

VETERA MONIMENTA

A. P. Charam

February 2022

Vincentian **Wisdom**
Quotes • Charism



Tuesdays with Vincent de Paul

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton

Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, Author, Vincentian in Residence - De Paul University
Tuesday 2/1, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Feast

Feast of Rosalie Rendu
Monday 2/7, All Day

Meeting

Directors Meeting
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Board of

Tuesday 2/15,

Meeting

and Formation Committee
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Spirituality

Tuesday 2/15,

Understanding Poverty Role Playing

Wednesday 2/16, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

through

Ozanam Orientation Part – 1

Saturday 2/19, 8:45 AM – Noon

Ozanam Orientation Part – 2

Saturday 2/26, 8:45 AM – Noon

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 3/2, All Day

Meeting

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Bob Liles Corner

RIP TYRONE MARSHALL 8/2/57-12/20/21

For the last years of his life Tyrone lived at an Antioch bus stop. He didn't have a tent. Just a blanket or a sleeping bag. I would yell "Hi Tyrone" as I passed him on my bike. He had a mental illness and couldn't talk clearly, but he would smile and mumble something unintelligible. Sometimes I would give him a Clif bar, but normally he refused all assistance.

Several years ago, a person told me that when his own father was homeless that every month someone would come by and ask him if was ready to move indoors. After three years his dad decided that he was ready. So that is what I did, but he would always answer that he was happy there. I would see cars stop and hand him a bag of food.

One friend said that Tyrone gave her money to buy some food from the store across the street since they would not let him inside. As soon as she got out of his sight, she threw the money away because it was so dirty and reeked with a terrible odor. She bought him what he wanted and gave him the change so that he would think that she used his money. On another occasion he actually tried to give her money just for being so nice to him.

Today there are flowers and candles where he used to sleep. A lot of people on Nextdoor talk about their interactions with him and how he was always friendly. I don't know what caused his death. Some suspect the cold weather, but he seemed content even when it was 40 degrees.

Bob Liles Corner

RIP TYRONE MARSHALL - Continued

How did our society get to the point where the homeless die on the street? As a former congressman once said, "If it was easy to solve, it would have been fixed a long time ago."

Tyrone has a daughter that lives nearby, two grandchildren, six siblings and countless cousins, nieces, and nephews. He grew up in the Bay Area, worked at the shipyard and studied the martial arts so that he could be like Bruce Lee. I don't know how he ended up on the street, but his daughter alluded to an illness. It doesn't sound like his family rejected him, so I am not sure what his situation was. At one time the state could lock people like Tyrone in a mental hospital, but over the last 50 years laws have been passed to prevent the government from institutionalizing most of the mentally ill. In addition the courts say that the homeless can sleep on public land if there are no shelter beds for them.

The bottom line is that I do not know what the answer is. Interestingly enough I do see a direct correlation between the number of people who say that they are advocates for the homeless and the number of homeless.

I read a book on substance abuse and the author said that the first step is to get the person to want to change. The author went on to say, "You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink. However, you can make the horse very thirsty. A good therapist should be able to convince someone that their life would be better if they got off drugs." I feel it is the same with the homeless. *Read Rule 1.10, which just happens to be the one that we are focusing on this month.* But that is just my opinion. Let's start a conversation. Email me at president@svdp-cc.org I will print the responses next month. Anonymously if you want.

Here is Tyrone's obituary:

<https://antiochherald.com/2022/01/in-memorial-antioch-homeless-resident-tyrone-marshall-passes-at-64/>

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? <http://www.svdp-cc.org/>

BIG CHANGES IN OUR WEBSITE - Look in the upper right corner just before the blue button that says "DONATION INFO". There is a link that says "Members". It's for you since you are a member of the District Council. You can hold the cursor over "Members" and see all the pages that you can go directly to or just click on "Members" and it will bring up a page that describes all of the pages.

We are slowly migrating everything in the Dropbox Resource folder to the website. Our goal is to keep it up to date and this will be the spot that you go to for the latest versions of every form that you will need. It will have links to the 1st Tuesdays with Vincent, training classes, information on Home Visits, pantry operation, the calendar and much, much, more.

Check it out and email me your comments at president@svdp-cc.org provision of material and any other type of support.

THE RULE

1.9 Empathy

Vincentian's endeavor to establish relationships based on trust and friendship. Conscious of their own frailty and weakness, their hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor. They do not judge those they serve. Rather, they seek to understand them as they would a brother or sister.

1.10 Promotion of self-sufficiency

Vincentian's endeavor to help the poor to help themselves whenever possible, and to be aware that they can forge and change their own destinies and that of their local community.



Invitation to Serve on a New Youth Ministry Committee

by Kathy Dasso

We would like to form a committee to explore the creation of a SVdP High School ministry at Carondelet and De La Salle. This ministry would introduce the teens to the mission and works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and grow the Vincentian family and a life-long love of serving the poor. We invite those who have a heart for working with teens and have had experience leading or volunteering with teens to join us on this committee. The committee will fine-tune a design and conduct outreach to Carondelet and De La Salle High schools to pilot a program in the Fall of 2022.

Initial thoughts for the program design, which would be open to Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students at Carondelet and De La Salle, would include activities such as:

- An orientation/invitation to serve to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's history and works
- Tour of the SVdP District Office and services offered, including the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room, RotaCare Free Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Workforce Development Program, Food Pantry, Store and Spiritual Activities
- Participation in monthly, hands-on service opportunities, including:
 - Volunteering at the Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg or Brentwood stores
 - Volunteering at the St. Francis, St. Mary's or St. Bonaventure's food pantries
 - Serving at the Gianni's Restaurant event and other SVdP events
 - Holding a High School Bundle Sunday
 - Serving at/and or participating as a team in the Bocci Ball tournament
 - Participating in the Walk for the Poor
 - Assisting with an Angel Tree program
 - Attending a conference meeting at an SVdP conference

And, if the pilot goes well, we could look at expanding the program to other youth groups.

We plan to kick off our first committee meeting in early February. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or would like more information, please send an email to Kathy Dasso at katdas9@aol.com.

JOIN US

FIND OUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.

TWO PART OZANAM ORIENTATION



The first 2022 English Language Ozanam Orientation (training) will continue to be on **Zoom**.

We had hoped to do this training in person, but it is not yet possible. Therefore, it will be in two (2) sessions, the first one on February 19th, and the second one on February 26th, both 8:45-1200 noon. It is important all new members and officers take this training within 6 months, and it is helpful for all members to renew the training after 3 or 4 years. There is a lot of information in the training, some updates and not unusual for new members to miss a point or two. Reviewing the information can be helpful during the breakout sessions. Packets will be available at the thrift stores. Please RSVP for planning by email to Shawanna Costanzo at Shawanna57@gmail.com

The link for this Ozanam Orientation (and all trainings from the Spirituality & Formation Committee) is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9254395060?pwd=N3BxU0w4RjFiUnlQZ1BYWGvVcHRUT09>

Meeting ID: **925 439 5060** Passcode: **Ozanam**

Blessings,
Spirituality & Formation Committee

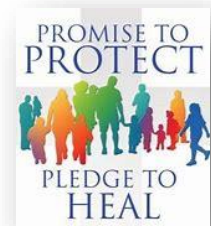
May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of His love, and the flame of everlasting charity.



Did You know The Society of St. Vincent de Paul follows the Safe Environment guidelines outlined by the Diocese of Oakland?

Please check with your Pastor to ensure we are in line with his expectations.

You can access Safe Environment Training through your parish or the Diocesan Website.





**You can now Schedule your
2022 St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday**

The St Vincent de Paul trucks are available to bring to your Parish parking lot to collect your donations of clothes, shoes, belts, purses, jewelry towels, linens, knick-knacks, bikes, etc. We particularly need kitchenware such as pots & pans, dish sets, utensils, small kitchen appliances,
PLEASE NO ELECTRONICS or MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS
To arrange a Bundle Sunday for your Conference
PLEASE CALL BONNIE CASEY (925) 439-5060 OR b.casey@svdp-cc.org

TUESDAYS WITH VINCENT DE PAUL



ELIZABETH ANN SEATON

HOST – SR. BETTY ANN MCNEIL

"Do we serve God in Hope, looking to his promises, confiding in his love, seeking his Kingdom, and leaving the rest to Him?"¹

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1, FEBRUARY FROM 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Betty Ann McNeil, D.C.

Sister Betty Ann McNeil, a native of Virginia and a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, earned a baccalaureate degree in Social Welfare from Saint Joseph College, Emmitsburg, Maryland (1969) and a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University (1975). Niagara University awarded her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (2019).

Sister Betty Ann served children, young mothers, immigrants, and refugees in a variety of social work roles prior to her appointment as Provincial Archivist for the Daughters of Charity, Province of Emmitsburg (1999).

Sister Betty Ann worked with the Advisory Committee for the publication of the multi-volume opus *Elizabeth Bayley Seton Collected Writings*, 3 vols. (New York City Press, 2000-2005), and with the DePaul University Vincentian Studies since 1988.

As an author on the Vincentian and Setonian tradition, Sister Betty Ann's work has been widely published; she has conducted workshops, retreats, etc. in North America, Europe, and Asia. Among her publications are the following:

- Author of *15 Days of Prayer with Elizabeth Seton* (Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 2002).
- Co-author with Martha Libster, "*Enlightened Charity: The Holistic Nursing Care, Education, and Advices Concerning the Sick of Sister Matilda Coskery, D.C., (1799– 1870)*" (Golden Apple Publications, 2009).
- Editor, update of the definitive Seton biography, Annabelle Melville, *Elizabeth Bayley Seton 1774-1821* (Sheridan Press, 2009).
- Editor, *Light & Grace, Elizabeth Seton on Life, Faith, and Eternity. Daily Reflections*, (Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's: Emmitsburg, Maryland, 2009). An edition in Spanish, *Luz y Gracia*, is forthcoming.
- Compiler and Editor, *Friendship of My Soul. Letters by Elizabeth Ann Seton. 1803-1809*, (Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's: Emmitsburg, Maryland, 2010).
- Compiler and editor, *Balm of Hope—Charity Afire Impels Daughters of Charity to Civil War Nursing. A Compendium. The Civil War Records of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Province of the United States* (DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute, 2015).
- Editor, M. Alderman and J. Burns, *Praying with Elizabeth Ann Seton* (2nd ed.), (Chicago: DePaul University, 2017). An edition in Spanish, *Orando con Elizabeth Seton*, is forthcoming.

Since 2012, Sister Betty Ann is a Vincentian Scholar-in-Residence in the Division of Mission and Ministry at DePaul University, Chicago, and serves as adjunct faculty in Catholic Studies of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, DePaul University. Currently she teaches a course for undergraduates, *Notable Vincentian Women—Elizabeth Bayley Seton*.

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Heart of a Friend—Elizabeth Ann Seton

Goal.

To present an overview of Elizabeth Bayley Seton, an American wife, mother, and convert to Catholicism, who embraced the Vincentian mission as a widow, and became a notable Vincentian woman and Saint as an educator, spiritual leader, and advocate for impoverished persons.

Objectives.

Participants will learn about Elizabeth Bayley Seton, learn from her response to life experiences, and be able to:

1. Give examples of events and circumstances when Elizabeth Bayley Seton made ethical choices, guided by Christian principles and Vincentian values.
2. Discuss how Elizabeth Seton handled her emotions and expressed her feelings as a woman in her many life roles.
3. Demonstrate how Elizabeth Seton nurtured healthy relationships with family, friends, and acquaintances, etc.
4. Explain how Elizabeth Seton and the Sisters of Charity contributed to the common good of the Church and society.
5. Illustrate how Elizabeth Seton understood God as Love, Beauty, Goodness, and Truth, allowing her spiritual life to mature and enrich the lives of others.

Suggested Preparatory Resources:

Biographical Essay.

<https://setonshrine.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Full-Biography-of-St-Elizabeth-Ann-Seton.pdf>

Regina Bechtle, S.C., and Judith Metz, S.C., eds., Ellin M. Kelly, mss. ed., *Elizabeth Bayley Seton Collected Writings*, 3 vols. (New City Press: New York, 2000-2006).

Download from https://via.library.depaul.edu/seton_lcd/

Betty Ann McNeil, *15 Days of Prayer with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

<https://setonshrine.org/lift-up-my-soul-15-days-of-prayer-mother-seton/>

Annabelle Melville, *Elizabeth Bayley Seton 1774-1821*. (Biography)

Download from https://via.library.depaul.edu/seton_bio/

Podcasts for Friends and Followers. Stories of those inspired by Mother Seton's mission.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/friends-followers/id1533125585>

National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

<https://setonshrine.org/explore-the-shrine/>

Join Zoom Meeting - Tuesday with Vincent de Paul (2/1/2022) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034403349?pwd=bjJldHlMSG44RFZ2L2s5bGtKNzZCdz09>

Meeting ID: **870 3440 3349** Passcode: **Vincent**



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St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County YouTube Page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKjgpCZOYqdmXRF0kn0tUg>

Meeting ID: 925 439 5060 Passcode: Ozanam

California Tenant and Landlord Housing Resources:

https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/protection_guidelines.html

<https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/landlord/resources.html>

Hope Conference Documents:

Applications in English and Spanish:

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/1.-SVdP-Hope-Application-PRINTABLE.pdf>

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/3.-SVdP-Hope-Application-SPANISH-PRINTABLE.pdf>

Important Tenant-Landlord Information Documents:

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Tenant-Landlord-Information.pdf>

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Tenant-Inability-to-Pay-Notice.pdf>

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Want to know when the thrift stores are open and when they will take donations:

www.svdp-cc.org/thrift-stores/

Want information on the free dining room, medical clinic, or Workforce Development:

<http://www.svdp-cc.org/programs>

Need information on the new dental clinic:

www.svdp-cc.org/57413-2

Want to check out volunteer opportunities:

www.svdp-cc.org/volunteer

Want to donate a vehicle

<https://careasy.org/nonprofit/Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Council-of-Contra-Costa-County>