

JULY 2016

# Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

## “THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET”



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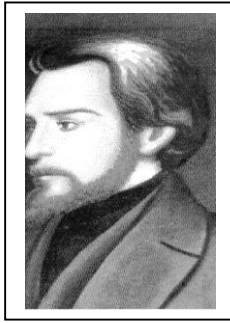
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## **WHO WE ARE**

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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Alice Rodemeyer

# July 2016

## Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Hispanic Ministry
3	4 Soo	5	6 Women of Grace	7 Miriam Sisters	8	9 K of C 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
10	11 Dianne Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	12	13 Janet	14 St. Mary's Acton	15	16 Margarita
17	18 Knights of Columbus	19	20 St. Constantine & Helen Women's Group	21 Fr. Serra	22	23 Holy Cross
24	25 Knights of Columbus/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	26	27 Johnny/Nancy	28 Fr. Serra	29	30 FAA AV
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*"A simple prayer, like a soft sighing, like a child's prayer, keeps us alert. Has not God revealed to those who are little, to Christ's poor, what the powerful of this world have so much trouble understanding?"*

**Br. Roger of Taize**

**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.**

## ***OUR NEWSLETTER***

We are so grateful for the volunteers who allow us to continue to serve the homeless and needy families in Lancaster and Quartz Hill, even during the hot summer months. However, lots of folks are on vacation, so we'll be streamlining the newsletter for the next several months to accommodate our volunteers' vacation schedules.

Best wishes for a safe and restful summer! We hope you had a happy 4<sup>th</sup> --- God bless America!



## **Prayer Corner**

Anyone who wishes to add names can contact SVDP at [svdp@rpmwin.com](mailto:svdp@rpmwin.com). We would love to hear from you and hope that all our fellow Vincentians will lift these people in prayer: Lester Gilbert for dialysis and eye problems, our very active Roberta and Walt Schmitt, Pastor Jun of the Korean Church, Bob Burton, and for all our clients, that God in his infinite mercy, will comfort them and send his angels to minister to them. **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.**

# *JULY BIRTHDAYS*

- 1 Alice Rodemeyer
- 14 John Fazio
- 16 Jeff Cristos
- 17 Pamela Ewart
- 18 Cathy Cristos
- 18 Joyce Willey



# REMINDER:

Keep the 2 & 4 oz. medicine bottles coming. We give away about 50 bottles a day filled with shampoo, conditioner or lotion that the homeless need. Don't forget to mark out your name and empty the bottles of medicine. We thank you for helping us help the poor.

## IN LIEU OF A PASTOR'S LETTER, PLEASE ENJOY THESE PRAYERS---

“Let us be rooted and grounded in charity so that we may comprehend what is the length of eternity, the breadth of liberality, the height of majesty, and the depth of discerning wisdom”. **St. Bonaventure**

“We think not enough of this truth: that God is present with us; that God sees our thoughts, even long before we have them; that God knows what we think and shall think better than we ourselves; that God sees the folds and recesses of our hearts.” **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

“Charity begins today. Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today: yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today to make Jesus known, loved, served, fed, clothed, sheltered. Do not wait for tomorrow”! **Bl. Teresa of Calcutta**

“Those who want to bear the mark of the Spirit and the fire that Christ baptizes with must take the risk of renouncing everything and seeking only God's reign and justice”. **Bishop Oscar Romero**