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Becoming God’s Instruments

The need to be in control can be such a slippery slope on the spiritual journey: When do we take charge and act? When do we hold back and trust? So many of us live delusional lives and think we’re in charge not only of our lives but also of our holiness and soul training. And that is the very reason why frustration reigns supreme: We resist letting go and trusting in the fingers of the potter. We refuse to surrender. And yet, training the soul to become God’s instrument occurs only in the radical act of trust. The risen Christ rightly reminded Peter, “Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go...Follow me” (John 21:18–19). Instruments are fashioned when we hand over control to the Lord and Divine Master and follow his lead to a place we know not where. Soul training is steeped in the gratuity of grace that is never exhausted and never expires.

—from the book *Soul Training with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis*
by Albert Haase, OFM



**Wishing you
and your
families a
most
blessed
Easter.**

Calendar Dates

Ozanam Orientation Schedule

March 16, 2024 – Tucumcari
June 1, 2024 - St. Francis Xavier

To register, please go to our website

www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org

If your conference would like to host an Ozanam,
please contact Linda Stubbs at
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SVDP E-Gazette

Frederic's E-Gazette is a weekly newsletter from the National Office to Vincentians. It includes registrations for various webinars, trainings, and a weekly Servant Leader column. Please subscribe to the e-Gazette. email jpioter@svdpusa.org.

The Rule

Statute 13 – Regions and National Vice Presidents for Regions

The National office added an additional region in late 2023 bringing the number to 9 regions. New Mexico is now in the new Mountain Region that also includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Wyoming. The term of office is 6 years and coincides with the term of office for the National President. Our national VP is Don Kany.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions - March

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Lunch with Archbishop Wester

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Where: TBD

When: Registration - 9:00 am

A morning of informational breakout sessions

Lunch: Noon – Donations appreciated

Mass: 1:00 pm

Please contact your District Council President to volunteer organizing this event.

More information coming soon.

A Vincentian Passing

Tony Gonzales

Tony Gonzales, long Ame member of Queen of Heaven Conference has passed at the age of 98. Tony held numerous offices at the conference as well as at the Archdiocesan Council. For many years, Tony would collect furniture, clothes, and food to take to our neighbors in Juarez, Mexico. The funeral will be held at Queen of Heaven on Friday, March 8 at 10:00 am.

FY 2023 Annual Report

October 2022 – September 2023

This report includes data inclusive for all 44 conferences providing numbers for total people served, dollars for direct help for food, rent, utilities and much more.

Please share this report with your members and your pastors. It can be found at this link.

<https://www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org/>

ServWare

ServWare – Please contact David at depaul505@gmail.com with questions and comments.