



# THE VISITOR

## News & Updates

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**Sacramento Diocesan Council**

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*Celebrating 60 Years of Service in the Sacramento Diocese*

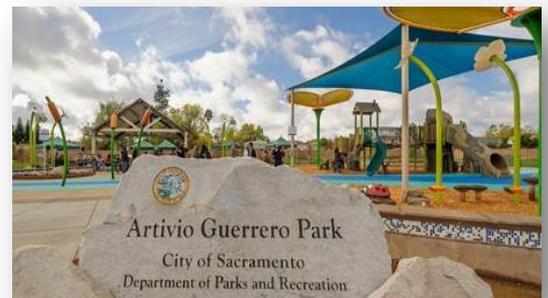


**“Help Wanted.”** In recent months, the Sacramento Council has undertaken many activities to support the district councils/conferences, among them: Our website is “new and improved” with growing resources: [www.svdp-sacramento.org](http://www.svdp-sacramento.org) (thank you, **Keegan Smith!**). Our annual Ozanam Orientation and Rendu U. events have been a success, and we have a training for conference officers on June 27 in Rancho Cordova (thank you, **Inez Reyes** and St. John Vianney Conference, and **Judy Dietlein** and training team!). On June 28, we have our first ever

Vincentian family picnic (thank you, **Danny Camarena, Pam Anderson, Mary DeLost**, and others!) On August 15, we have our annual half-day Vincentian retreat (thank you, **Deacon Dave Lehman** and **Father Michael Kiernan**). On September 27, the Council sponsors its annual Friends of the Poor Walk at Jesuit High School (thank you, **Gene Trinca** and Walk Team!) And our annual [Benefit for the Poor dinner](#) and raffle in April was a tremendous success, and plans are already underway for 2016! –mark your calendars for April 22, 2016! (thank you, **Roelof van Ark** and so many others!) Here’s the point: to do these things (and more!) the Sacramento Council needs your help. In the months ahead, through our re-organization by districts, we will continue to re-strengthen our conferences in Vincentian prayer and fellowship, and we will be inviting others to join with us and to collaborate with us as we look for ways to better serve the poor in our communities. At this time of renewal within the Society, both here in the Sacramento Diocese and throughout the United States, the need for *servant leaders* is ever present. In your Vincentian vocation, what is the Holy Spirit calling you to do? Let me know how you want to help.  
–**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President

**Conference Officer Training, Saturday, June 27.** We will use our Rendu U. training format (Christ, Conference, Community) to offer conference officers training on Saturday, June 27, 2015, hosted by **Inez Reyes** and the St. John Vianney Conference in Rancho Cordova. In three related sessions, and with experienced panelists, the training focuses on 1) the spiritual roles of the conference president and the spiritual advisor, 2) the roles of vice president and secretary in helping the conference president to handle the day-to-day management of conference business, and 3) the role of the treasurer to assist the conference president in relating to the community (reporting, accountability). All conference officers, especially conference presidents, are encouraged to attend this training. Walk in’s welcome! Please [see the Council web page](#) for details: [www.svdp-sacramento.org](http://www.svdp-sacramento.org)

**Sunday, June 28 - First Annual Vincentian Family Picnic.** Members, associates, friends and family, all are invited to join us for our first annual Vincentian Family Picnic at **Art Guerrero Park** in Sacramento. Among other activities, we will be holding our “kick off” for the Walk for the Poor. Find [more details on our web page](#).



**Council and Conference News.** ♦We welcome and congratulate recently elected Conference President **Kristine Passalacqua**, St. Dominic, Benicia Conference and we recognize and thank outgoing officers **Joe Kroner** and **Pierre Bidou** for their past service. ♦**Angie Miranda** has stepped up to serve as Acting President of St. Joseph Conference in North Sacramento while the group decides upon a new president to succeed **Tom Bamford**, who passed earlier this year. ♦**Mary Hudler** is serving as conference president at St. Joseph, Clarksburg, replacing **Rich Cvitano**, who has moved from the area. For more Council and Conference updates, please regularly check our [Council web page](#) for “News.”

**Voice of the Poor (VOP).** The latest information on our social justice efforts can be found at [www.wrvo.org](http://www.wrvo.org). To get involved here in the Sacramento Diocese, contact VOP Committee Chair [Dennis McSweeney](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Someone in my conference has a family member who wants to donate an auto to St. Vincent de Paul? What’s the process? Will our conference benefit?

**A:** Probably the easiest way to accomplish a donation of a vehicle is to have the person who wishes to donate the vehicle call our auto donation program (800) 937-7837. By calling that number, the donor can make arrangements to have the vehicle picked up. The donor will be asked to identify which entity he or she wishes the proceeds to go, and the donor may specify your conference (be sure to specify the conference name and location). The vehicle would then be picked up and eventually sold and the auto donation program should send the proceeds directly to your conference. If the vehicle is picked up, or the donor lives in one of the zip codes within the geography of the Sacramento Council, we may receive the check because of the way the auto donation computer system is set up. If that occurs, we can send the proceeds on to your conference.

## SVdP CALENDAR

- ▶ June 27, **Rendu U. @ St. John Vianney – Conference Officers Training**
- ▶ June 28, **Vincentian Family Picnic**, Art Guerrero Park, Sacramento
- ▶ July 18, **Rendu U. at St. Clare**, Roseville
- ▶ August 15, **Vincentian Half-Day Retreat**
- ▶ September 27, **Walk for the Poor @ Jesuit High School**, Sacramento

### Learn On Line with VinFormation.

**Famvin:** [Learning to Serve](#) has resources for you. <http://vinformation.famvin.org/>



**The Catholic Store** offers a Vincentian “space” for our members and associates. The Vincentian collection, including holy cards, medals, and books, including materials for young persons, is growing. Please visit The Catholic Store and check out [the SVdP kiosk](#).

[Editor’s Note: We welcome news items! Contributors this newsletter: **John Hallissy**.]



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