

May 2010

Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul



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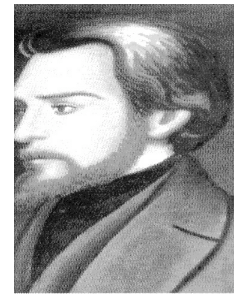
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
Psalm 33:12 niv

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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 176 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. **“Love thy neighbor as thyself”**.



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Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Joe C.
2	3 Marie B.	4	5 Sacred Heart School	6 Miriam Group	7	8 K of C 4 th Degree
9	10 Lisa Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12 Open 	13 Hugo	14	15 Latinos \$\$ Garage Sale \$\$
16	17 Kathy W.	18	19 Sacred Heart School	20 Fr Serra	21	22 Koreans
23	24 K of C 3 rd Deg Meeting 6:00 p.m.	25	26 Tina M. Nancy	27 Fr. Serra	28	29 Holy Cross
30	31 K of C 3 rd Deg	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Calendar Notes for May. The 13th is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and the 31st is Memorial Day. Open only for feeding Memorial Day. Site 2 will be closed.</p> </div>				



May Birthdays



16 Teresa LaRiviera 19 Martha Son
27 Deacon Gary Poole 31 Fr. Mike Ohanate

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Blessings

Reflecting on these days since Holy Week, I realize the many blessings that God has poured forth. Highlighted among these blessings are these: 1) the blessings of the Holy Week liturgies, culminating in the initiation of 8 adults at the Easter Vigil; 2) the announcement that Archbishop Jose Gomez from San Antonio, Texas, will be our next Archbishop, another blessing as we move forward as an Archdiocese; and finally, 3) the blessing of the land on which to build a new church, as escrow finally closed on the property on the other side of Cedar. A **Ground Blessing Mass** will be celebrated as a parish community on Sunday, June 6, at an 8:00am outdoor Mass. This celebration occurs on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Cristi), an appropriate day for the blessing of the land where our new church will be constructed. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending this historic event. May the blessings I've reflected on cause you to stop and consider the many blessings you have been given by God. Let us celebrate all our blessings by sharing our treasures with others. Peace and blessings to you all.

Fr. Tom

Prayer Corner

Our prayer corner continues. Anyone who wishes to add names can contact me at marty191@msn.com or SVDP at svdp@rpmwin.com. We would love to hear from you and hope that all our fellow Vincentians will lift these people in prayer. The following people need our prayers this month: Bob Wetzel, having knee surgery as I am preparing this. Ryan Discon (Kathy Wetzel's niece's husband). He was originally diagnosed with terminal cancer and has been upgraded to operable. Lorraine Interrante is dealing with a case of vertigo which is causing her considerable problems. Alice Rodemeyer has had a successful bone implant surgery after a continuing problem with her leg. Praise God for all our successes and ask for healing with our people still in medical need.

A Letter from your President

It is good to see the end of the fast pace needed to provide the Easter program. Now we are back to the *slower* rate of our daily routine...the one where we feed at least 125 people per day, make many Home Visitations per month, and help people with their daily problems.

I would like to introduce you to two programs that not many of you know about, and I would like to highlight some dedicated workers for recognition. One of these dedicated souls is Diane Jones. Diane comes in every Monday and gives our clients free haircuts, and she has been doing this for over 15 years! In the last year, Diane has been bringing a friend to help her. Diane's clients watch over her and protect her. She has her own shop in Lancaster called "Cut Ups" but takes Monday mornings to come to our Center and give her talents to St. Vincent's ministry. She has given as many as twenty haircuts in one morning.

The second unfamiliar program we have is the Detention Program. Three of our members, Roberta Schmitt, Vincent Interrante and myself, go to Camps Munz and Mendenhall in Lake Hughes every Tuesday night to minister to the youth from 13 years old to 18 years of age. We try to bring Jesus into their lives with Bible study and by preparing them for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. It is very rewarding to work with Fritz Miller who is the head Catholic administrator. We plant seeds, and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit.

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my surgery. I know the prayers were there because everything went so smoothly. All I need to do now is recuperate in God's good time. The people at St. Vincent's will not let me pick up anything heavier than a coffee cup. I was only gone six SVDP days but it felt like a month to me. I am happy to be back and to see all my friends...not only our members but also my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I would like to quote the following prayer given to me by Teresa Matay. It brought me greater strength and if you are going through any kind of surgery it might help you also.

AFTER AN OPERATION

Blessed Savior, I thank You that this operation is safely past, and now I rest in Your abiding presence, relaxing every tension, releasing every care and anxiety, receiving more and more of Your healing life into every part of my being; in moments of pain I turn to You for strength, in times of loneliness I feel Your loving nearness; and then grant that Your life and love and joy may flow through me for the healing of others in Your name. Amen.

**Yours in Christ,
Don**

A Message from Joyce

We wish to thank everyone who came forward and helped with the Easter Program. Our chairpersons did an excellent job! Jay, from DCFS (with her connections), supplied the bread, cakes and pies for us to put in the food bags, and a class from Fr. Serra Parish brought over about 36 candy baskets for some lucky children. Each family was given their choice of turkey or ham, and we were able to make all of our clients happy thanks to those of you who donated those items. We even had a few people step forward to make the deliveries to seniors and those without transportation.

The food drive we had at Fr. Serra and Sacred Heart was the best we've had in years. The food just kept coming in. This delighted us because this food has to last until the next food drive in November. **We attribute this to the announcements made by Kathy Wetzell and Armando Ortiz from Sacred Heart and Susan Ortega from Fr. Serra.** Apparently our hard work and accomplishments were not known to everyone. We would like to be able to make more announcements in the future.

Needless to say, when all was said and done we were all really tired. Thank You Tom and Peggy Reust for preparing hot dogs with all the trimmings and a dessert to help rejuvenate us so we could do the cleanup work.

Thank you to each of you for your participation in whatever way you contributed to make this program successful...and we plan to do the same thing all over again for Thanksgiving and Christmas! In the mean time, it is business as usual. The requests are many, especially during these trying times.

Thank you all very much.

God is good

A heartfelt thanks to all those who came to help prepare the boxes of food, produce and get everything set up for our distribution. I don't have names for everyone so I won't mention any but you and God know who you are. It is so beautiful to see our young people involved in these programs. Not only do they see the other side of life but they are such a blessing for us older ones who have the knowledge but not the strength to do the complete job. I am very grateful to all and also want to mention that you are all good sports to put up with my teasing. Hope to see you all for the next event. Stay tuned.
Marty

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Garage Sale

Saturday May 15 - 8 am to 1 pm

44352 Kirkland Avenue, Lancaster

(Located on the corner of Ave J and Kirkland, east of Division)

****If it rains on Friday 5/14- there will be no garage sale on Saturday)**

WE NEED HELP TO

- Load truck at Stor-Rite on Friday - 3:30 pm
- 1209 East Ave I (next to the drive thru dairy past 10th St East.)
- Unload truck on Saturday morning at 7:30 am
- Work during the day on Saturday till 12:30 pm
 - Re-pack the truck at 12:30 pm

Call the center if you can help. Any bit really helps

Please bring all paper bags and plastic bags to the garage sale Saturday morning.

Please, please help!

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