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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

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Matthew 28:5-6

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

Happy Easter!

It Take As Long As It Takes

Conference meetings are privileged occasions during which members manifest Christ's love to one another and experience his healing presence. Conferences meet regularly and frequently (at least twice a month), in celebration of mutual friendship and out of a passion to serve the Lord. Unlike other organizations within and outside the Church, the Conference meets less to conduct business than to celebrate and deepen its unity for essentially spiritual reasons. (Manual 2.1)

I joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Oklahoma in 1984 and, before moving to Phoenix, I served as a Vincentian in several other states and conferences. When I started serving as a Vincentian in Scottsdale, I was surprised to hear over and over again that the suggested time limit for a conference or council meeting was an hour.

I watched in dismay as Vincentians leaders would rush through an agenda just to keep their meetings to an hour or that members would actually get up and walk out when the clock hit the one-hour mark. In the fifteen years that I had served the Society in other areas of the country, I had never even heard mention of the concept of a one-hour meeting.

While everyone agrees that conference or council meetings should not drag on endlessly, the goal of holding good meetings should be accomplished not necessarily by setting a hard fast time limit but by advance planning, effective leadership, sound organizational practices and mutual agreement.

Officers and members can help ensure that the length of meeting is realistic by making sure that the agenda is balanced and not too dense for the group to cover in a reasonable amount of time and that all necessary materials are readily available. Matters and discussions not related to the agenda or the work of the Society should be left until after the meeting is over.

While time is certainly important to all of us, too much focus on time can be unhealthy and unproductive. When I was a little girl long distance calls came at an actual cost. I can remember being allowed to occasionally talk to one of my grandmothers long distance and being told over and over by my parents that every minute came at a price. I was so focused on the time it was taking that I never really got to enjoy the call. Gatherings, actions and meeting are seldom effective when the primary focus is on time and not on the individuals and process at hand.



In our fast-paced world filled with microwaves, cell phones, instant messaging, internet meetings, streaming and air travel, we have become so impatient that we often forget the value of just being in the moment. For me, the very best Vincentian meetings are those where I am so drawn into the information, discussions and interactions that I forget about time and become challenged, inspired and energized by the people I am with.

Time is certainly one of the most precious gifts we have to offer. Rick Warren in his book [The Purpose Driven Life](#), explains "When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time."

It Take As Long As It Takes (continued)

In our meetings and in our home visits, we must always remember that our time is the greatest gift we bring. And so, we must bring it freely and offer it as a gift to God and to the people we are with. If I spend the entire meeting watching the clock, I have to ask myself if I am really offering the gift of my time or am I rationing it out, holding it back or even worse taking it away.

There are times when all of us are unable to attend a meeting, do a home visit or have a limited amount of time to do so but that should be the exception rather than the rule. In those cases, we need to explain to others why we must miss or leave early. To just get up and walk out of a meeting conveys the message that the work of the society and our brother and sister Vincentians are not worthy of our time.

While I try to be respectful of the time of others, I work hard to focus not only on the time it takes but rather on the work and the people I am with. Most of us would never call up a family member or friend and invite them over for dinner with a time limit in mind. It makes no sense to me that when mass or a conference meeting runs a little long most people get upset but if a sporting event or concert goes over, most of people stay and feel like the added time is a bonus. The difference is not in the amount of time that is spent but in our perspective of how our time is being used.

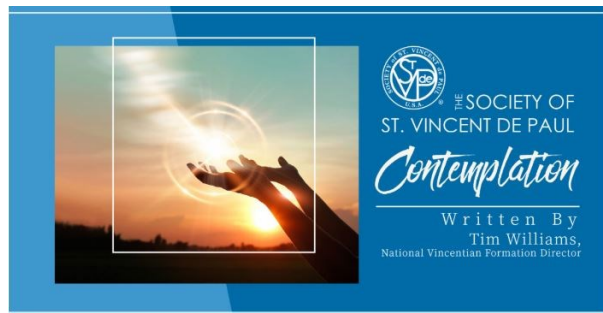
Our conference and council meetings should be warm and welcoming. They should also be interesting, focused, productive, and convenient but, for the most part, they should not have a set time limit but rather a flexible goal for concluding. The emphasis of our meetings should be on growth in holiness, friendship, and service to those in need. If any of those segments is not present, it is not really a valid meeting.

We begin our meetings with these words from our opening prayer, “help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in this mission of charity.” May we all strive to enflame these words through our actions, our commitments and our gatherings. May we offer our time freely and remember that our meetings are family gatherings that need to be productive but also enjoyed.

Questions & Answers

Question: What is consensus and how do we employ it during the decision making process in our Conference and Council meeting?

Answer: “Consensus decision-making requires that everyone agree with a decision, not just a majority as occurs in majority-rule processes. In consensus-based processes, people must work together to develop an agreement that is good enough, though not necessarily perfect. In rare circumstances, if consensus cannot be reached the decision may be put to a vote.” (National Statute 16)



Seeking His Will Together

“Life,” the old saying goes, “is what happens to us while we are making other plans.” There is a deeper truth captured in this witticism, one that St. Vincent often repeated. It is not that we should make no plans and simply wait for things to happen, but rather, that we should take time not merely to examine what we have accomplished, but to examine what we can learn; in short, to

discern God's will from the people and events in our lives, especially in our Vincentian service.

It is often observed that we can learn more from failure than from success, or as Vincent put it, “the Will of God cannot be made known to us more clearly in events than when they happen without our intervention or in a way other than we requested.” [CCD V:459] When our plans and actions are made with our best effort to do God's will as we understand it, the results of those plans and actions will either be in accordance with His will, or can give us new insight into His will. Our failures also, then, remind us that any success we experience is not ours but God's. We may “have the joy of triumph,” Bl. Frédéric explained, “Providence will have the glory.” [Baunard, 209] Indeed, this is the very definition of our virtue of humility! [Rule, Part I, 2.5.1]

Our true measure of success, then, can never be limited to achieving our own goals, because success belongs to God, who does not need us to write His résumé. Rather, we should first examine whether we entrusted our works to the Lord, conformed to His will, glorified Him, and grew closer to Him. While our duty to accountability requires us to properly account for our actions, our funds, and other details of our work, the more important accounting, the core of our spiritual growth in this community of faith, comes through deep reflection upon our experiences, first individually, and then with our Conferences.

Certainly, this practice of apostolic reflection should always follow our Home Visits, beginning with the discussion between the two visitors, and continuing through prayer, and perhaps journaling. We continue by sharing our reflection with other Conference members at our regular meetings. They, in turn, will have a glimpse of the God who was present in our neighbor, which will give them new insights they reflect back to us. This won't yield the definitive “answer” but will draw us closer to each other and to Christ.

In a similar way, it is important for us to reflect on all of our plans and all of their results — food pantries and special works, systemic change initiatives, advocacy — not in order to tally success on our own terms, but to discern whether we are serving God first, and how we can do that better, always asking, “Where was God present? Did we see Christ's face? What is He telling us now?” In this way, we all grow together in holiness by growing closer to Christ and to each other. This, not “business,” is the reason we have Conference meetings, and the reason we have them often. [Rule, Part I, 3.3.1]

Contemplate

Do I take time to discern God's will in both success and failure? Do I share this with my Conference?

Recommended Reading

A Heart on Fire: Apostolic Reflection with Rosalie Rend

The Wisdom of St. Vincent de Paul



God is pleased to communicate himself to the simple and humble and to use the smallest and lowliest to make them great and exalted. In a word, it is He Himself who has called and approved them and even inspired their humble manner of living.

In view of our desire to promote love and respect toward the poor, the Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proposes the practice of humility which supposes accepting the truth about our frailties, gifts, talents, and charism, yet knowing that all that God gives us is for others and that we can achieve nothing of eternal value without his grace (Rule, #2.5.1).

The word, humility, (which comes from the Latin, humus [soil of the earth] and which indicates something “that is of little importance”) points out the virtue of those individuals who recognize their limitations as created beings and who furthermore accept their inability to attain salvation apart from God who freely bestows that gift upon them. The description that we find in the Rule highlights precisely that reality.

From the time of Jesus’ Incarnation and until his death on the cross, from the proclamation of Mary’s Magnificat until the feast of Pentecost, we find the consecration of humility and the exaltation of those who are humble.

Vincent de Paul had a great esteem for this virtue and proposed the practice of this virtue to those persons who shared his charism. In Vincent’s thinking, humility implies that we recognize that everything comes from God; that it is not we who do good, but God working through us.

He viewed humility as the center of the whole spiritual life. Humility enables people to accept their limitations and to seek the Lord as they attempt to overcome their defects. We might ask here, what does all of this mean for us as we attempt to practice this virtue of humility?

In accord with the Rule, we must recognize that we are created beings, the work of One who is Creator and Lord. Everything that we have is a gift from God in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28).

We must recognize that we are dependent on others. We live in the midst of an interdependent and relational world. We need others and cannot live without them. We journey toward the Kingdom with others and that reality demands solidarity and humility.

We must recognize our need for divine grace. Our gifts are grace; our multiple qualities are gifts; our charism is gift. Indeed, if we wish to be holy, then we need grace. Without that awareness, we become more arrogant and believe that we are self-sufficient.

Jesus invites us to draw closer to him if we want to find consolation and fulfillment ... we are invited to draw closer to the One who is meek and humble of heart. Let us accept that invitation and imitate his humility as we follow in his footsteps.

Excerpts taken from Value to Virtue: Humility by Santiago Azcarate, CM



BRICKS to build the foundation

Transporting Our Neighbors In Need

No act of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions. (Rule, Part I: 1.3)

From its earliest days, the Society held that “no work of charity is foreign to the Society.” With this foundational belief at the forefront of our mission, it is only logical that many of our neighbors in need often require assistance with transportation. Questions often arise concerning the feasibility and requirements for transporting those whom we serve.

While Conference and Council guidelines and decisions determine if neighbors in need can be transported by Vincentians from that group, there are some universal requirements that must be met. First and foremost, any direct contact with those whom we serve, including transporting neighbors, must be done by two Vincentians. Secondly, minors may not be transported unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Next, the driver must be licensed, insured and the owner of the vehicle being used to transport our neighbors.

Vincentians must also remember that Federal law prohibits the transportation of individuals across state lines who do not have the proper documentation regarding citizenship. And finally, it is suggested that a Transportation Release of Liability waiver be signed by at least one of the adults being transported.

When deciding whether or not to allow members to transport neighbors, a Conference or Council should consider both safety and liability issues. The general rule for auto and liability insurance is that the coverage for the vehicle being driven is always in place. So, for a personal car, the Vincentian’s own policy would be primary. The SVdP Phoenix Diocesan Council’s auto coverage would only come into play if and when damages or awards exceeded the owner’s coverage. The Diocesan Council’s general liability coverage could be applicable depending on the circumstances of the case.

Conferences and Councils should first consider all the possible alternatives regarding transportation of neighbors including gas vouchers, bus tickets, taxi services, medical and elder services, and private transportation companies including UBER and LYFT before deciding to provide direct transportation services to our neighbors. Some transportation companies will allow a Conference or Council to set up and pay for rides electronically.

Transportation can be a valuable and needed resource for many of the individuals and families we serve, so Conferences and Councils need to make decisions about how best to provide this service while keeping in mind personal and corporate liability, safety and cost. Even if Conference or Council guidelines allow for private transportation of neighbors by two Vincentians, each member has the right to make their own decision about providing such services. As St. Vincent de Paul said, “Love is inventive to infinity” and there are many viable transportation options available for us to use to meet the transportation needs of those whom we serve.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PHOENIX
TRANSPORTATION WAIVER

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for transportation that you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you might sustain as a result of said services, including but not limited to, vehicle operations and boarding and exiting the vehicle.

I recognize and acknowledge that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council and their affiliated Conferences are neither a common carrier nor in the business of providing transportation services to the public or to those whom we serve. I further recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to passengers, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected with or associated with receiving transportation, including, but not limited to, injuries, damages and loss. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims and hold harmless all Vincentians, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party").

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Party from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with said transportation services.

I further agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona. I have read and fully understand the above waiver and release of all claims.

PLEASE PRINT

Date of Transportation _____

Destination _____

Conference Name

Reason for Transportation

Participant's (Passenger's) Name

Date of Signature _____

Participant's (Passenger's) signature

Date of Signature _____

(All Signers Must be 18 Years of Age or Older)



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Jim Novotny, a longtime Vincentian, supporter of several conferences, and the father of some key Diocesan Council programs, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2024.

While a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help conference in Scottsdale, Jim was instrumental in starting our Annual Diocesan wide

Thanksgiving Food Drive. He connected the drive with the activities of the OLPH Men's Club. Initially, this group sponsored the event and doing so not only brought support, but it also fosters a dynamic energy for this annual project. Because of his tireless efforts, this drive is a staple activity for our Council.

Jim was also moved by the fact that many of our retired members were no longer connected to the Society and, in many cases, there was no formal recognition of their membership or their service when they left the conference or passed away. So, he began to visit retired and homebound Vincentians. He listened to their stories and expressed our concern and appreciation for all that they had done for others and for the legacy they had helped to create.

As Jim spent more and more time visiting retired and homebound Vincentians, he realized that more needed to be done to make our appreciation more formal and visible. With that in mind, he started the SVdP Jubilarian Program. The Jubilarian program that includes a prayer service, certificate and beautiful crucifix that can be worn is a sign of the love and appreciation of the society and its members for the Vincentian receiving it and their families. This program has grown and is now a national program used in council across the country.

When Jim relocated to the Sun Lakes area, he was the driving force for the establishment of the original conference at St. Steven's.

Jim's life has touched the hearts of the poor, the staff and his fellow Vincentians. His legacy will live on as will our appreciation for all he offered to God and others. We pray that his journey home to the Father will be swift and that he will continue to remember us in his prayers as we remember him in ours. Well done good and faithful servant.



Flagstaff Jubilarian Celebration

On January 16, 2024, fifteen Vincentians from the San Francisco de Asís Conference were awarded Jubilarian crucifixes in recognition of their service to neighbors through the Society. Collectively, this group has given *more than 173 years* of faithful and joyful service.

These Jubilarians identified many things that drew them to the Society. For some, it was an announcement in the church bulletin or a talk from a current Vincentian. Others joined after donating to SVdP or after encouragement from a friend. One member remarked on how her father had modeled service when she was young.

The experience of Vincentian life has made a powerful impact on them all. Many commented on the importance of learning to listen to those in need without judgment; others reported that their experience has given them far more than they've invested. These seasoned volunteers encourage others to listen to the Holy Spirit and to make themselves available to help. Most reported a profound respect and empathy for those who struggle. In fact, as one Jubilarian put it, we are all "just one poor decision away from needing assistance ourselves."

The Jubilarians had many memories of service and the rich spirituality of the Society. One described a time she and her partner were delivering food to a motel when they encountered an inebriated man. He asked them to pray for him because his sister had just died. The group held hands and prayed for each other. Often the most important help Vincentians provide is a listening ear, warm acceptance, and prayers offered in love.

And these Jubilarians intend to keep on offering that service!



Jubilarian Celebration January 16, 2024

*Left to right: Deacon Jim Myers, Spiritual Advisor. New Jubilarians: Kelly Mortensen, Judy Marfechuk, Rona Mortensen, Rob Evans, Arlene Connally, Linette Evans, Kathy Paleski, Lisa Winborne, Sheila Schill, Carol Ekdahl, Lora Trujillo, Mary Kay Bollard, Glen Hunter, Ann Spravzoff, Marilyn Van Wagner.
(Photo credit: Margaret L. Brown)*

Commissioning of New Members

St Elizabeth Seton Conference



Our conference had our commissioning of new members, at our April 2nd, meeting; there were 26 new members who joined us in 2023. We welcomed Carol and Don Clapsaddle, Teresa Collins, Debby Ciarelli, Barbara Hernandez, Martha Albano, Elizabeth Gavan, Rosemary Vitale, Sue Becker, Joann Zondlo, Mary Kay Schuler, Gordon and Bernadette Labat, Frank Barraco, Susan & Walter Donat, Deb Chartier, Ron Pancratz, Lucy Gomez and Katie Finnegan. Along with commissioning, we wished also to thank our winter visitors and wished them a safe trip as they leave for their summer homes. We started an hour early with a potluck of appetizers and desserts. We greeted our new priest, Father Williams Abbas, who attended, and conducted our prayer before our meal. We enjoyed our meal with visiting, and sharing, along with welcoming and goodbyes.

Following our potluck, Father Williams and our president, Tina Prosenick, welcomed each of our new members. They were seated in a row and commissioning began. After commissioning, our Spiritual Advisor asked each of them what SVdP means to them. Their answers were so well received as they told of our friendship, faith, and their desire to help in our mission to help those in need. We are so blessed to receive this wonderful group of dedicated members to our conference. We also are blessed to have those who winter with us come back to us later in the year, We thank God for the dedication of our members to our conference!

Submitted by: Karen Boeck



Our Lady of the Desert Wins an Award

The Our Lady of the Desert-St. Vincent de Paul Conference is a St. Mary's Food Bank (SMFB) partner. At the SMFB Conference held in Flagstaff on March 6, 2024, the Conference received an unexpected Award, the Eclectic Services Award; for not only feeding our neighbors but for providing humane services to them as well, and for our outreach partnership with our community organizations. Conference President Charlotte Kiffer said, "It was sooo unexpected that when I heard the name of our Conference, I shot out of my back-of-the room seat to head to the stage to accept the Award on behalf of all of our dedicated OLOD-SVdP volunteers.

Additionally, on behalf of the OLOD-SVdP Conference, at the SMFB Conference Charlotte Kiffer, M.S. and Walt Kiffer, MSME, presented a seminar, "Operating a Rural Pantry with Few Resources". It was very well received with attendees wanting printed information presented in the Seminar. Most SMFB Partners are located in urban areas and have access to many food resources, while Partners like OLOD-SVdP are in a unique situation located in the middle of nowhere with no large grocery outlets available. OLOD-SVdP Conference is appreciative for the food donations received from SMFB, St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, Dollar General Store #22499 in Dolan Springs and the Dolan Springs community.

On March 22, 2024, the OLOD-SVdP Conference food distribution will be filmed by a crew dispatched by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix. From 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., former Phoenix Channel 12 broadcaster Bruce Cooper and his photographer will capture how all SVdP donors help a community in need. The subsequent film will be posted on the SVdP website. Conference neighbors who plan to pick up their food during that timeframe will be required to sign a release of information form allowing them to be filmed. For those who do not want to be filmed, they are asked to pick up their food between 11:30 a.m. and Noon.

In their ongoing effort to raise money to buy needed food, the OLOD-SVdP Conference will be holding a Community Marketplace on the following Saturdays: April 13, 2024, and May 25, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call or text 928-715-3434.





Hit the Road with SVdP!



*Please join us in Flagstaff
On Saturday, June 15, 2024 for the
General Membership Meeting*

*Mass at 11:30 at San Francisco de Asis
Lunch & Meeting to follow.*

Free bus rides are available.

*Bus 1 leaves the Dan O'Meara Center at 7:45AM
Bus 2 leaves St. Rose parish in Anthem at 8:00 AM*

*RSVP your conference's total number
attending and the number riding buses
no later than Monday, May 15th.*

*Reserve bus seats by indicating the
number riding and the place of onboarding.*

*Send attending and bus numbers
to Sandy Edwards.*

*Food accommodations should be sent to
Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.*

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. ANTHONY Ann Casaus Kathy McDonald Cecilia Laubenthal Marnee Ballay Cheri Massie Ken & Lorraine Hesketh	ST. CLARE OF ASSISI Joyce Murphy	SVdP EXECUTIVE OFFICE David Padberg Eva Mills Johnson Nancy Nazankiewicz Barry Severson Mary Kay Post Julian Kring Beth Shultz Emily Trust Paul and Claudia Critchfield Jan Hoeschler Reve Holleran Jerry Bailly Bruce Talone Sandy Bruner Paula Garlick Dennis Gougion Abigail Etheridge Joan Goldfarb Megan Ford Cannon Jon Lewis Reve Holleran John Lees Bob Ryan Kendra Krause Mary Jane Rynd Kevin Conry Dale Lehe Sheila Alvarez Mr. and Mrs. John Bracken Tegan Searing Carla Francesca Martin Mark Hamblin Baby Hailey The Porscha Family Mary Teller Mary Lou Goldstein Judy Edwards Edmund Voyer Bessie McNair Bill Mulholland Margaret Pawlak Rob Sobczak 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 Joyce Zabilski Jayden Southern Robert Jacobs Ed Koval Mayuka and Family Mary Jo Matthews Lloyd Bach
BLESSED SACRAMENT Lee Matthews Eddie and Terry Wilson Pat Galea	ST. BRIDGET Cheryl Crame Joe Fellhauer Terri Lyn Gardner	ST. ELIZABETH SETON Bob & Pat Purtill	
HOLY CROSS Mary Powell Andy Torres Dee Shack Mary Jo Kent Sharon Culley	ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET Phil Murphy	ST. GERMAINE Don Rien	
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 Clare Marion Jack McAward Dolores Galligan Robert Fitzer Louise Fullam	ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC Rev. Peter Dobrowski	
MOST HOLY TRINITY Jackie Jennings	ST. GREGORY Edd Harrington Beverly Heart	ST. MARY—KINGMAN Patty Couch Roger and Rita Gaumont Diane Schatz	
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Lynn Schmidt Joe DiGiovanni	ST. HELEN Charlie & Jean Olds	ST. MARY'S BASICILA The Boozer Family	
OUR LADY OF THE DESERT 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	
PRINCE OF PEACE Greg Roark	ST. JOAN OF ARC Larry Smith	ST. JEROME Nancy Barnes Yvonne Hurley	
QUEEN OF PEACE Susan Petrie Mary Kay Dunlevy Martina Bonilla	ST. JOAN OF ARC Larry Smith	ST. MATTHEW Alicia Garibaldi Carmen Alfonzo	
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. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA Pam Klauser Kathleen DeWeever Ray West	ST. MARY'S BASILICA Robert Nue	
	ST. JOSEPH MAYER Dennis Baile, Sr.	ST. JOAN OF ARC Paul Parent	
	ST. MARGARET MARY Ray Baca Mary Esquibel	ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE Lucia Mastroianni Corlaine Mortenson Philomena Kamara	
	ST. MARY'S BASILICA Robert Nue	ST. JOAN OF ARC Paul Parent	
	ST. TIMOTHY Margaret Hewett Karl Rusnock Thea Podrybau	ST. FRANCES CABRINI Donna McDonald	
	ST. LOUIS THE KING Esther Escarcega Mary Fierros	ST. STEVENS Barbara Ott	
		ST. THERESA George Dorley Twila Stern Tim Coughlin Colin Campbell	

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Larry Smith
St. Joan of Arc

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%

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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