer rather than collaborator. Since empathy comes from the other person's point of view, by its very nature it removes the element of being judgmental.

Germans have a special word for personal connections. Their word "mitsein" means "being with". Empathy allows us the means to be truly with the poor. To have, as the Rule says, our hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor. It is not enough for us to merely sympathize with the poor and those whom we visit. We must enter into their difficulties and see their struggles as much as possible from their point of view not ours.

Our Vincentian vocation calls us to move beyond being helpful to being agents of God's care and mercy. Connecting to the poor from our point of view may sometimes be helpful but connecting to them from their point of view is life changing. May we as a Council renew our commitment to being with the poor, to sit in their homes, to feel the pain and alienation they feel and to be one with them. Our presence matters. Our connections matter. Let us go forth changing lives in and through God's love and our willingness to care.

### **It's Not Too Late to Solicit Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Donations!**



The maximum QCO credit donation amount for 2024: \$470 single, married filing separate or head of household; \$938 married filing joint

**Please Note:** Arizona law allows QCO donations made during 2023 or donations made from January 1, 2024 through April 15, 2024 to be claimed on the 2023 Arizona income tax return. The maximum credit that can be claimed on the 2023 Arizona return for donations made to QCO's is \$421 for single, married filing separate or head of household taxpayers, and \$841 for married filing joint taxpayers. If a taxpayer makes a QCO donation from January 1, 2024 through April 15, 2024 and wants to claim the higher 2024 maximum credit amount, the taxpayer will need to claim the credit on the 2024 Arizona return filed in 2025.



## Contemplation: Payment for Tears of Joy

“Help ...becomes honorable,” Bl. Frédéric taught, “when it may become mutual.” [\[O’Meara, 177\]](#) It is this teaching that inspires our Rule’s call for Vincentians to “form relationships based on trust and friendship” with the neighbor. [\[Rule, Part I, 1.9\]](#) Because after all, what is friendship if it is not mutual?

Asking for help can be humiliating. In some places, beggars on the street prostrate themselves, hiding their faces as if ashamed, literally with hats in hand to ask for pocket change from passersby. In the impersonal offices of many agencies, people in need often interact primarily with impersonal clipboards and application forms - forms that can be more complicated than a loan application. And unlike a loan, the assistance they receive for food, medicine, housing, and other needs is not something they will ever be expected to pay back. Yet, it is natural to feel an obligation to repay gifts, and when we can't, to feel emptied in spirit while being replenished materially.

In Frédéric’s time, there were even critics who believed that charitable works wrongly obligated the poor. To them, Frédéric replied that you could only believe assistance imposes a one-way obligation if “you have never experienced the obligation it confers on him who gives.” Those who visit the poor, he explained, “know that in accepting bread from their hand, as he takes the light from God, the poor man honors them; they know that the theatre and every other place of amusement can be paid for, but that nothing in this world can pay for two tears of joy in the eyes of a poor mother, nor the grasp of an honest man’s hand when one has enabled him to wait till he gets work.” [\[O’Meara, 177-178\]](#)

Not only is the obligation mutual, so are the gifts. This is natural among friends. That’s the reason why, when we need help with something – especially something difficult, or that we’d rather not confide in a stranger — we ask a friend. A friend won’t judge us for the mistake we made that led to our predicament. A friend won’t abandon us. A friend won’t embarrass us. A friend won’t ask us to repay the favor.

In a way, asking for help is proof of friendship in itself. Asking somebody to be Best Man or Maid of Honor at a wedding is asking for a very great commitment of time, effort, and sometimes money, yet no friend considers this request an imposition. Rather, it is an honor, and a demonstration of trust.

In this sense, then, it is the neighbor who calls us for help who takes the first step in establishing this friendship. They trust us with their problems and their secrets. When we respond as friends, [for love alone](#), we earn their trust. When we offer not only material assistance, but our time and ourselves, we earn their friendship. In our mutual giving and receiving, in both seeing Christ and in imitating Him, perhaps both we and the neighbor may exclaim, [“Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus!”](#)

### Contemplate

Do I thank God in my prayers for the friends I have made on my Home Visits?

### Recommended Reading

Apostle in a Top Hat

## *The Wisdom of St. Vincent de Paul*



*Well now, Monsieur, let us ask Our Lord that all things may be done in accord with His Providence, and that our wills may be so submissive to Him that between Him and us there may be only one will, causing us to enjoy His unrivaled love in time and in eternity.*

Throughout his ministerial life, St. Vincent de Paul proclaimed and focused on doing and inspiring others to follow the will of God. Our faith calls to submit our will to God's will. Each of us was created by God for this time and for a purpose that lies within His will and His divine plan. In Chapter 2 of Ephesians, St. Paul describes people as Divine works of art created to do the good works which God has prepared in advance for them to do.

Discerning God's plan for us is one of the most important challenges of our lives. For most of us, God's plan unfolds gradually. This was certainly true for Vincent, who over his lifetime, went from being repulsed by poverty to loving and serving the poor.

Vincent took on what seemed to be endless projects and works and worked often to the point of exhaustion. Yet amidst all of the chaos of his ministries and works, he took the time to carefully evaluate each project to determine if it was rooted in God's will. He never took on activity for the sake of activity alone.

Vincent studied the Gospels, asked for advice, and prayed for God's light and strength. Then he acted—confidently—trusting that he had done his best to give flesh to God's intent.

St. Vincent de Paul gave us a template for our discernment process when he wrote, "Begin by a true desire to please God, recalling that His providence has brought you to the place where you are established and has united you so that you can help one another grow in perfection."

As members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we must hold fast to the belief that before time we were created for our Vincentian vocation. The words God speaks to Jeremiah hold true for us; "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you..." We were created for this vocation. We have been called and we have been consecrated to the work that God created us to do.

Choices and actions are important. Our choices form our identity and shape who we are. Our world and its technological advances offer us so many choices that it is often hard to discern what the right choices are and how to know what God's plan for us is. Careful, prayerful discernment rooted in the mission and the vision of the Church and our vocation should be the lens through which we make our choices. We must also be aware that if the work God has intended for us to do is left undone, although His plan will ultimately be accomplished, the world will be poorer for our lack of response.

Vincent reassures us that if we submit to God's will, it will shine forth in our lives. He encourages us to be patient and to trust in God, "Remain at peace until Divine providence lets you know what it is asking of you."

Good News: Looking for other quotes from Vincent? There is a new website for quotes by St. Vincent de Paul. The quotes can be searched by topic areas or as a whole. The web address is <https://vincentianpersons.azurewebsites.net/Quotes>





## QUESTION: CAN A CONFERENCE OR COUNCIL PAY FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND REGIONAL & NATIONAL MEETINGS?

The 2024 Midyear Meeting is about a month away in St. Louis. Every year as we approach Midyear, Regional Meetings, and the Annual Assembly the same question comes up. "Is it appropriate for Conferences and Councils to use their funds to pay for members to attend these meetings?" Or a variation on the same question. "Does the Rule allow the Conference or Council to use the funds they have raised to pay for members to attend these meetings?"

The answer is a clear, resounding, unequivocal YES! Not only is it appropriate and allowed, but it is a very important — and smart! — way to improve service to your neighbors in need, make your Conference or Council better and more effective, grow your membership, develop deeper spirituality within Conference and Council, and deepen friendship and community within the Society across the country.

The RULE (3.12 Formation of Members) states:

*It is essential that the Society continually promote the formation and training of its members and Officers, in order to deepen their knowledge of the Society and their spirituality, improve the sensitivity, quality and efficiency of their service to the poor and help them be aware of the benefits, resources and opportunities that are available for the poor. The Society also offers members higher training in order to better help to raise the cultural and social level of those who request this support.*

I have heard people say that spending money on sending people to the Midyear, Regional, or Annual Assembly is "taking food out of the mouths of the poor." Well, with the deepest love and respect to those who say that, let me say that I could not disagree more!

If you want to put more food on the tables of those who are hungry — come to the Midyear, Regional, or Annual Assembly and learn how your fellow Vincentians across the country are innovating amazing new methods to collect food, create food pantries, develop partnerships with supermarkets and others, and delivering food to the hungry as we are called to do in Matthew 25.



If you want to help house the homeless and prevent those who are housed from losing their homes — come to the Midyear, Regional, and Annual Assembly and learn from your Vincentian Family across this country how they are developing incredible programs to move people from the street to homes, from extended stay motels to homes, preventing evictions, and working with community partners to address the many and complex issues of homeless prevention.

If your Conference is suffering from burnout and a lack of Vincentians to help the people in need coming to you for support, don't suffer in isolation and silence – come to the Midyear, Regional, and National Assembly and learn what your Vincentian Family is doing to address the Spiritual needs we all have. We are all called to grow in holiness. See ways in which other Conferences and Councils across the country are innovating and creating exciting spiritual growth opportunities for their members.

If you are struggling to make the checkbook balance last until the end of the month it may seem counterintuitive to spend money to go to a meeting. But how else are you going to learn how to get over that fundraising challenge? Reach out to National and your Council and your Region and get the scholarship support you need (and YES — contact ME for help) and get to the meeting and learn some new development techniques so you can begin to be effective in helping to grow your monthly collection income.

St. Vincent once said, “The poor suffer less from a lack of generosity than from a lack of organization.”

When the Society was in its early days, Members gathered often for meetings to exchange ideas, learn from each other, grow together in spirituality, and grow in friendship and community (Our Essential Values). But remember that these Men (and they were all Men back in the day) were all wealthy individuals who paid their own way and funded the Society.

Today the Society has members who bridge the socioeconomic spectrum. We proudly have Members who were once people we helped. We have young people, retired people, rich people, and not-so-rich people. We are One Society representing ALL of American Society.

That is why we must use the resources we have been given — diligently, judiciously, and with discernment — to help train and empower our membership to lead us into the future. Our work is NOT just happening locally, in the vacuum of a Conference or Council, but in the community and friendship afforded them by attendance at a Midyear, Regional, and/or Annual Assembly.

Be prudent, be reasonable. Many people can pay their own way. Many, many people do. But many cannot. And do not just send your leadership, but look at the Emerging Leaders, the unsung heroes of the Conference/Council, the spiritual leaders, the new people who will come back and fire up the others. And support as many as you can to attend the Midyear, the next Regional, the Annual Assembly.

Peace and God's blessings,

*John*

John Berry  
National President



# BRICKS to build the foundation

## A NEW MEMBER ADMISSION PROCESS

In order to determine if God is calling them to become a Vincentian, a prospective new member, with the approval of the Conference, will be welcomed as a guest at a Conference meeting.

**Important Note:** All volunteers and potential Active or Full Members of the Society must complete the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment Training before working or volunteering with a parish conference.

A prospective new member, due to their involvement in the Society's work, may be invited or may convey an interest in becoming a Vincentian as an **Associate Member**:

**“Associate Members** are those affiliated with the Society by formal action of the Conference or Council with which the member will be joined. Associate Members include those who sincerely and publicly accept the Society's Rule but may or may not belong to the Catholic Church and may or may not attend Conference meetings or engage in the works of the Society on a regular basis. Associate Members are kept informed of the developments and activities of their immediate groupings, as well as the general progress of the Society, particularly in the local area or diocese. They are invited to attend the general meetings and special observances of the Society and to participate in its charitable activities.” (Rule: Part III-Statute 3)

It should be noted that for the Conferences associated with the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix, non-Catholic Associate Members, who have completed the basic Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE) classes and who meet all other requirements for active membership may, by a Conference vote, be allowed to make motions, participate fully in Conference discussions, and vote in all Conference matters, but may not under any circumstances hold office. **(See Article 7 of the Conference Bylaws.)**

A prospective new member who may be invited or interested in becoming a Vincentian as an **Active Member** will be given a period of candidacy and discernment during which they will observe the Conference and participate in its activities:

**“Active Members** are those who participate regularly in the prayer life, meetings and charitable activities through personal contact with the poor of the Vincentian Conference. An Active Member accepts the Rule and Statutes of the Society, belongs to the Catholic Church and is received as a Vincentian brother or sister. Only Active Members hold office in the organization.” (Rule: Part III-Statute 3)

## A NEW MEMBER ADMISSION PROCESS

When a prospective new member requests to be welcomed into the Conference as a candidate for Active Membership, he/she begins an Admission Process.

1. The following is the Admission Process. The candidacy and discernment period will last approximately 6 to 8 weeks or more and will consist of the following:
  - The Conference assures compliance with the Diocesan "Safe Environment" requirements by having the candidate complete the Safe Environment Training Foundation Course/Renewals and a background check. Candidates must be SET compliant before they are considered for membership.
  - The candidate will complete the Formation Policy requirements as defined in the approved Formation Policy of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council.  
**(Conference Bylaws, Article 7: All full-enhanced (active) members must complete the basic Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE) classes as defined by the Phoenix Diocesan Formation Policy.)**
  - In addition to the OFE requirements, the Conference members may read, reflect and share their lived experiences on each section of the SVdP Member Handbook with the candidate. If this process is added, each member must have a copy of the handbook.
  - A Conference member will be assigned as a sponsor for the candidate. The sponsor will meet with the candidate to respond to questions and to describe the activities of the Conference.
  - The candidate will be given the opportunity to make at least two Home Visits with different Conference members. The exception would be in a Conference with Special Works where the candidate will be given opportunities for person-to-person service with those who are poor.
  - The Spiritual Advisor, Conference President, and/or designated Membership Coordinator will lead the candidate in prayerful discernment emphasizing the Society's primary purpose of growth in holiness and guiding them in Vincentian Spirituality.
  - At the conclusion of the candidacy period, the candidate will have a meeting with the President to discuss the candidate's experiences in the Conference. The candidate discusses the activities and services that they feel called to do as part of their ministry.  
At this point, if the candidate has discerned that they have a calling to be a Vincentian they may request to become an **Active Member**.
2. After the President, Spiritual Advisor and the candidate discern readiness for Active membership, the Conference takes formal action, normally by a resolution, to accept the candidate into Active membership. **(Rule: Part III-Statute 3)**
3. The candidate is then Commissioned as a new member of the Society and given the SVdP pin. This commissioning should take place at an appropriate time and occasion, normally at a Conference or Council liturgy or at a Festival Meeting. **(Rule: Part III-Statute 4)**  
The Commissioning Ceremony for a New Member is found in the Vincentian Celebrations book or online.

The new member will continue walking the Vincentian Pathway through reflection and sharing on the Serving in Hope Modules and the other resources offered by the National Office. The Council will offer opportunities for Vincentian Formation by sponsoring the Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE), retreats and various activities.

*Adapted from Document 1671 of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc.*



## **Doubling Our Efforts and Gifts is Easy!**

Our Vincentian Endowment has yielded a harvest of so many touching stories of neighbors helped in special ways by our Vincentian Endowment distributions!

Many of you have heard these stories when I had the privilege to share them at Conference meetings. Thanks to all of you for helping create such stories of encouragement!

And now, we have a rare chance to help make these success stories, even larger and more meaningful!

As most Vincentians are aware, Ryan Corry our Director of Philanthropy, announced at our December GMM that Ryan was able to secure a generous \$100,000 Matching Donation Challenge from an anonymous donor.

This means that all gifts designated for our Vincentian Endowment will be matched to this \$100,000 limit.

**But we have a deadline for this generosity**—That being, our deadline for gifts to be matched is set as April 15, 2024 .

**To date, we are very pleased to note that \$78,135 has been donated toward this matching opportunity.**

**Thanks to all who have helped, especially 3 donors who made most generous gifts of \$10,000 or more!**

☐ **Yet, obviously, we still have “a bit of work to do to meet the generous match gift of \$100,000.**

Please prayerfully consider a special gift to the Vincentian Endowment before April 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can “make the most” of this generous match provided to us thanks to Ryan Corry, and certainly also to the watchful care of our CEO, Mrs. Shannon Clancy!

**Please note, when you are able to join this cause, checks and online donations must specially state “Vincentian Endowment Match”).**

Here's one rather painless way that many of us can help....

Might you please consider designating some or all your State (Tax) Credit refund benefits for the Vincentian Endowment?

You may well have already decided to designate some for your own Conference, but perhaps you might please consider earmarking some of the **\$841** credit for joint filers or **\$421** for single filers to our Vincentian Endowment?

Another idea, for our golfers: How about considering “an ask’ to your golf partners to designate some of his or her Tax Credit toward the Vincentian Endowment?

The Vincentian Endowment, IS VERY DIFFERENT, AFTER ALL, than most charities!

That is because by its very nature, it was established by our Vincentian Board of Directors members so that all donations will be held “in perpetuity.”

Everyone benefits, because our donations “corpus” of funds will never be spent---those dollars will work year after year to help the families served by our great Conferences.

*What is generated every year to go to our Conferences will come from investment returns and dividends.*

It is really a great thing to know, and I want to salute our current SVdP leadership—President Shirley Smalley, 1st Vice President Mary Ann Hunter, 2nd Vice President Pat Arendt, and Treasurer Kelly Mortensen, AND MANY OTHERS—all whom follow in the leadership line GREAT Vincentians like Steve Attwood, Frank Barrios, Joe Riley, Steve Jenkins and DOZENS OF OTHER BOARD MEMBERS through the years—who have made our very own “Conference Endowment” a reality.

Many of us use CPAs or tax preparers to calculate our income tax responsibility. I created a letter for my CPA to ask clients to consider designating their \$841 or \$421 credits for our Vincentian Endowment.

Would you consider sending such a letter to your CPA or tax expert?

This has worked very well. I can get any of you a copy--- just email me at [bklink@svd paz.org](mailto:bklink@svd paz.org)

Thank you once again for **ALL YOU DO** to help the very deserving people you serve every day at your Conferences.

Please consider this way to both **double our efforts,** and to continue to tell stories of needs we are able to meet, through the Vincentian Endowment distribution **FOREVER!**

May God continue to bless you for considering this request and for your wonderful vocation as a faithful Vincentian!

Sincerely,

*Bill Klink*

Vincentian  
(Serving at St. Matthew Conference)



## *Your Voice Matters*

Dear Vincentian Brothers and Sisters,

The last few decades have brought changing conditions that demand we look at how we must adopt and renew. We must look at the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the light of this reality — and we must change where change is called for.

Next week, the Society is kicking off a synodal conversation called VisionSVDP to discuss where we are, and where we're going. I recently sat down with Michael Acaldo, CEO of SVdP Baton Rouge and host of CatholicLife Television's Beacons of Hope, to talk about VisionSVdP—and why every voice matters. Watch now:

[Beacons of Light - 2024 - John Berry on Vimeo](#)

We're doing so many things right as Vincentians. But that doesn't mean we can't learn from one another and adapt to our changing world to be more effective. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the VisionSVdP conversation

Peace and God's Blessings,  
John



*June General Membership  
Please join us in Flagstaff  
for the June  
General Membership Meeting  
June 15, 2024  
More information to follow -  
Buses will be available*

## St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

### St Vincent de Paul Conference

We at St. Elizabeth Seton, SVdP wanted to let our parish know how much we appreciate their lasting financial support! Instead of our fundraiser of last year, which was a whole lot of fun, we turned to a “Thank you, Appreciation Event.” On February 4<sup>th</sup>, we invited those who support our monthly shoebox to a light dinner of Chili, cornbread, condiments, drinks, and cookies. The hall was decorated as a Mardi Gras party with over 35 crockpots of different chilis cooked, donated, and served by our members. Entries were labeled as mild, warm, and hot, with small samples to test, and bowls for all to try.

We had a huge bake sale, with members bringing their favorite recipes. The items were priced at \$5, \$10, and \$20, with a wonderful variety. Interesting – an anonymous caller called in a \$1,000 donation for member Donna Corea’s pumpkin bread!!

A 50/50 raffle was in process, live light music was presented by Rolf Benson and Rene Casasnovas, and auction items of dinners – an India menu dinner from Father David for 8, - and a prime rib dinner for 6 by member Liz Quade and husband Bill. In addition, we had a silent auction for a golf basket, a football/baseball basket, and a spa basket. A NASCAR Racing Bundle package was also auctioned. With all the activity, our members were everywhere, ready to help in any way they could.

We enjoyed meeting and talking with our parishioners that attended. Our president described the crisis year many of our neighbors have experienced with housing evictions and utility shut offs. Many with financial problems were able to hang on to their homes with help from our charity; many received food to help them over a tough period. Without our generous parishioners, we would not have been able to help these neighbors in need. We hope that our parishioners enjoyed our “Thank You Party” and will continue to support us in the wonderful way they have for years. Thanks be to God!

*Karen Boeck*



## ***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  
Eddie and Terry Wilson  
Pat Galea

### ***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  
Marmejejo Family

### ***ST. ANTHONY***

Ann Casaus  
Kathy McDonald  
Cecilia Laubenthal  
Marnee Ballay  
Cheri Massie  
Ken & Lorraine Hesketh

### ***ST. BRIDGET***

Cheryl Crame  
Joe Fellhauer  
Terri Lyn Gardner

### ***ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET***

Phil Murphy

### ***ST. GABRIEL***

Clare Marion  
Jack McAward  
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### ***ST. GREGORY***

Edd Harrington  
Beverly Heart

### ***ST. HELEN***

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### ***ST. JAMES***

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Esther Escarcega  
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 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***

Alicia Garibaldi  
Carmen Alfonzo

### ***ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE***

Lucia Mastroianni  
Corlaine Mortenson  
Philomena Kamara

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Paul Parent

### ***ST. FRANCES CABRINI***

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**Jim Novotny**  
*St. Stevens*

***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%



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