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# Vision SVDP Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our hearts, and our imagina6ons to Your inspira6on as we embark on our Vision SVDP journey and seek to discern the Father’s holy will for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how it will adapt to a changing world. Come, Holy Spirit, transform our doubts, ignite our zeal. Help us discern new and innova6ve ways to bring more people into the joy of service in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Come, Holy Spirit, grant us the simplicity to share honestly with each other, the humility to serve a mission greater than ourselves, and the gentleness to listen to each other without judgment. Amen

# Pope Francis Prayer Intentions

**For Political Leaders**

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

# Calendar Dates

**Ozanam Orientation Schedule**

**Los Lunas – September 21, 2024**

**To register, please go to our website**

[**www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org**](http://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**](mailto:jpioter@svdpusa.org).

# Celebrating Mary in the Month of August

Special days honoring Mary have been part of Catholic tradition since the end of the first century.

**August 2 Our Lady of the Angels** – a small church near Assisi enshrined as the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in the 16th century.

**August 5 Our Lady of the Snows** – this day marks the dedication of the St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, the most significant Marian cathedral in the Western World.

**August 13, Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners** – dating back to the 8th century.

**August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – dedicated in the 7th century and one of the most ancient feasts of Mary.

**August 22 – Queenship of Mary** – Pope Pius XII instituted this feast in 1954; feast was assigned to August 22 in 1969.

Reflecting on the history of these feasts can help us to better understand Mary’s vital role in our salvation.

# The Rule

**Statute 1.6 Adaptation to a Changing World**

Faithful to the spirit of its founders, the Society

constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions. It seeks to be ever aware of the changes that occur in human society and the new types of poverty that may be identified or anticipated. It gives priority to the poorest of the poor and to those who are most rejected by society.

# ASF Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on August 30 at 10:00 hosted by the Santa Fe District Council. Meeting will be held at Cathedral Basilica – 131 Cathedral Place – Fr. Crispin Hall – building across from the Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden

Meetings are always open; please join us.

# ServWare

Please contact David at

depaul505@gmail.com with questions and

comments.

# Congratulations

Our Lady of Guadalupe Conference in Pena Blanca and Holy Family Conference in Chimayo have successfully requested aggregation status. Each conference will receive a certificate of aggregation from Paris signed by the international president, Juan Manuel Buergo Gómez.

Aggregation is the visible unifying link within the Society that unites values, affections and practices cherished by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

If your conference does not have the original aggregation certificate, please let me know and we can request a duplicate copy from national.

**And more Congratulations for Catholic**

**Foundation Grants**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Incarnation and St. John Vianney – for the freezer trailer at Thanksgiving

St. Francis Xavier – meat for food distribution or upgrade of food pantry.

San Martin de Porres

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - $7000

Clearinghouse

# Vision SVDP 2024 Listening Sessions

District Council Presidents will be arranging a time for all conference members to meet together to talk, listen and plan how the Society will move forward in our changing world.

President, John Berry, has requested that all Councils and Conferences participate in these listening sessions and because **EVERY VOICE MATTERS**, we hope **EVERY** Vincentian will join us in this dialogue.