



# 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

## *Giving Up Stereotyping Others for Lent*

Lent is a time in the Catholic liturgical year that calls all of the faithful to focus on growing closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During these forty days, we are encouraged to take stock of our spiritual life and to quiet ourselves and create a deeper space in our hearts so that we can encounter the Risen Christ at Easter in a renewed and more meaningful way. For most of us, the pandemic and CDC guidelines have changed the ways in which we gather, prepare, and pray but the additional time that such changes have created are a perfect platform for us to spend more time in personal spiritual growth.

As a child, I often looked forward to Lent and the opportunity to give something up. Nothing I really cared about of course. I tried several years to give up school for the sake of my spiritual growth. It didn't work. While personal sacrifice and fasting are a meaningful part of Lent, how many of us honestly use those practices in a manner that helps us grow in holiness and prepares our hearts to meet Christ anew at Easter?

Giving up things we care about is difficult and certainly a personal sacrifice but does giving up chocolate, wine, or going on a diet really make us or the world better? This Lent we have the time and space to address giving up something that often times interferes with our Vincentian vocation and in growing closer to God. We can work on reducing or eliminating our prejudices and stereotypes of the poor.

The welfare programs in America were founded on the belief that there are two types of needy people, the "worthy" and the "unworthy poor". Our nation is committed to helping the "worthy poor" while at the same time believing that we are entitled to expressing great disdain and rejection for the "unworthy poor". For example, to many people it is clear that someone with a nice car, large house, great furniture or an iPhone cannot possibly be poor and certainly is not deserving of our support or assistance. It is hard to be poor on many levels including the fact that you often feel that people are judging you. As someone struggling with poverty, you feel great pressure to prove that you are in the "worthy Poor" group and not one of the slothful, irresponsible unworthy poor.

To be considered worthy, a poor person is often expected to be clean but not over dressed, orderly and organized but not overly so, and they should most certainly be spending their money only on necessities while saving for the future. It goes without saying that they should also be gainfully employed working as many hours as possible.

In the article "Poor People Deserve Nice Things", Reina Sultan shares her firsthand experiences of the beliefs that many of us hold about the poor:

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## Stereotyping...

*Poor people need to work hard and enjoy nothing until said work lifts them into a higher socioeconomic class. Only then can a previously poor person enjoy the fruits of their labor. Only rich people deserve to participate in American consumerism. The rest of us are just too lazy to have nice things. We poor people aren't financially literate enough to make the right monetary decisions. That's why we're still poor."*

I have to admit that I often fall prey to the temptation to stereotype the people that call upon the Society for help. I am a little hesitant when I drive up to a house for a visit and see a vehicle in the driveway that costs more than my own or am surprised by an oversized big screen television mounted on the living room wall. I start thinking to myself that perhaps they are taking advantage of the Society and its donors and are not worthy of our assistance. While as Vincentians, we are called to be stewards of the funds entrusted to us, we are not called to make decisions based on physical impressions only. We are called to listen to their story and their request with open hearts and minds. We are asked to judge the request not the person.

This Lent I am going to work on giving up my prejudice and stereotypical beliefs about the poor. I am also going to try to give up being so judgmental and work to educate myself more about the true nature of poverty in Arizona and in our country. While my parents were part of the working poor, growing up I never knew that. It was only as an adult that I learned that at times they had to borrow money or sell things to pay the rent. My parents were kind, generous and hardworking. They took in foster children, bought gifts for orphans, walked our neighborhood collecting for the March of Dimes and donated to all kinds of charities. My Dad was a police officer who spent many a night sitting by the bedside of a person critically injured in a car accident who had no one available to be with them when they took their last breath. They were good people that came from broken homes but who did their very best they could to live good lives and raise a family.

The poor are in so many ways just like us. They have struggles beyond their capacity to handle and need some outside support but they deserve nice things and they deserve our respect. As Blessed Rosalee Rendu pointed out the poor are our masters for without them we could not grow in holiness through service. A giver needs a receiver and we are indebted to them for accepting our humble gifts. I pray that during this Lent each of us has the courage to take inventory of our beliefs about those whom we serve and give up any negative prejudgments that may have taken root in our hearts. May we all learn to see others through our Heavenly Father's eyes and care for the poor with a heart as merciful and compassionate as our Lord's.

*By Shirley Smalley*

## ***SACRED HEART PRESCOTT CONFERENCE HOSTS CHRISTMAS DRIVE THRU EVENT***



The Prescott Conference of SVdP spent six months planning their 2020 Christmas Activities. Due to Covid-19, the annual Children's Christmas party had to be re-engineered as a drive through "Christmas on Wheels". A steering committee was formed to plan the December event.

The plan involved participating families driving their cars along a predetermined path moving from one station to another for the children to receive Christmas surprises. Participants inside the cars were to wear masks while volunteers would be masked and following social distancing protocols. As the plan came together, subcommittees were formed to oversee each station and other logistics.



In the fall, notices were sent through Sacred Heart Church and the community requesting donations of new unwrapped toys/gifts for children. Collection boxes were placed at the church and the SVDP Thrift Store. Toys for Tots, Soul Connection, Sacred Heart Parishioners, Alpha Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma and community members donated toys, gift cards and cash.

The Registration Committee developed a flyer and registration form that was publicized through the Sacred Heart Church bulletin, email, Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart Hispanic program, SVDP office and Thrift Store, Solid Rock Church, United Methodist Church, and Prescott Unified School District. The form asked for names, ages, grades, and genders of the children participating so appropriate gifts and activities could be matched to each child.

The Gift Wrapping and Distribution Committee collected and wrapped gifts, sorting them into boxes labeled by gender (boy or girl) and age (0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11). Due to Covid-19, many Vincentians took presents home to wrap.

The Activity Bags Committee put together packets of supplies, crafts and activities appropriate for children based on their grade level (PreK-K, Gr. 1-2, Gr. 3-4, Gr. 5 and up). These packets included folders, notebooks, markers, art supplies, puzzles & activities, religious ornament kits, and religious coloring books.

The Snacks and Treats Committee assembled treat bags for each child. They contacted local businesses for donations and received candy from the Treat Center. The committee purchased several nutritious items to include in the bags.

The Children's Christmas on Wheels Drive Thru was held in the parking lot of Catholic Charities across from the Prescott SVdP office with over 174 children participating. A U-shaped drive through path was mapped out consisting of seven stations. Before the event, volunteers met outside to set up supplies including canopies, tables, propane heaters, decorated trees, reindeer and inflatable snowman.



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After check-in, the families drove their cars to the Blanket Distribution station. In partnership with the local Project Linus group, SVdP received 180 sanitized and packaged handmade blankets. Each child received a blanket appropriate for their age and gender.

The 3rd and 4th stations featured Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers. Mrs. Claus distributed candy canes to the children in the cars while Santa conversed with them and wished them a Merry Christmas. Santa's helpers handed wrapped presents to each child in the car. Each family was also given a Christmas potholder and Christian bookmark.

At the 5th and 6th stations, volunteers handed out the Children's Activity bags and Snack bags to each child. The 7th station was compliments of Frannie's Frozen Yogurt. They set up a truck at the end of the route and gave each child the choice of vanilla or chocolate yogurt.

In addition to this event, the Prescott conference also continued the annual Christmas food box distribution program. This year the conference provided over 230 families with a food box that included a turkey and other items for a Christmas meal. Eighty of these families were also given a \$25 gift card. Some extra toys from the Children's Christmas party were included in the food boxes of families with children.

Volunteers gave 334.5 hours to the Children's Christmas party and the conference received donations of 425 toys. Extra toys were donated in some family's food boxes, the Cottonwood conference received 100 toys, and the Williams conference received 140 toys. Gift cards and cash donations totaled \$1,335 and \$270, respectively.



## *News from St. Gabriel...*

At 90 years of age and after 25 years of dedicated service to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Dolores Galligan has decided to step back as an active member of the St. Gabriel the Archangel Conference. She started her service as a Vincentian at Our Lady of Joy, in January 1996, and joined St. Gabriel in 2006 where she has been faithfully serving her church and our neighbors in need in our community. She served as treasurer when she was at Our Lady of Joy and also started volunteering at the Foothills Food Bank, a duty she kept until Covid 19 reared its ugly head last year, and it was no longer safe for her to continue.

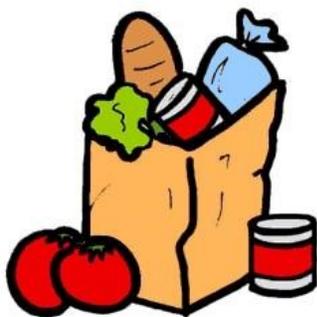


As a retired RN and as a Vincentian, she also volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul medical clinic downtown.

Dolores is a highly valued and esteemed member of our community who has touched many lives in her compassionate service to so many. We wish her well.

## **General Membership Meeting**

**The next GM will be on Saturday, March 20, 2021  
We will provide a link at a later date.**



## ***SVdP SPRING FOOD-DRIVE***



This year, we are again going to give conferences the opportunity to participate in a Spring or Summer Food Drive

On Saturday, March 20th after the Quarterly Meeting we will have Food Drive supplies at the warehouse at 420 W. Watkins St. in Phoenix for all who wish to participate. Supplies will be available 12 Noon till 2:00 PM.

Conferences may pick up the free supplies which they have ordered for conducting their local food drives. These include grocery bags, envelopes, and flyers suggesting appropriate types of food for donation by parishioners. Typically, these materials will be stapled together, distributed to parishioners one weekend, and returned with donations the following weekend. The MEN of OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP (OLPH) & the OLPH SVdP Conference (Scottsdale) will have material sorted for you if you wish to participate.

We suggest you ask your Pastor's permission to participate.

Lucy Meraz (602-850-6761) will be sending out further information shortly asking Conference Presidents to sign up.

If you need food supplies for the spring or summer, please consider participating.

"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and passed them out to the people. Afterwards He did the same with the fish. And everyone ate until full!" (John 6:11)



# BRICKS to build the foundation

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Part I, 3.14 of the Rule states that “The Society’s funds must be handled with the utmost care, prudence and generosity. Money must not be hoarded.”

In the case where a Conference realizes a large donation, it may, in consultation with the District, develop a plan to supplement monthly expenditures with income from invested funds. The large donation may be invested in a savings account, Certificate of Deposit (CD) or in equities or bonds. “Hoarding” would result if the Conference purposely allows the principal of the investment to grow with the sole objective to accumulate additional excess funds. Normally a Conference would plan to eventually draw down the investment for the purposes of assisting the poor.

Excess funds may be used to support the work of other Conferences (local, domestic, international). This is called “**twinning**.” Excess funds may also be used to help cover the costs of Council special works and programs. In addition, excess funds could be donated to the Vincentian Endowment which provides funding for all conferences.

In setting Conference Guidelines, members should remember that assistance to the people we serve is based on their need and not on rules in place to maintain the level of funds in Conference investment portfolios, CD's or saving accounts. The one exception to the concept of reserves is in the case where the Conference itself is operating a special work, such as a thrift store or a dining room. A portion of the funds may be placed in a reserve to pay anticipated expenses (such as rent, utilities, etc.) for a short period of time (up to six months is recommended).

A Conference which is presented with a large gift of funds can refer to the Phoenix Diocesan Council Policy for Conference Funds Management which is attached as an Appendix.

**Remember, we should always operate based on dependence upon Divine Providence.** 

## APPENDIX: POLICY FOR CONFERENCE FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Approved by the Phoenix Diocesan Council Board of Directors

June 20, 2018

The Phoenix Diocesan Council Board of Directors, on June 20, 2018, approved the Policy for Conference Funds Management.

As a “collective” entity, The Diocesan Council for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its affiliated Conferences have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the appropriate stewardship of assets contributed directly to the Council and its Conferences. The Council has, over many years, established a formal process to ensure this fiduciary responsibility is fulfilled, including the formalization of an Investment Committee (Committee) comprised of Board Members, Conference Members and outside investment professionals. The Committee has conducted a formal selection process to engage a third-party, fiduciary provider of investment advisory services (Investment Advisor) to manage the investment process under the oversight of the Committee and, ultimately, the Society’s Board. Additionally, the Committee has established an investment policy (Investment Policy Statement) to facilitate the governance of assets gifted to the Society and ultimately, protect the long-term, continuation of the mission of the Society through disciplined investment management of these assets.

Given this context, the Society’s Board is providing this policy to the Conferences to provide the same level of fiduciary oversight and stewardship of assets given directly to the Conferences. The Conferences subject to this policy shall:

- Conferences with operating cash or longer-term assets of \$100,000 or less, are required to ensure the safe keeping of these assets by having the assets invested in checking, savings, money market or Certificates of Deposit within FDIC Insurance coverage at a local bank or financial institution.
- Conferences that are given contributions or who have accumulated excess reserves greater than \$100,000 are expected to notify the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chair of the Society’s Investment Committee. Together, with the Conference, this collective group will secure investment advice and establish a separate investment account in the name of the Conference for the stewardship of these assets and protect the long-term, financial wellbeing of the Conference. The investment plans for such contributions will be developed with the direct input of the Conference’s leadership and managed in accordance with the Society’s Investment Policy Statement.
- Conferences are generally prohibited from holding individual equity or fixed income securities that do not fall under this policy unless these securities are under a restriction established at the time of the gift by the donor. If a contribution to a Conference meets these criteria, the Conference will notify the Chief Financial Officer and the Investment Committee Chair. Together, with the Conference, the collective group will secure investment advice with respect to a plan for the long-term stewardship of these securities.

## During COIVD, What Counts as a Meeting

The RULE of the Society states that every Conference must meet at least twice monthly.

Statute 5: Conferences Meet Frequently states:

Members of the Society traditionally gather in communities called "Conferences" which meet weekly or at least twice a month. This is to affirm the importance of the spiritual and social dimensions of Vincentians coming together as a community of faith and love, prayer and action.

NOTE: Meetings must be held in-person, however, during extreme circumstances such as natural disasters, severe weather conditions, and/or national crisis situations, meetings may be held by electronic means such as by conference calls or online gatherings. Adequate notice and access must be given to all members in order for these alternate means of meeting to be used. Email chains between members may not be used as a substitute for a meeting.

Many conferences have asked landlords to waive late fees on rental agreements. Some are willing to do so since evictions are now postponed for many until March 31st. Also, court costs may no longer be incurred.

Some landlords would rather have the rent payment as opposed to nothing at all. It's worth asking!

## Did you Know...

Did you know that [famvin.org](http://famvin.org) is a link for resources and information on the entire worldwide Vincentian Family? Visit this site for information and resources including reflections, history, articles, power point presentations, and videos. It is a great place to learn more about the entire Vincentian family and our Society.

## Frederic Ozanam & Collaboration

The first members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were not limited only to providing direct assistance to those in need. From our earliest days, Vincentians have collaborated with others. In December of 1833, the government administrators of the neighborhood of “La Bienfaisance” asked the members of the Conference to accept the role of “Commissioners of Charity.” This was the beginning of collaborative activity between the Society and other agencies that continues even today.

In 1834, the founding Vincentians met with young workers to begin helping them with their studies. A short time later, the Courts entrusted them with the mission of reaching out to young people who were in trouble. In 1836, the French Courts asked the Vincentians to help prisoners who had been recently released. In the same year, the Society began providing assistance to military troops. In order to defend the most vulnerable members of their area against rising food prices, the Conference created food pantries and dining rooms.

The first home built by Vincentians was for a poor family in 1842. The institution of “L’Avocat des pauvres” (advocacy group) was started in 1844. In 1850, the first Conference for businesses was founded. And around 1850, banks for unemployment and credit were founded by the Society as were recreational clubs for workers.

Today, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collaborates with the Vincentian Family around the world. Our Rule expresses this relationship: “Members throughout the world, together with other communities inspired by the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and with those whom they help, form a single family.” (Chapter 4.3)

Thus God smiled on the friendship of six young men and provided the group with the grace necessary to dream that particular dream, and the strength to make it become reality. And, from the beginning, God surrounded them with collaborators so that working together, they would have the opportunity to grow in holiness by assisting their neighbors living in poverty. May their collaboration in service be an inspiring example to us today.

Excerpts taken from article on Ozanam and Collaboration on [fanvin.org](http://fanvin.org). ♦

# *Lenten Opportunities*

Lent is one of the two penitential seasons that are included in the Catholic liturgical year. These two seasons, Advent and Lent, are placed within our Church calendar to help us prepare our hearts and our lives for two of the greatest Christian celebrations, the Nativity and the Resurrection of our Lord. During these penitential seasons, the Church calls us to spiritual growth through prayer, personal sacrifice and repentance. There are many opportunities available for us to prepare ourselves as conferences as we journey through Lent to the celebration of Easter. Some examples are listed below:

## **Attend Lenten Liturgies Or Services Together:**

Attendance at daily mass, Stations of the Cross or any other special Lenten liturgy or services are an excellent way to promote spiritual growth among conference members. To gather in addition to our normal meetings, for such services provides our members with additional opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. Celebrating and praying together not only helps us to grow in holiness, but it also makes the bonds between us grow stronger.

## **Schedule a Group Holy Hour Each Week:**

Schedule a specific Holy Hour for each week of Lent for your conference members to go to the Adoration Chapel at your parish Adoration Chapel or at one in your area. Spending time in silent prayer and meditation before the Lord will provide your conference and its members with a unique opportunity to sit in silent prayer with the Lord while in the company of their brother and sister Vincentians.

## **Attend a Retreat or Day of Recollection:**

Spiritual growth is the goal of the Lenten season. An excellent way to grow in holiness is by participating in a Retreat or Day of Reflection /Prayer.

Your Conference and/or District could select a scheduled event and attend it as a group. Your District or Conference President and Spiritual Advisor could work with your priest or deacon to develop and host a Lenten Retreat focused on the mission and values of the Society. Other conferences could even join you.

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## Vincentian Lenten Prayer:

A Prayer that can be said together as a Conference:

- Reader 1: Jesus said to his disciples: "[But] take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward."
- Reader 2: "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."
- Reader 3: "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."
- Reader 4: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6: 1-6,16-18)
- Reader 5: May Jesus gift us with his presence this Lent, so that we can be a gift to others as we:

### Right side:

Fast from judging others

Fast from unrelenting pressures

Fast from self-concern

Fast from personal anxiety

Fast from discouragement

Fast from criticism

Fast from complaining

Fast from social media

Fast from resentments

### Left Side:

to feast on kindness.

to feast on trusting God.

to feast on compassion.

to feast on hope.

to feast on encouragement.

to feast on affirmation.

to feast on complimenting.

to feast on prayer and silence.

to feast on forgiveness.

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## Together:

Lord, give us the grace to fast during Lent, so that we can truly celebrate Easter. Amen. \*This prayer is taken from the Spiritual Advisors Handbook

## Prayer and Soup:

A conference could offer or sponsor a prayer or para-liturgical service such as Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper. The Soup Supper could include soup donated by individuals who would bring their favorite soup to share with others along with their recipe. You could also encourage individuals and families to bring their own soup bowls and spoons and possibly some bread to share with others. Participants could even be asked to donate what their normal meal would have cost to the conference with those donated funds being used to buy food for the poor.

## SVdP Coffee Can Campaign:

During the Season of Lent, we often recall the Parable of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12.41-44). The widow put two small copper coins into the collection (which represented a real sacrifice for her) while Scribes and Pharisees were making a big show of giving large amounts which came from their excess funds. The Lord judged the Widow's offering to be a better one.

By sponsoring a "Coffee Can Campaign", your conference could help families remember the need to help people less fortunate by personal sacrifice. Parents could be encouraged to lead by example and suggest a daily offering from each member of the family explaining that this offering will enable the St. Vincent de Paul to help feed the hunger and cloth the naked. Young adults often have a real awareness of poverty from what they see among their friends and classmates. Ask them to do their part to help those in need.

## Example of Bulletin Campaign:

**WHAT:** JOIN US IN THE SVdP COFFEE CAN CAMPAIGN. MAKE THIS A LENTEN FAMILY EFFORT. *Simply take an empty coffee can and cut a slit in the lid. If you have younger children, they can even wrap the can with special drawings of Jesus or the widow with her offering. Place the can in a prominent place in your home. Each family member can deposit money into the can over the course of the Lenten and Easter seasons. Be creative. Deposit your change, allowance or any special offering you might have to help feed the hungry and to be more like the generous widow.*

**WHEN:** *The Coffee Can Campaign runs from the beginning of Lent to Pentecost Sunday (the last day of the Lenten/Easter Season).*

Donations can be collected by your conference perhaps at all masses on Pentecost Sunday or another weekend during the Easter season. ♦

## ***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***

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

***MOST HOLY TRINITY***

Jackie Hennings

***OLPH SCOTTSDALE***

John Corcoran  
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

***OUR LADY OF LOURDS***

Carol Voit

***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

***ST. BRIDGET***

Cheryl Crame  
Sandra Jarr

***ST. JAMES***

Diane Stofko  
Abel Noble

***ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA***

Betty Winick

***SACRED HEART—PRESCOTT***

Richard Howell  
Herb Bourgault

***ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE***

John Winters

***ST. TIMOTHY***

Karen Wilson

***ST. LOUIS THE KING***

Ed & Esther Escarcega  
Raul & Elvia Lujan  
Mario & Mary Fierros

***ST. CLARE OF ASSISI***

Joyce Murphy

***ST. GERMAINE***

Pat Caldwell  
Joe Zambito  
Sue Christian  
Freda Jeffries  
Fred Widmer  
Kathy Ferguson  
Sandy Smith

***ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC***

Rev. Peter Dobrowski

***ST. MARTIN DE PORRES***

Sammy Valencia

***ST. MARY—KINGMAN***

Patty Couch  
Roger and Rita Gaumont  
Diane Schatz

***ST. MARY MAGDALENE***

Nancy Weise

***ST. JEROME***

Nancy Barnes  
Yvonne Hurley

***ST. MATTHEW***

Evelyn Guerra

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

Gene Harmeling  
Irene Sosnicki  
Harry Steckler  
Mary Taylor  
Lucia Mastroianni  
Terry DeYoung  
Al and Alice LaRocque

***ST. JOAN OF ARC***

Paul Parent

***ST. STEVEN'S***

Pat Krause

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John Jakubczyk  
Peter McQuaid  
Kathleen Nageotte  
Sharon Ehmann  
Paul Joseph DeMuro  
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# REQUIESCAT IN PACE



**Nancy Lepardo**

*St. Maria Goretti*

**Frank Bonk**

*St. Paul*

**John Gimon**

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Belen Guevara**

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

***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.***



Phoenix Council Vincentians each year contributed more than \$3 million with one-time rent and utilities help to keep working families in their homes. Your help to the Vincentian Endowment can continue this critical work.

## MANY WAYS TO SAY “YES”

There are many ways for you to make a lasting and tangible difference through the Vincentian Endowment.

### Monthly Gift

This is a popular method of giving moderately on a monthly basis. More than 200 individuals are part of this monthly program that proudly states, “I Pay (Ten, Twenty or Thirty Dollars a Month!).” These donors are the generous heart of our Vincentian Endowment.

### Estate Gift

Planned giving through your estate to include the Vincentian Endowment is easy and often quite helpful to family estate plans. Your gift will serve thousands of families for decades to come and will be matched by the hard work of thousands of our Vincentian volunteers.

### IRA or Sale of Assets

Your financial planner can provide background on this method of giving. Many donors have found that giving through their IRA or sale of assets offers significant long term planning benefits for larger gifts. What gift could be more meaningful than knowing your years of hard work will be rewarded by good works perpetually done to help those in need?

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your consideration of a gift to the Vincentian Endowment. For more information, please contact Bill Klink from Vincentian Support Services. Bill has served as a Vincentian volunteer for more than 30 years.

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## ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### History and Programs

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. We have been serving our community throughout central and northern Arizona since 1946.

Programs include: services for the homeless; medical and dental care for the working poor; charity dining rooms that serve thousands each day; food boxes for hungry families; rent and utility payment help; thrift stores throughout the region; a bridge housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.

### Conference Chapters

At the heart of this organization is the work of more than 80 neighborhood-and-parish-based “Conferences of Charity,” made up of nearly 3,500 Vincentians (volunteers) who have chosen to pursue service to others as a path to personal spiritual growth.

Our conferences across Arizona help without regard to any qualifier, except need. That means any family who needs help is eligible - but only if enough financial resources are there to help. That’s where your support of our Vincentian Endowment can serve families for years to come.

## YOUR HELP MATTERS

At St. Vincent de Paul, we take seriously, and as a matter of character, our responsibility to be good stewards of the donor funds entrusted to us.

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# 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%

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](https://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](mailto:plannedgiving@svdpaz.org).

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