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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Lord, You made Blessed Frédéric Ozanam a witness to the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church. You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice, and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service to all who were suffering. In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband, and father. In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching. His vision for our Society was a network of charity encircling the world and he instilled St. Vincent de Paul's spirit of love, boldness, and humility. His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his short life, together with the radiance of his virtues. We thank You, Lord, for those many gifts and we ask, if it is Your will, the grace of a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world! We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions

For the formation of Religious and Seminarians
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Calendar Dates

Ozanam Orientation Schedule

June 1, 2024 - St. Francis Xavier, Albuquerque

June 22, 2024 - Abiquiu

To register, please go to our website

www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org

If your conference would like to host an Ozanam, please contact Linda Stubbs at lindalstubbs@comcast.net

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.

Happy Mother's Day!

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

Rudyard Kipling

Mountain Region Virtual Meeting

<https://meetingsvdpusa.regfox.com/2024-virtual-mountain-regional-meeting>

Please join us for this day of spirituality and friendship.



The Rule

Statute 2: Cultural Beliefs

Our Cultural Beliefs that make up the Society's creed and therefore define our Ministry so that as Vincentians we are committed to:

Spiritual Growth: Grow in holiness through prayer, service, friendship and formation.

One Society: Contribute to the success of our Vincentian work when we support One Society.

Servant Leaders: Develop ourselves and others to be become Servant Leaders.

Lunch With Archbishop Wester

On Saturday, April 20, over 100 Vincentians attended the meeting at Incarnation Parish that included sessions to provide information on Governance and Accountability, Home Visits, Servant Leadership, Recruiting New Members, and Formation. Archbishop Wester celebrated Mass for us and Vincentians had the opportunity to renew their commitment to this ministry, and meet and visit with others. This will be an annual meeting and we encourage everyone to join us in the future.

The handouts for the sessions and the links to the National President, John Berry's, vision for the next 6 years are be available for download on our website.

<https://www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org>

ServWare

Every conference is required to use this database. Please contact David at depaul505@gmail.com with questions and comments. If your conference is not yet using ServWare, be aware that you are not in compliance with Council requirements and there will be appropriate remedial action taken.

District News

District Council Presidents have been asked to share ASF Board and committee minutes with their conferences. This allows for complete transparency regarding decisions made by the Board.

The next Board meeting will be Friday, May 17 at San Clemente in Los Lunas at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the March 22 meeting will be approved at this meeting. Be on the lookout for these approved minutes. These meetings are open to any Vincentian who wishes to attend. Beginning in May, meetings will be in-person only.

Youth and Young Adult Vincentians

We all know that our future is with our youth and young adults. Please encourage your younger family members to join you in this ministry. If your parish has a school and you would like information on how to include the students in this ministry, please contact Bob Coburn at robertcob563@msn.com. Bob is the conference president at Holy Child in Tijeras and they actively work with the students at their school.

Assistance Checks

It has been our policy for many years that assistance checks are not to be given to the neighbor being helped. Should a check be given to the neighbor, any or all the conference bank information on the check can be used to fraudulently get money from the conference. Please immediately make it a policy at your conference to either hand deliver or mail the check to the vendor.

New Council Board Secretary

Welcome to Trisha Novak who has graciously volunteered to be the Board Secretary. Trisha is a member of Annunciation conference and also the conference secretary.

We appreciate you, Trisha!