

DECEMBER 2016

Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

“THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET”



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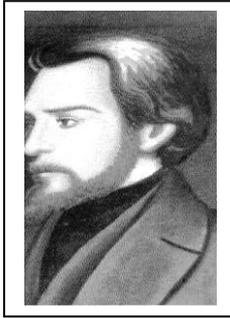
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WHO WE ARE

For those of you who do not know us, we are Vincentians. Our founder pictured here, is Blessed Frederic Ozanam. In the spring of 1833, Frederic found himself challenged by fellow students to



“**show us your good works today**”. Frederic was deeply troubled by this challenge because he realized that it was true, people always talk about doing good for others but rarely do anything about it. Frederic promptly set out with some friends to change the way things were. They located a simple charity run by Sister Rosalie and began their new mission by taking bread tickets to the poor. A local baker would redeem them for a loaf of bread. Later that same year, they started their own charity, naming it after St. Vincent de Paul.

Who are we? We are your neighbors, your friends, your fellow workers, your priests. We are Christians who love to aid the poor in many different ways. And, yes, we still do things the **old-fashioned** way, just as Frederic and his friends did it over 180 years ago. We still take food to the poor families in need. We also comfort and care for the poor homeless who gather at our door, serving them a hot meal and giving them clean underwear, coffee, and a shoulder to cry on. Before they eat, we start our day with a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. If you'd like to help us in some way, come and join in. If you can't, you can still be a Vincentian at heart just by sending us a check so that we can continue to do our Lord's work. A few people have even given us their cars. Not one of us receives even a penny.

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Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Miriam Sisters	2	3 OPEN
4	5 Soo	6	7 Women of Grace/SHS Lunches.	8 St. Serra	9	10 K of C/4 th Degree
11	12 Knights of Columbus/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	13	14 Janet/ SHS lunches	15 Johnny	16	17 Holy Cross
18	19 Knights of Columbus	20	21 Jane C.	22 St. Serra	23	24 CLOSED
25 Christmas Day	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED
Jan. 1	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4	5	6	7

"O Lord, I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Thomas Merton

NOTE: If you have any questions or would like to prepare a meal for the homeless, please check the calendar for open days and call the Center at (661) 942-3222 on M-W-Th-Sat from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Our mailing address is PO BOX 412, Lancaster 93584.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Greetings! I'm writing this on the memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a great saint of charity. A German girl who married royalty, Elizabeth was widowed rather early. After providing for the children, she set about giving away all that was hers to give. Her statues always show her with a loaf of bread in her hand. My home parish, built by German immigrants, has a life-size statue of her on the Marian side altar. Interestingly, the Mission Chapel of St. Serra Parish in Lake Hughes is entitled to her. The parish in Hermosillo, Mexico, that the Fathers of St. Joseph staff, is also dedicated to Santa Isabel de Hungría. Her sense of mercy and charity are still praised far and wide.

At this time of year, charitable agencies often get a bit swamped by “do gooders”, people who have the “holiday spirit” and feel like getting involved in helping “the less fortunate”. Although we certainly welcome their enthusiasm and their “seasonal” work, it is just that—seasonal. It would be great if those of you who serve regularly in the mission of Our Lady of Charity St. Vincent de Paul Conference could find a way to hook a few of those who show up to pack baskets or sort toys. If 5 or even 10% of these good people become regulars, how great the impact would be on the work of the conference!

Remember to welcome these holiday volunteers warmly, encourage them if they seem a bit timid interacting with the clients, and give them something meaningful to do alongside of you. Your positive attitude about the folks you serve and the good your service does for their daily lives can be contagious. The adage “the Lord loves a cheerful giver” could also be thought of as “a cheerful giver loved by the Lord is the best recruiter for new cheerful givers”!

Blessings upon you, your families, and your charity!

Fr. Leo Dechant, CSJ
Pastor, St. Junipero Serra Parish

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Vincentians,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our food drive and fundraiser. It was very successful because of the generous donations of many and the time and hard work that so many of our volunteers put in, especially Tony, Armando, Robert, Jack, Mauricio, and Bill, and the boy scouts and moms and dads and teens who came on Sunday to help sort the donated items.

Now that we are in the midst of the holiday season, I'd like to share with you something I found among my family memorabilia that my father had written. I believe it is most appropriate for this time, this year.

Los Angeles Times Ad Notes

December 21, 1973

Just when the figure of Scrooge seems to loom large on the scene and the chill of an energy crisis nips at our holiday spirit, there comes a glow of inner warmth.

It doesn't come from any store. And as the characters in a popular Dr. Seuss story point out, it doesn't come from ribbons and bags, boxes and tags.

It's found in the expressions of sharing and trust we give and get from family and friends. It's found in the unaffected expressions of love and goodwill we perceive in children. And we can generate it within ourselves by expressing compassion for others.

May your holidays be like that--heart to heart and hand in hand with others.

Frank W. Lester, Classified Manager

**May the birth of Jesus bring you peace and blessings this Christmas
and in the New Year.**

Susan Ortega, President

Prayer Corner



Anyone who wishes to add names can contact SVDP at svdp@rpmwin.com. We would love to hear from you and hope that all our fellow Vincentians will lift all people in prayer. Please pray for Marty Son, Mitch Kraft, Esther Harmon, Nancy Czismar, Sister Ana, and Joyce and Don Willey. **Praise God for all our success and ask him for healing for our people still in need of our prayers as well as all of our Vincentians who so generously give of their time and talents.**

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Since the office will be closed from December 24, 2016 through January 3, 2017, we will not prepare a January newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, our loyal and generous benefactors, a very holy Christmas and a happy New Year!

DECEMBER GARAGE SALE

Just a friendly reminder the sale will be Saturday, December 10. I will contact you if we need to meet Saturday, December 9. We will unload the truck at 7:30 a.m. at 44352 Kirkland Lancaster, corner of Kirkland and East Avenue J. We will start packing the truck at 12:00. I look forward to seeing everyone!

As always, many thanks.

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WE ARE IN NEED:

The “guys” are telling us that the trucks of St. Vincent de Paul are in pretty bad shape. Something must be done with them. But, we can’t before we have a replacement in place. Perhaps someone would like to gift SVDP before Christmas with a FULL-SIZED PICK UP TRUCK in good condition!! For more information please talk to Vice President Robert Weber. We thank you for your wonderful response, as always!!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Dennis Clark
29 Susan Bohnstedt
29 Mida Cacciola
29 Fr. Ernest
Candelaria
30 Serena
Henderson
30 Dcn Ron Routolo
31 Teresa Matay