

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM MARCH 4th @ 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 26
- Walk-in Applicants- 2

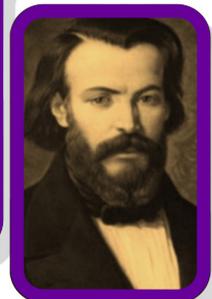
FEAST DAY REFLECTION

Blessed Rosalie Rendu, February 7th

Jeanne Marie Rendu, later called Sister Rosalie Rendu, was the eldest of four girls in her family. She was from a simple, well respected family who lived in the mountains. When Jeanne was only three years old, the French Revolution broke out in France. At this time, many faithful priests were forced to flee because people wanted to hurt them. The Rendu family home became a refuge for many of these priests. Following the death of her father and baby sister, Jeanne helped her mother to look after the family. Jeanne's mother sent her to a boarding school so she could get a good education. During her two years at school, Jeanne discovered a hospital where the Daughters of Charity cared for the sick. Her mother gave her permission to spend

some time at the hospital, and Jeanne soon felt called by God to become a Daughter of Charity. When she was nearly 17 years old, Jeanne entered the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity and received the name Rosalie. She took vows to serve God and the poor, and spent over 50 years living out those vows. She opened a free clinic, a pharmacy, a school, an orphanage, a childcare center, a home for the elderly and a youth club for young workers. She became known as the "good mother of all", and helped Frederic Ozanam and his friends to do good works, which is how the St Vincent de Paul Society started. As well as assisting the poor in the streets and in their homes, Sister Rosalie showed great courage and leadership during the bloody uprisings that took

place in France in 1830 and 1848. During the battles, Sister Rosalie would climb up on the barricades, risking her life, to help wounded soldiers, regardless of which side they were fighting on. Although her health was always fragile, Sister Rosalie never rested. She preferred to keep serving the poor, and managed to overcome fatigue and illness. Eventually, however, her huge workload, combined with her age and increased frailty, broke her resistance, and she became progressively blind during the last two years of her life. She died on 7 February 1856.



JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance- \$81,741.34
Total Receipts- \$11,454.73
Total Distributions- \$12,016.63
Ending Balance- \$81,179.44

This information is provided to you on a monthly basis by our treasurer, Paul LaPierre. This is an overall monthly summary. For more detailed information, you may contact Paul at the office by calling 892-0526.



50 YEARS OF HAPPINESS

Margie and Charlie were married in New York on January 30, 1971 and arrived in New Mexico the very next day. Charlie wanted to raise a family away from the big city and was looking for something better. Their Brother-in-Law was an AMREP representative at the time, and he gave them a down payment on a parcel of land in Rio Rancho as a wedding gift. Eventu-

ally the remainder of their family moved to Rio Rancho. They raised 2 boys and have 4 grandchildren. St. Thomas Aquinas has been their parish family since the early 1970's. Margie and Charlie have been members of St. Vincent de Paul for over ten years. Margie serves on the board while Charlie is an important part of our annual Thanksgiving distribution.



Vow Renewal Ceremony
January 31, 2021

“Let us accept all that comes our way. God will send us enough money and enough goods, provided we use them well.”

Blessed Rosalie Rendu



YOUR BOARD WORKING FOR YOU

Our board met the second week of January for the annual planning meeting. The board reviews the past year's activities, budgets, plans the new year, and the future direction of the conference. The board set the 2021 calendar in a new format which is

located on the conference website. The board is working on updating policies and procedures for the office, the Membership committee, and Resource committee. The board is also looking for new guest speakers to showcase at the monthly General meetings. If you

have any requests for guest speakers, please contact our President, Candace, with your ideas. Many traditional activities the conference is involved in, have been put on hold due to the pandemic. The conference wants to resume regular meetings and activities as soon as it can be safely done.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

We would like to recognize and honor some of our volunteers who are stepping down from their roles in the conference. Diane Taylor, has led the Social committee for three years. Diane takes pride in serving the best food and coffee at meetings and social events. Bernice Mascarenas is leaving the bulletin com-

mittee after five years of service. Bernice worked with both parish offices to make sure our communications were published in the weekly bulletins. Jill Lythgoe revived the Resource committee after it stalled for months. Jill led the committee for the past two years forming a new program with about eight

active members. We would like to thank all of these people for their efforts and hard work over the years. The extension of themselves improved our conference. The conference is now seeking a volunteer for the bulletin position and social committee. If you are interested in volunteering for either position, please contact Candace.

February Birthdays

Theresa Andazola
 Bennie Baca
 MaryLou Benevegna
 Jeff Estvanko
 Cecilia Kahle
 Amanda Manno
 Diane Taylor

THE RULE

Rule 7.2 – A vision of the civilization of love- Affirming the dignity of each human being as created in God's image, and Jesus' particular identification with those who are excluded by society, Vincentians envision a more just society in which the rights, responsibilities and development of all people are promoted.

As citizens of one world, Vincentians listen to the voice of the Church which demands their participation in creating a more equitable and compassionate social order, promoting the culture of life and the civilization of love. In this way, the Society shares the Church's mission to evangelize the world through visible witness, in both actions and words.



February Vincentian Prayer List

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Mike Jerome– Healing from Parkinson's disease– Barb Jerome

Fred Richardson– Healing from Parkinson's & compression fractures– Louise

Mary Clara Cimino– Recovering from a brain aneurysm– Louise Richardson

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Complete healing of future brain tumors- Terri Hall

Father Young– Complete healing and comfort- Terri Hall

Gene & Claire Olona– Improved health and healing– Terri Hall

Dennis Hall– Healing of Thyroid disease and Diabetes Mellitus– Terri Hall

Maria Rodriguez– Complete recovery after heart surgery– Jill Lythgoe

Gene Olona– Recently diagnosed with diabetes– Claire Olona

Ava- Precious child, one year old, dealing with a very serious and rare heart disorder that may require surgery- Connie Shingleton

An end to abortion and euthanasia in the world– Terri Hall

Homeless– May they take comfort in Jesus– Debby Estvanko

Unification and pride in our country (God bless America)- Debby Estvanko

