

NOVEMBER 2017

# *Our Lady of Charity*

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

**THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET**



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## WHO WE ARE

We are Vincentians. In 1833, our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, was challenged by fellow students to “show us your good works today.” Frederic knew that people often talk about doing good for others, but rarely do anything about it. With friends, he set out to change the way things were. They began, with the guidance of Blessed Sister Rosalie Rendu, by taking bread to the poor of Paris. Later that same year, they started their own charity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Who are we?** We are your neighbors, your friends, your fellow workers, your priests and deacons who aid the poor by volunteering our time and talent without receiving even a penny for our services. We still do things the old-fashioned way, by delivering services one on one and face to face remembering to **“Love your neighbor as yourself”**.



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### **Haircuts**

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### **Greeter**

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# November 2017

## Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Women of Grace	2 Miriam Sisters	3	4 Pastor Caleb
5	6 Soo	7	8 Janet C.	9 Johnny M.	10	11 K of C #73
12	13 Margarita/ Meeting 6-8 p.m.	14	15 Mary M.	16 St. Serra	17	18 Hispanic Ministry
19	20 Knights of Columbus	21	22 OPEN	23 CLOSED	24	25 CLOSED
26	27 Knights of Columbus	28	29 OPEN	30	31	

"The person who turns to good is set free, even if his or her life is marred by a multitude of mistakes. It is nothing as far as turning to God is concerned, for **God's eye** always considers the present, not the past."

- St. Gregory of Nyssa

**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.

# REFLECTIONS

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All Souls

November is the month in which we pray very specially for the faithful departed.

The commemoration of all the faithful departed after All Saints Feast was instituted in the Benedictine Monastery of Cluny by Abbot Odile in 998. The influence of the monks of Cluny caused it to spread widely during the 11<sup>th</sup> century, and began to be celebrated in Rome at the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

The souls of the just are in the hands of God. The life of those who have known and believed in God is full of "immortality." St. Paul tells us in the first epistle to the Corinthians that man's body will be a body so changed by the power of God as to be immortal. Christ died for sin, which is the cause of man's death. He rose from the dead to be the cause of man's resurrection.

While toiling for the building up of this world, the Christian knows that his ultimate citizenship is in Heaven. Let us pray for the faithful departed and let us also ask for their help.

Fr. Werner, O.S.B.  
St. Andrew's Abbey  
(1914 – 2008)

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Vincentians:

As I complete my first year as Our Lady of Charity Conference President, I must acknowledge that our conference would have been unable to accomplish our mission without the leadership and talent of the people on our Board:

- Don Willey, Past President, has been very helpful in guiding and supporting me this past year.
- Robert Weber, Site 1 VP, has used his skill and vision to organize our pantry with the support of Johnny Marchany. The organization in the kitchen has made it so much easier to clean, which supports both our feeding and family programs, with the help of Sister Mary Waddell and Bill Hoffman as part of his team.
- Tony McLoughlin, Site 2 VP, and his wife, Dianne, cleaned up, organized and set up rules at our clothing ministry, which makes it easier to serve our homeless brothers and sisters, as well as our needy families. He and Tish Fox have worked closely to organize our yard sales. Tish's knowledge and skill has made these events particularly successful in our fundraising so that we can continue to feed the needy.
- Margarita Hoffman, Treasurer, is a "jack of all trades." Not only does she keep track of all our finances, she manages to run the office, keep the computer programs running, organize our Holiday programs, purchase food for the pantry, and works the Counseling desks if we are short of volunteers.
- Teresa Matay, our Spiritual Advisor, attends all of our meetings, works the counseling desk one day a week and has allowed us to use her front yard for our yard sales over the past 30 years!
- Dan Vernor, Recording Secretary, and Michelle George, our Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor, are two other Board members who are indispensable. Our Lady of Charity Conference is successful because of these volunteers and Vincentians.

I extend a special Thank You to our board members for helping us complete our mission.

*Susan Ortega*



## Prayer Corner

Anyone who wishes to add names can contact SVDP at [stvincentdepaullancaster@frontier.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullancaster@frontier.com). We would love to hear from you and hope that all our fellow Vincentians will lift all people in prayer. Please pray for Tony McLoughlin, Mitch Kraft, Bob Wetzel, Pat Cadena, Bill Hoffman, and Joyce and Don Willey. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Cathy Wetzel and Marty Son. **Praise God for all our success and ask him for healing for our people still in need of our prayers as well as all our Vincentians who so generously give of their time and talents.**

## *UPCOMING GARAGE SALE*

Our next garage sale will be held Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin unloading the truck at 7:30, and the sale will begin at 8 a.m. The location of the garage sale will be at 44352 Kirkland Lancaster, Ca. corner of Kirkland and East Avenue J. We will start packing the truck at 12 noon.

# September

## 2017

Because of the  
time, talent and

treasure of our Vincentian volunteers and supporters, we were able to provide the following services to our needy brothers and sisters in Lancaster and Quartz Hill:

- 223 lunch bags
- 2,210 hot meals
- 18 home visits
- 126 food bags distributed to 49 families/seniors

### **Son of Man**

In Semitic languages, when connected to a collective noun, “son of” designates the individual member belonging to a group. Thus, a son of man means a human person, especially in contrast to God. But this title also takes on a particularly important meaning for Christians because the prophet Daniel (7:13) describes God’s final agent, to whom all power is given to accomplish God’s rule in the world, as a “son of man.” Jesus also adds further meanings by connecting the Son of Man with the suffering that is part of his messianic task and with the forgiveness of sins, which only God could do. Thus, the title could point to him as just another human person, or as the suffering, sin-forgiving savior or, finally, as God’s final triumphant figure brandishing the power of God for the kingdom.