

MARCH 2017

Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

“THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET”



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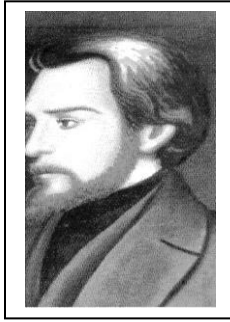
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WHO WE ARE

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 Ash Wed/ Women of Grace	2 Miriam Sisters	3	4 Don M.
5	6 Soo	7	8 Janet/ SHS lunches	9 OPEN	10	11 K of C/4 th Degree
12	13 OPEN/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	14	15 Janet	16 St. Serra	17	18 Light of Love Church
19	20 Knights of Columbus	21	22 Mac & Sue/ SHS lunches	23 St. Serra	24	25 Holy Cross
26	27 Knights of Columbus/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	28	29 Johnny/Nancy	30	31	

"To realize the true meaning of brotherhood it should be written not on the walls, but in the heart. There is a beautiful give and take in the different relationships of life where all are united in one great love in him who sacrificed his life for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If only everyone could feel this, how perfect would be the harmony on earth."

St. Théophane Vénard

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

Whether it comes in as a lion or a lamb, March 1st is Ash Wednesday this year, the beginning of Lent, a season for most Christian communities to pray, fast and give alms. The parishes will be invited to contribute to the Easter food collection once again. Volunteers will help sort, pack and distribute food baskets to our hungry brothers and sisters here in the AV. Through these efforts, we hope to serve the entire human person, body, mind and spirit. As the ancients insisted, *mens sana in corpore sano*, a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Another classic saying is *nemo dat quod non habet*, you can't give what you don't have. I'd encourage you Vincentians to be sure that you not only round up food for the poor, but also spiritual food for your souls this Lent. Consciously take two minutes every night for the examen recommended by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Reflect on: "How did I respond well to God's Spirit today?"—give thanks for that. "How did I mess up today?"—ask forgiveness for that. "What do I want to focus on tomorrow?"—say it, maybe even write it, so you can do it.

I'd like to personally invite everyone to join us at St. Junípero Serra Church as we gather with our friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church for Tenebrae at 7:30 PM on the Wednesday of Holy Week. This ancient office from the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church, is a powerful reminder of Christ's Passion and our salvation. We do it on Wednesday of Holy Week to start us off on the right foot for the Sacred Triduum that begins with Holy Thursday.

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

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Vincentians,

On the first Monday of every month, Soo and a group of friends serve a meal to our homeless brothers and sisters. I was speaking with Soo the other day about the food service calendar and I asked her what brought her here to St. Vincent's. Soo said that this is something she must do because she knows what the homeless are going through. Then, she told me her story:

Soo was born in North Korea. When the Communists invaded her country following the Korean War, her father refused to become Communist even though the rest of his family had. Soo's family got into a boat under the cover of darkness and slipped away into South Korea. They arrived there with nothing but the clothes on their backs. A year later, her father died leaving her mother to find ways to care for her children. Soo said that, at first, they had no pots or pans or a place to stay. Then at the age of 27, she was able to come to the United States. Because of her early experiences, she clearly understands the difficulties of homelessness; so, feeding our needy brothers and sisters in Lancaster is something she feels she must do.

Thank you, Soo, and God bless you and your friends for all you do to help us fulfill our mission.

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.**



UPCOMING GARAGE SALE

Our next garage sale will be Saturday, March 4. We will load the truck Friday, March 3 at 3:30. Saturday 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 noon. I look forward to seeing everyone again!

Thanks for all you do,

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



05 Pat Cadena
23 Fr. Gerald

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We will be distributing bags for Easter donations at the churches March 25 and 26, 2017. Trucks will be outside the churches to pick up your donations April 1 and 2, 2017. Please be as generous as you can to help our needy sisters and brothers. God bless you for your charity!