

DECEMBER 2016

Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

“THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET”



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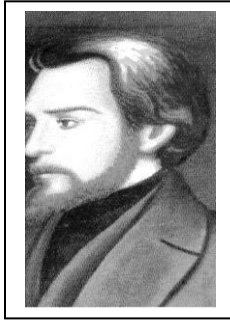
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WHO WE ARE

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 Women of Grace/SHS Lunches.	2 Miriam Sisters	3	4 Don M.
5	6 Soo	7	8 Dianne	9 Jane K.	10	11 K of C/4 th Degree
12	13 Margarita/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	14	15 Janet/ SHS lunches	16 St. Serra	17	18 Leah M.
19	20 Knights of Columbus	21	22 Johnny/Nancy	23 St. Serra	24	25 Sts. Constantine & Helen
26	27 Knights of Columbus/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	28				

"Whoever wishes to ascend to God must first avoid sin, which deforms our nature, then exercise one's natural powers: by praying, to receive restoring grace; by a good life, to receive purifying justice; by meditating, to receive illuminating knowledge; and by contemplating, to receive perfecting wisdom."

St. Bonaventure

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.

Sister Rosalie Rendu

Sister Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856) was a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who worked for the poor in the Mouffetard district of Paris, France. Her zeal for the poor drove her to establish the means to educate poor children; to care for infants; to support the elderly; to serve the poor in their homes; and to supervise young working girls. One of her disciples in her mission of service was Frederic Ozanam and the first members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She gave to them her gift of insight in serving the poor when she told them, “Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring to them. If you wish to be loved, you must love, and if you have nothing to give, give yourself.”

Vincentian Meditation:

“Always remember, that if our childhood has been one of constant want, perhaps, we too, would have given away to envy and hatred, as I must admit have many of the poor we serve.”

- Bl. Rosalie Rendu -



A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Vincentians,

Now that the holidays are behind us and we have had time to get a needed break from all of the responsibilities that we Vincentians had on our plate during the holidays, we are back working with the needy in Lancaster and Quartz Hill. We are in need of additional volunteers to work with the food program, particularly, clean up. It's a blessing to come and feed the people; however, we need folks to stick around to wash the dishes, bus the tables, and sweep and wash the floors. Or, if you are computer literate and prefer to work from home, there are several jobs for you, too. We also need more couples to take food to needy families. At this time, there is only one loving couple, Pedro and Graciella, doing home visits. Please note the advertisement in the newsletter and give us a call if you are interested in our mission to serve the poor.

I also want to take this opportunity to remember two wonderful Vincentians who volunteered with Our Lady of Charity. Having retired after 27 years as missionaries in Guatemala, Sister Mary Waddell, BVM and Sister Ana Priester, BVM moved to Lancaster and became Vincentians. They did it all: sorted clothes at site 2, served breakfast and cleaned up afterwards, worked in the pantry, worked in the family program, and did home visits. At the holidays in 2015, they sorted toys and set up for the community toy give away. Sister Mary chose to work in the kitchen and do home visits and Sister Ana, because of health issues, chose to work the desk for the family program. Both Sisters were fluent in Spanish and often helped out with our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters. Such a blessing!

Sister Mary is currently with her family in Missouri and will return to California this month, hopefully, to stay awhile with us. Sadly, Sister Ana passed away just before Christmas after a long struggle.

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands now rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
"He only takes the best!"*

All of us at St. Vincent's will miss Sister Ana's cheerful smile and willingness to do whatever was asked of her.

God bless you, Sister Ana, and rest in peace in Jesus' loving embrace!

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, 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.**



A CALL FOR HELP

Are you looking for a deeper meaning on how to follow the path of Jesus? If you have time on your hands, you could be doing meaningful work at Our Lady of Charity Conference by participating in our mission to serve the needy in our parish and community.

If you are interested, contact Anthony McLoughlin at 661-547-7186.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish Fr. Leo Dechant, Pastor at St. Serra Parish,
a belated January Happy Birthday!



06 Roberta Schmitt
11 Margarita Hoffman
14 Susan Ortega
17 Vince Interrante
22 Diane Jones
23 Frank Brazil