

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM OCTOBER 8TH @ 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 52
- Walk-in Applicants- 1

FEAST DAY REFLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul

Vincent was born in 1581 in a small village in the Province of France to peasant farmers. They lived near a small stream named Paul. It is believed that this might have been the derivation of the family name. They wrote the name as one word – Depaul. At an early age, Vincent showed a talent for reading and writing but during his childhood, his work was as a herder of his family's livestock. At 15, his father sent him to the seminary, managing to pay for it by selling the family's oxen. Vincent managed to finish his studies under harsh conditions and helped tutor others to pay for his education. He was ordained on September 23, 1600 at the age of nineteen. The minimum age of ordination was 24 so there was a decision to

rule against his appointment. He stepped down from his appointment of being a parish priest and continued his studies in theology, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in October 1604. In 1605, Vincent was taken prisoner by pirates while on a trip to sell some property he inherited. He was auctioned off as a slave to the highest bidder and spent two years in bondage. Eventually he boarded a small boat crossing the Mediterranean returning to France. Vincent went to Rome where he continued his studies until 1609, then serving as a chaplain and a parish priest. In 1612, while ministering to a wealthy family, they supported missionaries to help the poor. In 1617, Vincent founded the "Ladies of Charity" from a group of

women within his parish. He organized wealthy women to collect funds for projects to benefit hospitals, victims of war, and to ransom slaves. With the help of St. Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity. In 1622 Vincent was appointed chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley-slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians". These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries. He spent twenty-eight years serving as the spiritual director of the Convent of St. Mary of Angels. Vincent died in Paris on September 27, 1660 at the age of 79.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance- \$60,106.44

After Collection- \$72,108.17

Distributions- \$15,233.85

Ending balance- \$56,874.32

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.



September Birthdays

Cathy Hitch

Charlie Magistro

Sandra Mueller

Claire Olona

Lorraine Ortiz

Lisa Rodriguez

Jane Romero

Daniel Sigg

Upcoming Events:

Serving the poor is serving the Lord

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you for taking the time to vote for our next Conference President. If you had not heard, Candace Hintenach won the election. The board was pleased with the voter turnout. Out of 52 ballots mailed, 38 were returned with your vote. Candace attended her first board meeting last month, another this month and then she will lead the board beginning October 1, 2020. Candace doesn't plan to make any immediate changes and wants the opportunity to talk to all board members pri-

vately before making any decisions. Candace would like to start holding Zoom meetings for the monthly general conference meetings. She is learning all she can about the Zoom program to invite all conference members to the meetings. The first meeting is planned for Thursday, October 8th at 7:00PM. More information about the meeting will be shared as soon as it is available. Candace will also be guiding the contents of the newsletter and will be proof reading it before the newsletter is

released to the conference members. Next month you can look forward to Candace's address to the conference on the front page of the newsletter. Candace also plans to spend some time in our office, getting to know the volunteers and how the office runs. She is excited about this next chapter God has planned for her on her spiritual journey. I have confidence Candace will do an outstanding job leading our conference.

FALL EVENTS

Our conference has gotten the approval to move forward with two of our biggest fall events. Monsignor has fully endorsed our St. Vincent de Paul weekend presentation but in a very modified way. Our Vincentians will not be allowed to speak from the pulpit this year but we were allowed to write a short speech for the celebrating priest to read at the end of mass. The feast day of our patron saint is September 27. It is important to us to make sure our parishioners know our confer-

ence is actively supporting the community and also how much we appreciate their financial support and prayers. We will not be seeking new members this September as we usually do but will hold off until next year to increase our membership due to the restrictive nature the pandemic has caused. Monsignor has also agreed to endorse our ministry in his email notes to the parish. Fr. Scott has been provided the same material and will handle for his parish. Both priests fully support

and appreciate our SVdP ministry. The other big event is our Thanksgiving distribution. We will be allowed to hold the event strictly outside. We will be offering frozen turkeys and pies along with a \$15 gift card to help supplement additional food. We will plan on 600 families, as we have done in the past. We are working on logistics for a smooth pick-up for our visitors. Our sister parishes in Rio Rancho are committed to help as they have supported us in the past to make this event the success it has been for years.

THE RULE

5.2- Autonomy- The Society is legally autonomous as to its existence, constitution, organization, rules, activities and internal government. Vincentians freely choose their own officers and manage the Society's activities and assets with full autonomy, in accordance with their own statutes and the legislation in effect in each country.

September Vincentian



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
Louise writes- “We feel blessed with improvements & want to thank everyone for their continued thoughts & prayers “

Connie Shingleton– Battling breast cancer– Conference members

Rick Sutherland– Courageously battles cancer– Louise Richardson

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

Georgia Salata– Continued recovery from car accident– Aunt Margie Magistro

Louise Richardson– Recovering from a back injury– Debby Estvanko

Marian Estvanko– Recovery from a fall– Debby Estvanko

Grateful for what we have and prayers for those in need– Dave Heil

Laura Greico– Safe travels to bury her beloved sister– Conference board

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