

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

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- Walk-in Applicants- 0

DEACON'S REFLECTION

The demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. In the Gospel, first the person who finds the buried treasure in a field comes upon it by happenstance; the find just happens without effort; it is pure gift.



The role of discipleship is to become aware of the treasure when it is found. Second, the merchant

knows his or her business and recognizes the prized pearl when it is found. The role of discipleship here is to be diligent in the search, not become discouraged and give up, seek until the "pearl of great price" is found. (Living Liturgy, p. 204)

"To be servants of the poor... O Mon Dieu! What a lovely title and what a beautiful description! Servants of the poor, that is just the same as to say Servants of Jesus Christ, for He regards as done to Himself what is done to them, and they are His members. And what did He do on

earth, but serve the poor?" –St. Vincent de Paul (McKenna, Praying with Vincent, p.42)



TREASURER'S REPORT



- Beginning Balance- \$48,224.77
- After Collection- \$61,690.06
- Distributions- \$3559.99
- Ending balance- \$58,130.07

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.



July

Birthdays

Sal Benevegna

Helen Glowacki

Laura Greico

Candace Hintenach

Maria Rodriguez

Glenda Sigg

Juanita Wilson

Angela Zieglar

*God
Makes
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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

On the advice of the board, I sent out a letter to our members with active status in the conference appealing to them to consider running for the Office of President. The letter was sent to over 50 volunteers. The deadline for responses is quickly approaching. Since we are not able to meet in person for the

election, we will send out bios via email and hold the election the old fashion way, through the US mail. The process may feel a bit antiquated but it follows "The Rule" for the election. The board will further discuss the logistics and more information will be available soon. The election will be held next month with the new presi-

dent beginning in October. The newly elected president will then choose their board. Forming the board may take a matter of months. Our conference is full of great Vincentians, so I have no doubt our new president will have no trouble taking over the reins. I hope you will make that person feel as loved as you have made me feel.

BOARD MEETING

A few weeks ago we had a board meeting for the first time since February. Because of the pandemic, we were not able to meet as a full board because our Board is blessed with ten members plus our Office Manager, Laura, and Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Tom. This meeting consisted of the appointed members and our two Senior Board Members that have been with me since I was elected as Conference President. Of course we wore masks and sat far apart from each other. Yes, it

was hard to hear each other at times but I felt it was very important for us to meet to make sure we were all on the same page or talk about our differences. We needed to talk about the future of the conference during the pandemic, the safety of our office volunteers, Home Visitors, the conference election, SVdP weekend, and Thanksgiving. Life certainly is different but we are up for the challenge. We have faith in God and are moving forward with our plans, though they may be dif-

ferent from years past. Our first priority is keeping everyone safe especially since most members are over 60. Our office volunteers have had disinfectant in the office since the beginning, we've cut down on the amount of volunteers in the office for the time being, and have added an air purifier to the room. We have provided cloth face masks to office volunteers and Home Visitors. We are making plans for upcoming events. Please continue to be strong in God's plan and pray for strength to get us through this difficult time, and pray for each other.

THE RULE

4.3- The Vincentian Family- Members throughout the world, together with other communities inspired by the spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul and with those whom they help, form a single family. Gratefully remembering the support and encouragement the first Conference received from Blessed Rosalie Rendu, the Society maintains and develops close relationships with other branches of the Vincentian family, while preserving its identity. It cooperate with them in spiritual development and common projects, as well as with the Church's charitable pastoral initiatives at every level, whenever this may be mutually enriching and useful to those who suffer.

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

I would like to thank everyone for your encouragement and support over the years. Your kindness, love, and prayers have gotten me through some rough and

trying times. We may not always agree but that is part of the beauty of us as individuals with God given talents. Some have asked, how do you do it? When I get stuck, I

feel the Holy Spirit guiding me and I let Him take over. This job has truly been a blessing and an extraordinary journey. I can only hope the same for our next Conference President.

Vincentian Prayer List

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Mike Jerome– For healing from Parkinson's– Barb Jerome

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

Connie Shingleton– Battling breast cancer– Conference members

Lester Brazfield– Recovery from surgery and skin cancer– Debby Estvanko

Gayle Perryman– Fighting Guilain Barre' Syndrome- Fred & Marcella Kramer

Bennie Lovato– Regain his strength and health– Gerri Martinez

Laurene Harris– A quick and easy sale of her house– Debby Estvanko

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Recovery from brain tumors, seizures and severe headaches– Terri Hall's daughter

Georgia Salata– Only 16 years old, severely injured in a hit and run accident in Albuquerque. Please pray for a full recovery– Aunt Margie Magistro

Worldwide Scientists– To find a vaccine for the Coronavirus– Gerri Martinez

Front Line Workers– May the Lord protect them and keep them safe as they go out each day to help those in need– Gerri Martinez

Coronavirus Victims– Praying for recovery & those helping them

Lord hear our prayers