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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

What Keeps Me Up at Night!

Leadership positions in the Society, at any level, are always to be accepted as service to Christ, the members and the poor. Servant leadership is done in imitation of Jesus who said: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45) (Rule Part III: Statute 11)



As a long-term member and experienced Vincentian leader, I am often asked the question "What keeps you up at night?" Serving the poor day after day, year after year is a challenging vocation and one that can at times be exhausting and overwhelming but that is not what keeps me up at night.

While leaving a home knowing that the family we just visited will soon be evicted or have their car repossessed because of our conference's inability to help them can be heartbreaking but that is not what keeps me up at night. What keeps me up at night is concerns about the recruitment of new members and the development of new servant leaders.

All too often, I receive calls from Conference and Council presidents expressing their concerns because no one is stepping forward to serve as president or to fill the other leadership positions when their term in office is over. Our Rule is very clear that in order for a Conference or Council to exist there must be an elected president and a full slate of officers. The Rule also defines the term limits for presidents at each level of the Society. There are no exceptions to the term limits.

So, I asked myself, "Why are members so reluctant to step forward and serve as leaders?" After hours of thought and reflection, I still have no clue why we have so much trouble finding people who are willing to serve in leadership or to actively recruit, accept, and incorporate new members. These are perplexing questions and ones that are critical to the survival of the Society and our works.

First and foremost, as Vincentians we often forget to trust in God's providence and to prayerfully discern what gifts are needed for a particular time period and which members have those gifts. Different members have different gifts and the gifts of a potential leader should be matched with the gifts that the Conference or Council needs at that time. It is often easier for us to see the gifts in others than in ourselves. Because of that, we need to constantly share with each other the gifts we see in them. If we trust God, then we have to believe that He has provided each Conference and Council with the leaders it needs for each term and each season.

Secondly, when potential leaders receive the call from God and/or other members to run for office, they often sit on the call or walk away from it. Sometimes the call seems overwhelming and time consuming. Most of us feel somewhat inadequate and certain that God could find someone more qualified to fill the position. I generally know when the call is from God when that call is something I never thought about doing, that I do not have time to do, and that I am most certainly unqualified to do. But every time I silence those doubts and step forward in faith, God provides me with everything I need to do the job.

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Finally, on most levels the Society does not do a good job in secession planning or in mentoring of new leaders. It is hard to be a servant leader and not to succumb to the more traditional role of a leader. Vincentian leaders often think that their job is to control everything, everyone and to do it all by themselves. Others go too far the other way and offer no direction or leadership at all. Neither style works for the Society and its members. Servant leaders are called to dream, to vision, to empower, to delegate, to guide, to inspire, and to serve the Society and its members. In so many ways, effective Vincentian leaders are more like air traffic controllers than bosses. At the heart of the call is to lead by example.

Few Vincentians joined the Society to run for office. Most of us joined St. Vincent de Paul to help the poor but we must realize that sometimes the best way to serve the poor is through leadership and recruitment. Leadership and recruitment will help ensure that the Society continues to grow and serve those in need. They also provide everyone with a wonderful means to grow in holiness and friendship.

There is great joy in serving as a Vincentian leader. Stepping into leadership allows us to serve not only the poor but to also serve our brother and sister Vincentians. There are days when the weight of leadership seems a little heavy but with God's grace and the support of other leaders and members, the duties are manageable and the rewards are great. I feel so blessed and honored by God's call to leadership. I cannot imagine my life without the opportunities and friends both rich and poor that I have gained by simply saying yes to God's invitation to be a servant leader.

Think about it. Pray about it. And, with the eyes and heart of faith discern if God is calling you to leadership within the Society. If He is, have the courage to step out and trust that He will be with you as you answer His call. Your act of stepping forward into leadership will most assuredly help me to sleep better at night.

*By Shirley Smalley
Diocesan Council President*

General Membership Meeting Reminder Mass at 11:30 at San Francisco de Asis

If you are traveling by bus to Flagstaff, please remember that the bus schedule is as follows:

Bus one & two leave (1 & 2) the Dan O'Meara Center at 7:45 AM

Bus three (3) leaves St. Rose parish in Anthem at 8:00 AM



GOD'S CALL TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP

I believe God has a special place in His heart and in His kingdom for those Vincentians who heed His call to servant leadership in our Society. Such service is a consummate example of following in the footsteps of St. Vincent, Blessed Frederic and Jesus Christ Himself. The spiritual rewards of doing so are many and meaningful.

Our mission says we lead men and women to join together to grow spiritually. Serving in a leadership role is a wonderful way to become closer to Jesus, the ultimate servant leader. And we can be sure He will bless our efforts.

God wants us to utilize the unique talents He has given us to assist those in need. If we have been gifted with the ability to lead as well, He expects that we will do so as part of our commitment to our Vincentian vocation.

Serving as the president of a Council or Conference provides an ideal platform from which to enhance one's own spiritual life. And a great privilege of leadership is the priceless opportunity to nurture the spirituality of fellow Vincentians while inspiring them to be ambassadors of the mission of St. Vincent de Paul in our communities...to bring the love and mercy of Christ to His suffering children.

Council and Conference presidents have told me that their years as a servant leader have been the richest part of their lives in terms of personal spirituality and appreciation of the eternally valuable gifts God had bestowed on them. Their uplifting experiences changed them in many ways that strengthened their relationship to God and acquainted them intimately with the innate goodness and generosity of the human spirit.

Each of us has been chosen for a purpose. That is evident in the day-to-day reality of our beautiful vocation. Our Lord will happily help us discern that purpose...the special way He wants us to support the magnificent mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

Since our founding, Vincentians have been bolstered by an unwavering trust in the providence of God who has demonstrated during the past 190 years that He attaches a high priority to the success of our Society. As we continue our grace-filled journeys to our heavenly homecoming, I am sure He is smiling down on us, cheering us on and clearing our path. We have, after all, said "yes" to His call – and He wants us to succeed, whatever role we play in His plan for our personal ministry of love and compassion.

May God continue to bless you abundantly in your exceptional service to His beloved poor.

Bishop John Quinn

The Wisdom of St. Vincent de Paul

From Value to Virtue: Gentleness



It is interesting to note that “Wikipedia” speaks of gentleness as a virtue of former ages but is nevertheless found in those persons who have preserved the tradition of noble simplicity and generous candor. For quite some time gentleness has characterized the members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and in their Rule they are encouraged to foster this gentleness which is defined as friendly assurance and invincible goodwill, which mean kindness, sweetness and patience in our relationship with others (Rule 2.5.1). Therefore, we should not be surprised that the dictionary defines gentleness as a pleasing, kind quality that is revealed in conversation and in relationships with people. It is that virtue that is found in those people with whom we find it easy to converse. It will often be associated with courtesy, friendliness, cordiality, simplicity or meekness.

This virtue of gentleness is proper to Jesus and in fact is the object of one of the eight beatitudes: blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5) and thus is presented as a virtue that is essential for all Christians. In a very comforting and hopeful scene, Jesus presents himself as gentle and humble of heart (Matthew 11:29). This virtue enabled Jesus to reach out toward the infirm, the poor, sinners and publicans and to restore them to wholeness. This virtue was present in all of Jesus’ relationships and people felt consoled and comforted (Luke 24:31-34).

Vincent de Paul, who was impressed by the gentleness and cordiality of Francis de Sales, insisted on the practice of this virtue. Vincent, therefore, exhorted his followers to reflect on the examples of Jesus Christ and to imitate his meekness and his approachability. He reminded them of the importance of an affable, loving and accepting disposition in order to be effective missionaries. Vincent was also realistic and at the same time warned his followers that this virtue had to be accompanied with respect and firmness.

Frederic Ozanam, a man of conviction, revealed himself as an affable, well-educated and respectful person when relating with others. He was gifted in his ability to establish relationships with others ... a gift that was manifested in the unity that was maintained among the Founders of the Society as well as in the charitable and friendly visits to the homes of the poor and the infirm.

In light of such witness it becomes easy to recognize gentleness as that virtue which inclines a person to treat others respectfully, to say and to do that which fosters the dignity of the human person. Saint Thomas Aquinas studied this virtue and has passed on to us the following reflections:

- Gentleness can be understood as being synonymous with friendliness;
- One must know how to combine the practice of this virtue with that of righteousness;
- Gentleness is related to justice and both virtues (gentleness and justice) are intended to enhance the relationships among people;
- One must avoid that which is contrary to gentleness: anger, rudeness, disorderliness and selfishness;

Saint Thomas warned that meekness could degenerate into two vices: severity and exaggerated praise.

Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:5



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The Rule is mindful of these realities when it speaks about friendly assurance and invincible goodwill. We must remember that Vincentians must present themselves as

trustworthy persons, as men and women who will guard people's trust, who are open to dialogue and communication, who reach out to others and value friendship. Furthermore, good will is indispensable: one is not overcome by discouragement or frustration but remains firm in doing that which is right and good. Therefore, we can understand that gentleness is an essential Vincentian virtue. If we want to follow Jesus Christ and imitate the manner in which he lived his life, if we want approach those persons who are in need and serve them in a charitable manner, then, gentleness is indispensable and this gentleness must also be accompanied by friendliness, kindness, approachability, understanding, acceptance.

What means can be used in order to cultivate and grow in this virtue of gentleness?

- In relationships be mindful of the need to treat others in a respectful manner;
- Speak simply and candidly;
- Learn to control one's anger and impulses;
- Avoid making judgments about others;
- Be willing to do a favor for others whenever requested and possible;
- Cultivate the habit of asking forgiveness and giving forgiveness;
- Encourage those things that will build up the community;
- Learn to accept setbacks with courage and with a good spirit.

Gentleness is a virtue of former times because virtue does not belong to time but is a characteristic of the human person. Gentleness is a virtue of those Vincentians who want to practice that noble simplicity, who want to live and cultivate that friendly assurance and invincible goodwill which is spoken about in the Rule, who aspire to holiness by reaching out to and serving those who are poor and most in need. This virtue is most necessary if we want to create a more human world, a world inhabited by more loving men and women!

Translated: Charles T. Plock, CM



Contemplation: A Model to Follow

When we hear the word “leader” we naturally think of a great general, a head of state, one of those celebrity CEOs, or even a star athlete leading a team to victory. The great leader is an American archetype: charismatic, confident, inspiring; a leader, in short, is “large and in charge.”

For most of us, this is an image that would be difficult to live up to, so when the Council or Conference announces an upcoming election for a new president, we remain quiet, and even if invited directly to serve, we demur. “Large and in charge,” we think, “That just isn’t me.”

Perhaps instead we should first consider that it is not merely our fellow Vincentians suggesting that we consider serving as leaders. After all, we are taught to discern God’s will for us in the people and events in our lives. What people or events led us to join the Society in the first place? Surely, we didn’t come up with that idea on our own. Indeed, St. Vincent de Paul was quite clear that not a single one of his works was ultimately his own idea, all of it came from God. It was God who called us here, and God who calls us now. If He asks us, through others, to consider leading the Conference, we ought to take the time to seriously discern that call.

And in discerning, we also consider the nature of Vincentian leadership – servant leadership. Our model is not the commander, the ruler, or the boss. Our model is the master and teacher who nevertheless knelt down and washed the feet of His disciples. “*I have given you,*” He said, “*A model to follow.*” Our model of a leader, then, is not the greatest, but the least; not the master but the servant. In short, a Vincentian servant leader is not “large and in charge,” but *small, and for all*.

But you say that you simply haven’t the knowledge or the gifts to lead? “*Don’t think,*” St. Vincent de Paul once explained, “*that responsible positions are always given to the most capable or virtuous.*” [CCD IX: 526] Servant leadership is part of our calling, part of our vocation, and it is precisely the humility that makes us reluctant to take on a leadership role that makes us better suited to do so. Trust in providence, in this case, means trusting that “*when God calls us to it ... either He sees in us the proper dispositions or has determined to give them to us.*” [CCD XI:128]

Our Cultural Beliefs remind us that “*as Vincentians we are committed to... develop ourselves and others to become Servant Leaders.*” [Rule, Part III, St. 2] When we were called to this vocation we were already called to servant leadership, and we can all have confidence, when it is our turn to serve, that “*God gives sufficient graces to those He calls to it.*” [CCD IX:526]

Contemplate

Have I truly listened to and answered God’s call to lead?

Recommended Reading

Praying with St. Vincent de Paul

Questions & Answers

Question: *If a Conference sends twinning assistance to another Conference to help with a specific neighbor and the funds exceed what is needed or the case does not work out, can the receiving Conference use those funds for other neighbors or works?*

Answer: Use of Twinning Funds – If a Conference solicits financial or in-kind assistance from other Conferences for one of their neighbors/families those funds must be considered and treated as restricted funds. They may only be used to assist with the case mentioned and referred to in the original ask. If excess funds are received or if the case does not work out, the funds must be returned to the sending Conference unless the president of the twinning Conference releases them for other purposes. Restricted funds may not be redirected without the permission of the donor and that includes funds received for a specific purpose from other Conferences or Councils.

Question: *Can a Vincentian go outside his/her Conference authorization to solicit, secure and or deliver extra services or goods to a neighbor they visited?*

Answer: No, all assistance given to a neighbor/family being served by a Conference must be the work of the Conference not of an individual member, their family, friends or community partners. Although the intention of the Vincentian working outside of the Conference may be honorable, their actions make the work a personal one not a work of the Society. Once a Vincentian meets a neighbor/family through the Society, all works must go through the Conference and with the knowledge and consent of its members.

Doing independent works outside of the Conference's authorization puts the Society and the member at risk and denigrates our commitment as Vincentians to the Society and its mission. If a member thinks they can obtain additional assistance in the form of goods, services or funds, they must bring their proposal to the Conference for approval. We are not the Society of me, myself, and I but of Vincentians acting as a collective group responding to God's call to help the poor and needy as brothers and sisters in Christ.



***FROM THE DESK OF THE
CONFERENCE RESOURCE COMMITTEE***

During the past year the Conference Resource Committee undertook an effort to review each of the BRICKS posted in the Vincentian Support Services section of the svdpaz.org website. The Committee also identified new BRICKS that may be needed. The intent of these efforts is to ensure the BRICKS are a valid and meaningful resource for all Vincentians. To accomplish this the team reviewed the documents for accuracy and to make certain they reflect any recent changes or additions to policies or procedures.

During this effort the Table of Contents has been rearranged so that it is alphabetical and easy to find the items related to your search.

At the beginning of this calendar year the BRICKS were taken off line, and a note was posted that stated the BRICKS are UNDER CONSTRUCTION. The team working on the BRICK Review and Revision has completed the review and editing of the Administration section and the new section is online as of May 24, 2024. As each of the sections are completed the content will be made available for those sections.

Included in the Administration Section are the following BRICKS:

ADMINISTRATION

Escalation Policies & Procedures

Maintaining a Relationship with your Pastor

New Member Admission Process

Preparing for an Upcoming Conference or District Election

Reporting to your Parish

Safe Environment Training & Sex Offender Policies

Voting at General Membership Meetings

If you need a BRICK for referral while the BRICKS are under construction you can contact Michelle in Vincentian Engagement and Support at MEmocling@svdpaz.org.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please reach out to Ally Geinosky at allyngee@gmail.com or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.



BRICKS to build the foundation

TOPIC: Collaboration Between Conferences

As the economy of the United States shifted from being primarily an industrial nation to one that produces ideas and technology, the concept of collaboration became a key word in business and in education. In many ways, we as Vincentians, were well ahead of the curve regarding this concept as our Society has from its very founding been based in collaborative relationships. We encourage and foster collaboration between our members, our Conferences, our Councils, and other charities, outside organizations and even at times government programs.

The word collaboration comes from the Latin word *colaborare* which literally means to work together, to join in creating something or some action. So, the very process of being a Vincentian requires us to be collaborative in nature. The strongest and most common collaborations for us are those within our Society. On a regular basis, Conferences work together through their District and Diocesan Councils but sometimes we forget about our call to work together as one family and when that happens many things break down. This break down in our supportive relationships with one another can be a huge obstacle to unity and can cause us to be less responsive to the poor and to one and another.

In order for effective collaborations to take place each Conference and Council must have the ability to make decisions and to have those decisions accepted by the other groups involved in the process. As Vincentians, we understand that other Conferences and Councils may have different practices and protocols. Mutual trust and respect are primary components of collaborative relationships. Collaboration also requires cooperation, compromise, and frequent and effective communications. Collaborative projects need to have clear delineations of responsibilities and all participants need to be accountable for their part of the agreed upon works or actions.

Some collaborations are simple, single or infrequent in nature and can be facilitated through a couple of phone calls or emails. Others require a formal protocol for dealing with situations or ongoing programs. For example, it is not uncommon for Conferences to receive a call for help from someone outside the Conference's geographic boundaries. The rule clearly states that Parish based Conferences are first and foremost responsible for taking care of the poor and needy within their boundaries. Thus, going outside of a Conference's boundaries would most likely fall outside of that group's normal practices and procedures.

The accepted practice for the Conferences associated with Diocesan Council of Phoenix, is to refer a guest calling from outside of the Conference's boundaries to the Conference where they live or to the next nearest Conference in their area. If additional assistance is deemed necessary collaboration should be between Conference Presidents.

Conferences also collaborate in and through ongoing relationships. For example, several Conferences collaborate with the St. Matthew's Conference by providing food, twinning and time. The collaborative Conferences involved in this project have agreed that the participating Conferences will provide resources and workers while the host Conference alone determines who, what, and when Neighbors will be served.

At all times, we must remember that we are one family united in love of God and one another that is dedicated to the service of those in need. We can and must remember that working together only strengthens our bonds and helps us to enrich our service to the poor. Be creative. Be inventive. Be collaborative by never forgetting we do not serve alone but with all Vincentians.

Join Us For An
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Prayer for America

Thursday July 4th

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

6351 N 27th Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85017

8:00 am Mass with

Fr. John Muir

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

followed by praying the

Rosary for the United States of America



*Our country is in dire need of prayer
 Your prayers are powerful.
 Please help our country's leaders by joining us
 and Bishop Nevares as we pray
 for God's healing grace for our nation and all Americans.
 Start your holiday as a family united in prayer
 that we may remain One Nation Under God!*

Participation Organizations



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX



Radio Family Rosary

Listen anytime at RadioFamilyRosary.com
 Live at 1010 AM KXXT, Phoenix
 Monday-Friday @ 8:30 AM



Legion of Mary,
 Diocese of Phoenix

Our Lady of America...Pray for us!

Jubilarians Honored at St. Thomas Aquinas

Several members of St. Thomas Aquinas Conference were honored at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Avondale on May 22, 2024 where they received Jubilarian awards after the 8:30 am mass, followed by breakfast, and fellowship.

Top row. Deacon Chuck Shaw, Dennis Nelson, Phillip Bocker, Deacon Ken Porter, Father Bryan, Bob Hiler, Jean Zell

Middle row: Judy Nelson, Bernie Dant, Ann-Marie Dant, Dave Kennedy, Phil Zell, Betty Jean Kennedy, Jeanne France

Bottom roll: Bert Alvarado, Isis Alvarado, Loretta Macken, Barbara Lindskold, Joan Suriano, Ron Miller, Dan Findler Lois Findler

Missing Recipients: Dorothy Porter, Art CDeBaca, Dolores CDeBaca

*Jeanne France
St. Thomas Aquinas Conference, Avondale, Arizona*

Congratulations to all our Jubilarians



Jubilarians Honored at St. Daniel Conference



St. Daniel the Prophet celebrated three Jubilarians on Sunday, February 18, 2023, with Fr. Sheunesu Bowora (Fr. Shea) officiating. He praised the Society as a perfect example of Lenten almsgiving and thanked the Jubilarians for their dedication to our neighbors on behalf of the Parish. Pictured from left to right are James Compas, Joan Compas, Darlene Shaw, Irene Mirabito (previous recipient) and Fr. Shea. The Jubilarians commented that the Society blesses them with the opportunity to practice humility, compassion, listening and praying with others. When times get difficult, they rely on the support and lifting up of our Vincentian family.

Jubilarians Honored at St. Gabriel Conference



St Gabriel the Arc Angel SVdP in Cave Creek celebrated our Vincentians. The group of 15 plus were honored for their length of service. Those 70 years of age with 5 years of devoted service and or 65 with 10 years of devoted service.

Pastor Chad King awarded beautiful Jubilee crucifixes at the mass and ceremony on April 24th, the birthdate of Saint Vincent de Paul.

*Jubilarians include: John Murphy, Felix Fornino, Maureen George, Bob Guise ,
Kathy, Maryanne Mc Award, Marcia Balistrino, Kathy Hansen, Ling Patty,
Gae Carpenter, Mary Causse, Diana Murphy, and Ed Carpenter.*



St Elizabeth Seton St Vincent de Paul Conference Vehicles for Neighbors

We have been blessed as a conference with such a generous congregation and friends. On April 23 and April 26, we gave away two donated cars to families that now can get to work or find a job to get more money and keep a roof over their heads. This donation came from one of our parishioners! How wonderful to have the support and help from the people we worship with. Through our Auto Grand Fund, we can pay for insurance for one to two months and registration fee if the neighbor is unable to pay. Our home visitors have been extremely busy, working with families that need this important element to survive, as cars are not



always available. This family was chosen, by our members, to receive this special car. The young lady lives with her mother, sister and two brothers. The family takes care of an autistic teen and all three are caretakers, working in separate assisted living houses. They all help with rent and utilities. The young daughter's car was totaled but she was not hurt; she needs transportation to her place of work. This donation of a car will help support this family who pulls together to keep a roof over their heads. She was so excited to get this car, she smiled from ear to ear. Prayers were said with the family; her mother and brother think she is very blessed. We are too!

A second family also received a car. Again, this donation came from another of our parishioners! We are a parish working together to assist those in need! This family is a woman with two boys ages 11 and 2. The two-year-old has bent ankles so walks on his knees. She, the kids, and spouse by civil law, live with her mother in a run-down trailer. Her mom takes care of the kids, and they all work odd jobs to keep a roof over their heads. Now that the daughter has a car, she is very employable as a customer representative or whatever job she chooses. Her partner starts his job on May 5th and will ride his e-bike, which we gave him, to get to work. Our hope is that they will eventually be able to get out of the trailer and they can have a home of their own. The family was so excited to get the car. Prayers were said: this family made the sign of the cross, so our visitors gave them a bulletin and asked them if they would like to come and join our services. It would be our joy to welcome them back to the church. We are so blessed to receive these two cars from caring parishioners. What a blessing – the gift of a car can have such a dramatic impact on the life of a family in need. Thanks be to God!



~Submitted by Karen Boeck & Veronica French~

St. Williams

As many of you know our St. Williams conference is working through the difficult situation of recovery after their devastating fire. It was a blessing that no one was hurt in the fire but it was a complete loss of the church and a difficult blow to our pantry.

Since they have very limited space they do not have any means to keep food on hand for their neighbors in need, we are asking if any conferences have any gift cards they are able to give or would like to donate funds so they can buy additional gift cards that would be a wonderful blessing. You can please coordinate your gift with Sandy Edwards in our VES office. We know several of you have already given gift cards, so thank you for stepping up so quickly to support our conference in need.

Any gift would be truly appreciated and the gift cards will be very helpful to continue helping our neighbors in need in our St. Williams conference.



OFE CLASSES – 2024
ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

September 14, 2024 OFE 1 & 2; September 28, 2024 OFE 3 & 4
St. Timothy – 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd., Mesa

Oct. 12, 2024 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 19, 2024 OFE 3 & 4
St. Raphael – 5525 W Acoma Dr., Glendale

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
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Eddie and Terry Wilson
Pat Galea

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Winnie Bridgens
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Rob Sobczak
Jon Ehlinger
Paul Zabilski
Steve & Lucy Howell
Greg Ryan

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Tom Donnelly
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Gene Monroe
Our Lady of The Valley

*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.

TO SEE IF AN ANNUITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU
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Vincentian Support Services has a new name.

We are now called -

Vincentian Engagement and Support

Announcing our new name and team members! To better serve all of you, our Vincentian Support Services department has been renamed to Vincentian Engagement and Support. We have teamed up with our Community Engagement and Volunteer Engagement departments under Cande de Leon, Chief Mission Engagement Officer. This will help us better support our Vincentians through community and volunteer connections and introduce more of our Council team to the work of our conferences. Under the leadership of Jerry Castro, Director of Vincentian Engagement and Support, we've added two new members to the team, Irma Leyendecker, Director of Mission Advancement and Norma Carrillo, Mission Advancement Outreach Officer. John Junker has taken the position of Associate Mission Engagement Officer to work closely with Cande in inviting our community to learn more about the mission of St. Vincent de Paul. We are thrilled to have more of us to be able to serve and partner with you more!

Welcome to VES Irma and Norma!