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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

A Lesson in Leadership. A Lesson in Love.

Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow came to St. Vincent de Paul this week. It was a big deal. Not many visitors come to south Phoenix. Even fewer come to a homeless shelter. Tim was one of the few exceptions. He wanted the opportunity to be with our guests, those who live in our shelter. Those who live on the streets.

In addition to his words of encouragement and support, Tim brought 50 pairs of new shoes to distribute to our guests, one of whom exclaimed *"New shoes, and it's not even Christmas!"*

As often happens, we had more guests that day than we did shoes. Instead of saying, I'm sorry, Tim and his group took peoples' names and promised to get back to us with shoes for everyone. True to form, we received the shoes, the only surprise was just how many additional pairs we were provided. We don't see that type of generosity too often.



Tim ended up staying longer than expected. Whatever he had to do next was simply going to wait. He took time with each person to make them feel special. Really special. And while he no longer has the platform of a professional athlete, his message is as powerful as ever: *"You are one of one. God loves you. And so do I."* We don't hear these words as much anymore. That is our loss. All of us.

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If you ask me, or many of our guests, Tim has gone from professional athlete to Super Hero in just a few years. His actions off the field are as impressive as any last minute touchdown pass, or game-winning home run. I think we all can agree on that.

I will remember many things about Tim's visit to St. Vincent de Paul - the kindness, the enthusiasm, the smiles through the masks, the new shoes, all the men and women who felt really special that an out-of-town visitor came to be with them. But what I will remember most though, was when Tim realized we were out of shoes, he quietly removed his own pair and gave them to a homeless man who wore a similar size. It all transpired in the briefest of moments, but it was a lesson in leadership, a lesson in love, that I won't soon forget. ★



Thank you

A special thank you to all our Vincentians, who found a way to serve during the pandemic.

God bless you all!



Legacy

Steve Attwood
Diocesan Council President

Twenty years ago it was unlikely anyone other than die-hard fans of the ASU Sun Devils or Arizona Cardinals had ever heard of Pat Tillman. Pat had a distinguished career as a Defensive Linebacker at Arizona State but, at 5'11" and 202 pounds, he was considered too small to have NFL potential. Fortunately, Pat played college ball in the same city as the Cardinals, whose coaches recognized how Pat's work ethic and leadership skills compensated for his lack of size. Pat was drafted by the Cardinals in the last round of the 1998 draft, invited to camp, and given a slim chance to make the team. To the surprise of many, Pat won a spot on the Cardinals' Special Teams, and eventually a starting role in their Defensive Secondary. Pat had proven himself as a professional football player and was living the life he had always dreamed of.

Had he continued his career and later retired from the NFL, Pat Tillman would have been forgotten by most several years ago. Yet, because of a single decision he made in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist acts, Pat Tillman will long be remembered as a true American hero. Pat walked away from the game he loved, turning down a \$3.6M contract from the Cardinals to enroll in the US Army and defend his country. Tragically, Pat was killed two years later while serving in Afghanistan. Pat Tillman lived 27 short years, yet his legacy of selfless courage will serve as a role model for generations to come.

Too often, our impact on the organizations we are part of, and our broader communities, are limited, not by our lack of ability or resources, but by our own inability to believe we can make a meaningful difference.

Pat Tillman never won a Super Bowl, nor did he have a particularly distinguished military career. We celebrate his extraordinary life because of a choice he made; a decision to put the lives of others ahead of his own personal interests. That choice is available to each of us.

For several years we've been steadily growing our Vincentian Endowment. Many of our Vincentians and employees contribute to the endowment on a regular basis. But something happened in the past couple of weeks that has opened my eyes to the possibility of creating a much larger endowment, one that would ensure the financial viability of our conferences regardless of how many pandemics, recessions, and other challenges we face in the future. Two Vincentians indicated they have made provisions in their wills for the Vincentian Endowment to receive gifts from their estates in excess of \$1M each. Also, one of our Vincentian board members committed to leaving an entire estate to the Vincentian Endowment. These are wonderful examples of the powerful impact individuals can have on an organization when they believe in their ability to do so.

It's unlikely many of us will be as revered as Pat Tillman is after we're gone, but we still have the opportunity to leave a legacy that will have a meaningful impact on the world. Estate planning is important for all of us. Many of us have children we want or need to provide for. But one thing all Vincentians know and believe in is the importance of broadening one's circle of influence, to include the most vulnerable members of our society. I would simply ask, as you review your estate planning, to prayerfully consider leaving a legacy that will benefit those in need for generations to come. Whether your gift is \$1k or \$1M, it is a loving response to Christ's call to serve one another. God bless you all. ★

Who Is My Neighbor?

By Shirley Smalley

In chapter 10 of Luke's gospel, a lawyer steps forward to challenge Jesus in regard to what is required to receive eternal life. Jesus turns the question back on the lawyer by asking him what is written in the law. The lawyer rightly answers with the response to love God with your whole heart and to love your neighbor as yourself. Wanting to be justified, the lawyer continues his questioning by asking, "Who is my neighbor?" This exchange between the unnamed lawyer and Jesus sets the stage for the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Centuries later people are still asking the same question, "Who is my neighbor?" As I travel around the Diocese visiting and interacting with Vincentians in conferences and councils, I often hear the comment, "Our donors want us to keep their donations to our conference here within our own parish boundaries." I am not really sure where such thoughts and comments are coming from, but I suspect they arise from a general lack of understanding of how the Society works and how we are connected.

The truth is that, across the world, the vast majority of donations made to the Society stay within our conferences and are distributed directly to the

poor. In our Diocese, the Society uses a 10/10 tithing formula. So, for example, if a conference receives \$10,000 in donations over the course of a quarter, they in turn will send \$1,000 of those funds to their District Council who will then send \$100 of those funds to the Diocesan Council.

As members of the Phoenix Diocesan Council, we are incredibly blessed to be associated with a council that has a dynamic development team. This team raises virtually all of the funds needed to support our Diocesan Council programs. In addition to funding Diocesan programs, the Diocesan Council shares their resources with our conferences in a variety of real and meaningful ways. Additionally, each District Council's primary focus is to support and share resources with their assigned conferences. Our upper councils do not draw funds away from our conferences but rather use their funds to enrich, enhance, and support our conferences and to provide direct services on our behalf to the poor.

When I was in graduate school, I had a Welfare Policy professor who once commented, "If everyone just helped their next-door neighbor, we would not need any government programs or charities." His idea is only workable if in fact your next

door neighbor has enough resources to help you or if you even know them. With the ever increasing urbanization of America, more and more of the poor are being pushed into pockets of poverty, where no one has much of anything that they can share. The same is true of our conferences, as many are located in areas where the parish members have little to offer and where SVdP collections are non-existent.

According to our Rule, twinning is one of the activities most cherished by the Society. The Rule goes on to point out that the Vincentian preferential option for the poor spurs conferences and councils to assist other conferences and councils that have fewer resources. It is hard to believe that any donor or parishioner would really want us to let someone be evicted, have their lights shut off, or go without food simply because they live in the wrong zip code. The Rule of Society is clear in the fact that each conference is called to help those within its boundaries; but, once we have done so, we are free to help the poor in other areas directly when there is no conference, or through other conferences and councils if they exist.

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According to Jesus and to the mission of the Society, everyone is our neighbor. Conferences that are blessed with an abundance of resources are called to share with the less fortunate conferences. Not only are we called to share our treasure but our time and talents as well to conferences that may be struggling with finances, food, or even membership. We must always remember that we are part of the Vincentian family, and a family works together in support of one another. It is our job to share and to educate our donors about how beautifully their donations may be used to help the poor within our boundaries, across our Diocese, throughout our country, and the entire world.

As Vincentians, may the Lord never find us willing to sit on excess conference funds while others in more impoverished areas are unable to get help or to experience the love of God through the generosity of others. May we have the strength and commitment to reach out to less fortunate conferences and to educate our donors and parishioners concerning the depth and breadth of Vincentian love. May everyone we encounter know that Vincentians fully embrace and live out the idea that, regardless of where they live, every person in the world is our neighbor. ★

Jubilarian Awarded

We were happy to present Kathleen (Beany) Bonanno with the Jubilarian Crucifix for her many years of service to our SVdP Conference. She has been generous with her time and talent. Recently she has taken on the office of 1st Vice President.

During these most unusual times we have had to handle things differently than in the past. Normally we would attend Mass together and our Pastor would do the presentation. This year though, we did it during our conference meeting on zoom! We pray for the time when we can all get together for a fitting celebration!

SS. Simon and Jude Conference



2020 Jubilarian Awards - Sacred Heart Conference in Prescott

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Sacred Heart Conference in Prescott held a special, private ceremony in which the following Vincentians were presented with the Jubilarian Award. Father Ralph blessed the Jubilarian Crucifixes with appropriate readings and prayers related to giving service to others.

MONA ANDERSON, who worked for Deacon Tom Kayser at the church to get babysitters for Sunday mass and helped Tina in the parish office answering phones. Mona is quite active in our Conference where she works in the pantry, is on the cleaning team, helps at the Christmas party and wraps presents. She says she has learned "Life is what you make it".

SHERRY BACA, who joined SVDP after she retired in 2014. Sherry does computer entry, has filled holiday food boxes, works on the Christmas party, interviews candidates for the Jubilarian awards, and serves as the SVDP historian. She feels "everything SVDP does is so worthwhile and so needed".

MICHAEL LACKEY, who belongs to the Parish Mens' Spirituality group. Michael heard about SVDP from his wife (Sue Fleming) and had a history of helping others. At SVDP he has interviewed clients in the office and has worked in the pantry. Wisdom he wishes to share with others: "A kind word goes a long way."



*Front row: Patricia Pope, Coralyn Mena, Michael Lackey—Middle row: Sherry Baca, Mona Anderson
Back row: Father Ralph Awardee not present: Gerry Schmaedick*

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Jubilarian Awards... Continued

CORALYN MENA, who owned and ran a beauty school for 12 years before becoming the secretary at Sacred Heart Church for 23 years. She mainly volunteers as a client server at SVDP and helps with the Christmas party. One of her most memorable experiences was working with Josh. What she has learned from others is “be kind to everyone.”

PATRICIA POPE, who is very active in the parish. Just a few of her activities include Eucharistic minister, lector, Adoration Chapel, and jail ministry. Patricia joined SVDP here in Prescott when it was first started in 1992. She has volunteered in many areas for SVDP including client server, home visits, fund raisers, Christmas parties/food boxes, and shopping for supplies. Wisdom she wishes to share: “Open our heart and let Jesus be our Guide. You never know what tomorrow will bring.”

GERRY SCHMAEDICK, who retired from teaching business at NAU in 2014. Prior to that he worked for 20 years for an International development non-profit working with poor farmers in Latin American and Africa. In the parish he is a lector and does perpetual adoration weekly. In SVDP he does client interviews, data entry on the computer, and is currently secretary. What he has learned from serving the poor is that “the rewards of service outweigh the cost.”



Sherry Baca
Sacred Heart Conference

December General Membership

*Will be on December 12
This will be a virtual meeting.
More info to follow, along with the link to attend.*



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council Aid Program

(formerly referred to as Diocesan Council twinning)

The purpose is to identify poor Conferences that need financial assistance and to authorize that those identified conferences will receive funds that have been allocated for this purpose. (Committee Charter approved by the Diocesan Council Board 09/2017)

History of the Program: For more than forty years, the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix has recognized that some conferences associated with our Council, through no fault of their own, do not have access to sufficient donor funds from their parish and/or District to operate as a conference.

While many conferences may from time to time be in need of some type of financial assistance, there are certain conferences that cannot provide any financial help to the poor without reliable funding from sources other than their Parish and/or their District Council.

For the past several years, funds for this Diocesan Council program have come from a portion of the fees charged to conferences by the Food Reclamation for food boxes and direct contributions from conferences, District Councils, and private donors. Funds accumulated in this account are distributed to approved conferences in “good standing” at or before each Diocesan Council General Membership Meeting (GMM).

Applications are accepted annually starting in November and must be submitted to Vincentian Support Services (VSS) on or before a date set by the Conference Resource Committee and announced to the conferences at least 30 (thirty) days in advance of said deadline. Late submissions will not be considered for the First Quarter distribution and will be considered by request of the District president and at the discretion of the Committee.

Conference requests for Diocesan Council Aid are evaluated on, but not limited to, the general standards and factors listed below. The committee will evaluate the listed items in light of the conference, its history, current area conditions, and in context of the responses and explanations provided on the application and during the interview process.

In addition to reviewing the conference’s application, Annual Report, interview and recommendation from their District president, the Committee will make their decisions in consultation with the Diocesan Council President.

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Over the course of the past Fiscal Year the conference shall have:

Conference Operating Standards

- Had a full slate of officers
- Had a Spiritual Advisor
- Held regular conference meetings - at least twice a month
- Had a set of approved written Conference guidelines that were distributed to all members
- Attended at least 80% of their District Council and 50% of the Diocesan Council's General Membership Meetings
- Completed and submitted their Quarterly & Annual Reports in a timely manner
- Required all members to be compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Training standards and requirements

Financial Activity

- Received less than \$40,000 from their parish and/or District Council
- Made use of other SVdP programs and resources: grants, FAM, legal, dental, medical, Capital Asset Funds, etc.
- Identified and reached out to Community resources that could provide additional assistance for those in need
- Submitted twinning requests to other conferences for food and/or financial support
- Conducted Fund Raisers or Special Events to help bring in additional funds
- Spent at least 80% of conference funds with a minimum of 60% of those funds being used for client aid
- Requested financial support from their District

Serving "Those in need"

- Provided hours of operation and/or means of contact that afforded "those in need" easy access to the conference and its services
- Provided and documented Spiritual Aid to those whom they served
- Provided and recorded referrals to those whom they served
- Conducted Home visits with at least 20% of all client contact/interactions being in -person visits provided in the home of the people being served

Any conference that is in "good standing" may submit an application for Diocesan Council Aid. The standards and items listed above are provided to increase understanding of the program and the factors that will be used in the decision making process.

This year, applications for Diocesan Council Aid (formerly referred to as Diocesan Council Twinning) will be due no later than Friday, December 18th. Applications including a cover letter may be obtained from Vincentian Support.

Please feel free to contact Shirley Smalley, Chair of the Conference Resource Committee at msmal14727@aol.com or 602-799-3129 if you have questions or need additional information. ★



Reminder

SET Renewals

All Vincentians must complete the Safe Environment Training requirements set by the Diocese of Phoenix. Vincentians who have previously completed their requirements and received an approved status for 2019-2020, must now complete an online renewal.

The Safe Environment year runs July 1st through June 30th. Because of COVID-19, this year's renewal is available only online.

Renewals must be completed annually and background checks every five years. **The 2020 SET Renewal is available now and must be completed according to the deadline set by your Parish and no later than December 31st.**

Visit <http://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>, and access the file you created last year, update any information and click on the online renewal box. If you cannot remember your user name and/or password, contact your parish SET Coordinator. See example.

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DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

**Safe Environment Training
2020 ONLINE
RENEWAL**

"The Different Faces of Grooming"

Expires 07/07/2021

2020 ONLINE RENEWAL Safe Environment Curriculum for
LAY PEOPLE - Phoenix

Includes: Training Notice; Video; Interaction and Behavior Chart;
Procedures to Report; Code of Ethics; Policy and Pr...

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

Tom Margalski
Judy Allard
Nancy Hackert
Veronica Nord
Maureen Julian

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Caroline Steele
Bob Bruce

HOLY CROSS

Rose Burmich
Sharon Smith
Martin (Lefty) Wolf

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Mike Vize
Barbara Reed
Lindsey Plas
Lynn Treimer
Lee Marteleer
Al and Regina Gilson
Pam Willis
Diane McCann

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Forrest Dougherty
Dale Nickekl
Mary Zarlengo

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF THE DESERET

Richard Gordon

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE

Susan Petrie
Mary Kay Dunlevy
Martina Bonilla

SACRED HEART—PARKER

Karen Rath
Mary Gonzales
Sandra Woulms
Dora
Gloria Lopez

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Dennis Orr

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Sandra Jarr

ST. JAMES

Diane Stofko
Abel Noble

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SACRED HEART—PRESCOTT

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Herb Bourgault

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John Winters

ST. TIMOTHY

Karen Wilson

ST. LOUIS THE KING

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Raul & Elvia Lujan
Mario & Mary Fierros

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Joyce Murphy

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Kathy Ferguson
Sandy Smith

ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC

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ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Sammy Valencia

ST. MARY—KINGMAN

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Roger and Rita Gaumond
Diane Schatz

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Nancy Weise

ST. JEROME

Nancy Barnes
Yvonne Hurley

ST. MATTHEW

Evelyn Guerra

ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE

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Harry Steckler
Mary Taylor
Lucia Mastroianni
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ST. JOAN OF ARC

Paul Parent

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Violet Doscocil

Queen of Peace

John Kowalski

Corpus Christi

Bob Muller

Corpus Christi

Jack Egan

St. John Vianney Sedona

Thomas Mayer

St. Timothy

Charles “Tom” Keller

St. Timothy

***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.***

2020 Conference Thanksgiving & Christmas Programs

In 2020 Vincentians will continue three projects: Turkey Tuesday, Adopt a Family, and the Million Meal Crusade. Many guidelines remain as in past years, because of the pandemic some changes have been implemented for Vincentians, clients, and sponsors.

District and conference presidents should note the following:

ADOPT A FAMILY:

Cut off date to receive information for potential Sponsors is Dec. 4
When meeting: Sponsors, clients and Vincentian must follow all guidelines in re Covid-19
Client still must acknowledge that they will only apply for one Christmas program by signing.
Suggestion for sponsors Christmas gifting: takes in mutual agreed Covid-19 safe location
The Christmas dinner for the family: Sponsors will give clients a gift card for their preferred store.
Questions – Dottie Sullivan
sudot.cox.net or (480) 682-8690



TURKEY TUESDAY:

Vincentians will meet with Bashas' & Food City store managers in advance to thank them
Vincentians will NOT remain at the stores on Turkey Tues.
Vincentians will pick up the donations at noon and 7 pm
Questions: contact Sandy Edwards



MILLION MEAL CRUSADE:

Promoted by KNIX, Safeway and Albertson stores
Conferences have assigned stores for pick up of meals for the families in need.
Conference presidents will visit Deli managers to arrange for pick-up times.
Prepared meals (frozen) to be picked-up on Nov. 16 and 17 and December 20 and 21
Conference notifies Sandy Edwards of extra Meals
Needing to be picked up by our trucks



Any questions:

contact Sandy Edwards sedwards@svdpaz.org



Year End Wish List

Help support those we **serve** each month.

Just as your own needs change depending on the **season**, so do ours!
We're asking for specific **food** items and **personal items** for all ages and sizes.

Feed.

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats
- Canned tuna
- Dry rice/beans
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Canned chili w/ beans
- Pasta noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Cases of water

Clothe.

- Men's sneakers/boots
- Cooling towels/bandanas
- Men's jeans (28-48)
- Men's clothes (XL-XXL)
- Men's underwear
- Rain panchos
- Winter jackets

House.

- Rolling luggage
- Clean backpacks
- Gently used yoga mats
- Laundry soap/pods
- Bike U-locks
- Twin bed sheets
- Blankets

Heal.

- Lip balm
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Body wash
- Combs/brushes
- Shaving razors
- Shaving cream



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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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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
visit plannedgiving.stvincentdepaul.net.

Take a look at our planned giving tools, including a benefit calculator. To discuss giving options, contact Donna Rodgers at 602-261-6884 or plannedgiving@svdpaz.org.

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