

OCTOBER 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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Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul Events

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

"Humility is a virtue which Jesus Christ has exceedingly loved, and which he came to teach to the world. The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility."

- St. Vincent de Paul

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

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Last month on September 27th, we celebrated the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, who is the Patron Saint of the poor and those who are afflicted. We pray for all those who dedicate their lives to serving the poor, particularly those who are serving at St. Vincent de Paul in Lancaster, that you will continue to assist God's people with untiring hearts. Thank you so much for your support and ministry to those who bear Christ's image.

St. Vincent de Paul was a captive and had to serve as a slave for 11 years, prior to his becoming a priest. Once he was ordained, he pushed forward to serve the sick, the unemployed, the poor, the afflicted and so forth. He was the founder of the Vincentians and, with Louise de Marillac, founded the Daughters of Charity. He lived a meaningful and measurable life.

Nowadays, we need to ask ourselves this question--how would those who need your help be able to live their lives without your help? We often talk about taking care of others, but talking itself is empty. St. James reminds us that our faith must be accompanied with our actions. What you are doing for the people in AV is the work of faith and God's inspiration to accomplish what you have done so far. Thank you! And, we pray that you would continue to move forward from here.

May St. Vincent de Paul pray for us and particularly those who are serving at the society of St. Vincent de Paul.

God bless,

Fr. Hiền Trần

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness"

2 Cor 12:9

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Vincentians:

As I research the 30-year history of Our Lady of Charity Conference, the evolution of the hot meal program stands out. In 1997, while Joyce Willey was president of our Conference, she spoke with Monsignor O'Connell, the pastor of Sacred Heart, who directed her to a number of ministries active in the parish. Among those ministries were the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and the Filipino and Hispanic ministries. To this day, these organizations continue to serve hot meals at "St. Vinny's". The first meal was prepared by the Filipino ministry - a delicious meal of tuna sandwiches, serving about 50 people at our old location on Beech and Jackman. As time passed, and our services expanded, the number of groups and individuals grew. The word got out and groups from St. Serra and St. Mary's Mission in Acton, as well as other Christian Churches, offered to serve, including the Korean Church and the Greek Orthodox Churches in the valley. Our needy friends and neighbors have been so blessed by the time and talent of these generous ministries.

Susan Ortega



Prayer Corner

Anyone who wishes to add names can contact SVDP at 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 October 7th. We will load the truck Friday October 6th at 4:30 at site 2. Saturday, we 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lisa Matay
- 4 Jonathan Fullenkamp
- 11 Bill Hoffman
- 16 Fr. Tom Baker
- 17 Jay Townsend
- 26 Celine Williams
- 26 Mac Ortega

August 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:

- 274 lunch bags
- 2,396 hot meals
- 12 home visits
- 139 food bags distributed to 56 families/seniors
- 68 haircuts

HELP!!

Vincentions, we need your assistance! SVDP is looking for someone who will purchase items for our pantry and kitchen service. Non-perishables such as plates, cups, condiments, hygiene products, etc. need to be purchased on a regular basis. It would require that person to check in weekly at the pantry and shop for the needed items. It would also require pricing at a variety of locations such as Smart & Final, Wal Mart, Winco, Food 4 Less and other stores to find the best deals. If this interests you, please call the office at 661 942 3222. Thanks so much for your support!