



# THE VISITOR

## News & Updates

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**Sacramento Diocesan Council**

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*Celebrating 60 Years of Service in the Sacramento Diocese*

**Divine Mercy.** While many Catholics are just coming to know the message of Divine Mercy, it is an idea that finds resonance with Vincentians and our traditions. This Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday, and we have already heard that [Pope Francis will soon announce a Holy Year of Mercy](#), beginning on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Why does Divine Mercy resonate with Vincentians? Our vocation is “to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to [Christ’s] compassionate and liberating love.” (Rule 1.2) We “strive to seek out and find those in need.” (Rule 1.5) Vincentians “give priority to the poorest of the poor and to those who are most rejected by society.” (Rule 1.6) We “do not judge those [we] serve.” (Rule 1.9) We “grow more perfect in love by expressing compassionate and tender love to the poor and one another.” (Rule 2.2) As Vincentians, we try to emulate the spirituality of Bl. Frederic Ozanam, who “[e]nvisioned the establishment of a network of charity and social justice encircling the world.” (Rule 2.4) Like St. Vincent de Paul, our patron saint, we seek “[t]o share the compassionate and liberating love of Christ the Evangelizer and Servant of the Poor.” (Rule 2.5). —**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President

**April 17 - Annual Charity Dinner: *It’s Right Around the Corner!*** We look forward to a successful event (thanks to our many dedicated volunteers!), but, yes, seating is still available for this wonderful evening of celebration! This is a singular opportunity to honor our Benefactor of the Year, **the Most Rev. William Wiegand**, Bishop Emeritus of the Sacramento Diocese. And guest speaker **Rudy Ruettiger**, of Notre Dame football fame, has a powerful story to share! For last minute seating and other information, please contact **Tom Aguer**, (916) 599-0546, [tom.aguer@avisonyoung.com](mailto:tom.aguer@avisonyoung.com) or visit our website CALENDAR section [www.svdp-sacramento.org](http://www.svdp-sacramento.org).

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society on the Bishop’s Hour**

On March 31, 2015, Sacramento Diocesan Council President Paul Starkey (photo, at left) appeared on The Bishop’s Hour with radio host Bob Dunning to talk about the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here in the Sacramento Diocese. To hear the wide-ranging 20 minute interview, [click here](#). (Please allow a few moments to download the audio file.) The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a proud sponsor of The Bishop’s Hour, which regularly features the work of the Society, including [our Thrift Store](#). [Immaculate Heart Radio](#) in the Sacramento area can be found at 1620 AM.



**Coming Soon: Your Quarterly Newsletter.** The Sacramento Diocesan Council, as a benefit to the district councils and the conferences, and at no cost, will introduce this summer (July or August) a

quarterly newsletter as part of our revitalized communication effort. The magazine style newsletter will be an 8-page, color format with an opportunity for all the district councils to update the good works of their respective conferences. We envision the newsletter being delivered electronically to Vincentians throughout the Diocese, with a print version for placement at all parishes. We have contracted with J.S. Paluch Company to design and produce our newsletter. As is done with church bulletins, J.S. Paluch will use advertising in the newsletter to cover costs. We will be coordinating with the conference presidents, through the respective district council leadership, for prospective advertisers. Thanks to Phil Neiderberger for leading this initiative. For questions about the newsletter, please contact Phil at [pniederberger@svdp-sacramento.org](mailto:pniederberger@svdp-sacramento.org).

**Sacramento Thrift Store Lease Extended.** On March 31, 2015, the Board approved the extension of the Sacramento Thrift Store lease for a 3-year term through 2018. The extension results in immediate rent savings for the Thrift Store, and will offer some improvements, including a small office space on site for use by conferences and councils. The extension represents the Diocesan Council's firm commitment to the success of the Store operation at the 2275 Watt Avenue location. Thanks to Tom Aguer for negotiating the extension.

**Council and Conference News.** ♦We welcome **Fernando Tovar**, new conference president at St. Isidore Conference, Yuba City, and thank **Brad Bell**, immediate past president, for his servant leadership. ♦With **Gene Trinca**, of Our Lady of Assumption Conference, **Keegan Smith** is coordinating participation in the 2015 Friends of the Poor™ Walk, which will be held in September. ♦Thanks to **Mona Montano**, of Our Lady of Grace Conference, for her consultation help with the Sacramento Thrift Store. ♦The Sacramento Diocesan Council earlier this month, through the Sacramento Thrift Store, coordinated with the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services on relocation of a refugee family from Iraq. Thanks to Store Manager **Martha Leandro** and staff for help on this project.

### **SVdP CALENDAR**

- April 8-10, **Mid-Year Meeting**, St. Louis
- April 17, Annual **Charity Dinner**
- April 23, Birthday of Bl. Frederic Ozanam
- April 23, Anniversary of the Founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- April 24, Birthday of St. Vincent de Paul
- April 25, **Rendu University**, Our Lady of Grace, West Sacramento
- April 26, **Ozanam Sunday**

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### **RESOURCE CORNER**

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- For conference and council presidents, instant access to the Rule, Manual, sample bylaws for a conference, and more. See ["Governance in a Box"](#)
- Need materials for [conference secretaries and treasurers?](#)
- [Vincentian Reflections](#) for use at conference meetings are linked to Sunday readings



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