

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM NOVEMBER 5th@ 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 29
- Walk-in Applicants- 0

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

By Candace Hintenach

As of October 1, 2020, our St. Vincent De Paul Conference started a new year and I began my term as your newly elected President. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me to serve and lead this very active organization. I also want to thank our outgoing President, Debby Estvanko for her six years of outstanding servant leadership. She is a wonderful example for all of us. Even though Debby has handed me the gavel to carry on, she will continue to be an active member of our Conference and remain on the Board.

Many of you may not know much about me so here is a short biography. I've been a resident of Rio Rancho since 1996 when my husband, Jim, and I moved here from California. I joined St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in 2001. By profession, I'm a Certified Public Accountant and served on the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Finance Council for six years. Currently, I work at home part time as a sole proprietor. During my first

St. Vincent de Paul meeting in 2018, I found myself signing up to be a home visitor! Later I became a member of our Resource Committee. During the many home visits with our applicants, I learned so much! Stepping out of my comfort zone by doing something unrelated to finance was a blessing. I've grown both personally and spiritually.

These past several months have been a challenge for all of us. Our Conference has continued to operate during the pandemic by making some necessary changes. The office staff has adapted to wearing masks, social distancing and operating with fewer people in the office at one time. Instead of home visits, we have been doing visits by telephone. Our last general meeting was in March, 2020, and we have not been able to gather together in person since then. Through all of this, we have been able to carry on our mission of providing assistance to members of our community

who are in need.

As we move forward, the Conference will be operating as we are now until restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted. It is so important for us to stay connected as a Conference to share experiences, pray together and for one another, and continue to find ways to provide assistance to our community that are within The St. Vincent de Paul mission. Our first general meeting on Zoom was held October 8, 2020. We will continue having monthly general meetings using Zoom until we can once again gather together safely. I hope to see all of you over the coming months, especially those who may not have been able to attend our meetings in the past. We will be having our Thanksgiving distribution however; it will be organized differently this year. See page 2 for more details.

My thoughts are currently with the elderly and those who are going through a serious illness. Many are isolated from their family and friends and experiencing loneliness due to confinement at home. As Vincen-tians, I encourage all of you keep these individuals in your prayers and look for safe ways of reaching out to them.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance- \$56,874.32
After Collection- \$68,901.44
Distributions- \$12,220.06
Ending balance- \$56,681.38

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.



*October
Birthday's
Richard Acuna
Anthony Chavez
Laurene Harris
Cos Madrid
Ben Maes
Luci Martinez
Yvonne Montoya
Yolanda Roybal
Ingrid Schumacher
Pat White*



*Trust in
the Lord
for He
is Good*

OUR FEAST DAY

The Feast day of our patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul, fell on the last Sunday in September this year. It has been our privilege to speak from the pulpit at STA and SJV in past years to personally thank our clergy, office staff, and parishioners for their yearly support. We are thankful our churches are open for us to celebrate mass again but

were not allowed to speak for ourselves this year. Our priests read a short message from our conference at the end of each mass which we were pleased about. Also, our priests published our message in their emails to the parishioners. We have had positive feedback from our short message. We are so grateful for the recognition our

ministry is given. Our ministry thrives in our community because of our dedicated volunteers and the support we receive from our parishes. Thank you for being a part of this great ministry God has called you to. We will continue to have Zoom meetings until we can meet again in person. Please keep each other in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING PLANS BY DEBBY ESTVANKO

We are so pleased our parish is going to support the efforts of our SVdP Society for another Thanksgiving distribution. This year will be very different from past years. All items will be given through a drive up style outdoors on the day of distribution. Last year our drive up for disabled clientele went extremely well so we will build on that concept. It is still unknown if we are going to distribute coats and other warm clothing. We will be

seeking volunteers from November 13– 21st. We will need volunteers at Fr. D'Arco Hall from 8:00AM– 6:00PM daily to collect frozen turkeys, pies, and monetary donations. We will not be collecting other food items this year. If any are left in our care, they will be donated to one of our local food pantries. In lieu of nonperishable food, we will be giving each family a Walmart gift card valued at \$15.00 along with the turkey and pie. At this

point, we are still working out the finer details of the distribution but will keep you informed by email and have more information at our next Conference Zoom meeting on November 5th. If you volunteer for this year's distribution, you will need to wear a mask at all times and follow any other state restrictions. I will let you know when we have a schedule set up for volunteers. Flyers will be available shortly for you to email to applicants. Please pray for another successful distribution.

BOARD MEMBERS

Our newly elected President, Candace, has decided not to make any changes in the existing board. One member did decide to leave due to a work and volunteer

schedule overload. We would like to thank Sylvia Munoz for her six years of dedicated service. Our board members are: Joe Fink, Vice-President; Paul LaPierre, Treasurer;

Claire Olona, Secretary; Margie Magistro, Jill Lythgoe, Dusty Olson, Fred & Marcella Kramer, and Debby Estvanko board members; Deacon Tom Tynan Spiritual Advisor.

THE RULE

6.1 Every Member Should Foster Ecumenism- Each Vincentian should seek to deepen a personal commitment to ecumenism (promoting Christianity) and to cooperate in works of charity and justice as a contribution towards the achievement of that full and visible unity of the Church of Christ for which Christ prayed, "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they be one in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Installation Ceremony of new Conference President on September 30, 2020 Congratulations Candace Hintenach

During this pandemic all state restrictions have been followed by the board, office volunteers, and home visitors. The installation ceremony was held outside, wearing masks, social distancing, and limited to ten guests. This was not ideal but we were able to hold the ceremony and celebrate our new president. We were so blessed Deacon Tom could lead the ceremony for us. We were also blessed most of our board members could participate in the ceremony. We hope it was a special night for our newly elected president, Candace. We wish our whole conference could have participated.



Joe presented Debby with a very special sterling silver necklace of St. Vincent de Paul for her years of service as Conference President from the Board. For Debby, it was a very emotional night swearing in a new President. We know God has chosen the right person for the job and so happy Candace has said "Yes" to our Lord.

Debby handed the Conference gavel over to Candace. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed refreshments and each other's company. This was the first time since the pandemic began, the full board was allowed by the state to meet. It was great to see everyone again but we missed the rest of you.



October 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 disease– Louise Richardson
Louise writes, “We are so grateful for all the prayers! God bless you!”

Connie Shingleton– Final breast cancer surgery on Oct.23rd– Candace Hintenach

Rick Sutherland– Lost his battle with cancer on Oct. 1st. Please pray for his family and the repose of Rick’s soul- Louise Richardson

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Mayo consultation this month for possible surgery– Terri Hall’s daughter

Claire Olona– Autoimmune disease and associated symptoms– Terri Hall

President Trump & his wife– for their recovery from coronavirus– Olivia Cassell

Mabel Romero– A successful kidney transplant– Jill Lythgoe

Jane Romero– Fighting the return of cancer– Laura Greico

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

