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Council Support to Districts/Conferences Accomplishments (October 2015-September 2016)

Spirituality

- Resolution for the Year of Mercy, directing all activities with this theme
- Resolution for establishment of Vincentian Memorial Roll (Necrology)
- Vincentian Stations of the Cross March 2016
- Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ speaker at annual benefit for the poor dinner
- Annual Day of Spirituality with Bishop Cotta August 2016
- Spiritual advisors established in 34 conferences

Fellowship

- Top Hat Dinner December 2015
- 2d Annual Picnic July 2016
- 2d Annual Fellowship Breakfast September 2016

Service

- Council Grants assistance to conferences, including support of systemic change program in St. Martin, Esparto
- Disaster relief, coordinating with other Councils
- Thrift Store support to conferences:
 - Council mattress program
 - Client vouchers
 - Bundle Sundays, area pick ups
 - Refugee assistance
 - Client assistance coordination with conferences; maintains parish services lists

Governance

- Establishment of all districts with National Council
- Distribution of start-up stipends (\$1,000) to districts
- Reporting
 - Annual Reports compiled (including Council assistance) December 2015
 - Taxes paid for conferences (including Council assistance) December 2015
 - Attorney General filings December 2015
- Representation of districts/conferences:
 - Attendance at Midyear meeting April 2016
 - Attendance at Western Region meeting May 2016, plus 2 teleconferences
 - Attendance at National Meeting September 2016



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Funding

- Annual Benefit Dinner for the Poor & Charity Raffle (\$85,000) April 2016
- Walk for the Poor 2016 coordination and support with increased participation (Sacramento, Lincoln, Auburn, Chico, Weed, 2 Vallejo sites)
- Managed Car donation program
- Managed Council Donation website via PayPal & bequests
- Annual Catholic Appeal distribution to districts (\$44,000) August 2016

Extension (new conferences)

- St. Anthony, Winters (Yolo District)
- Our Divine Savior, Chico (Placer District)
- Sacred Heart, Gridley (Placer District)
- Sacred Heart, Fort Jones (North District), existing and formally established
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sacramento (Metro District), existing and formally established
- St. Francis of Assisi, Sacramento (Metro District) [in process for 2016-2017]

Training

- Training presented
 - Ozanam Orientation; Rendu University sessions
 - Annual Officer training
- Training created
 - 4 conference-specific training modules on website
- Established Council Formator and formator team (Judy Dietlein)
- Estimated 35% of membership to date has received Ozanam Orientation training

Diversity

- Spanish language materials translated for conferences (on website)
- Outreach to Spanish speaking through radio
- Council support to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish speaking conference)

Young Vincentians

- Young adult group established as Council project May 2016 - Young Vincentian Alliance (YVA)
- YVA hosted annual picnic, Sacramento Walk, multiple service projects with conferences (e.g., St. Philomene, St. Mel)

Voice of the Poor

- Monitored legislation
- Attended Diocese jail ministry training
- Attend Catholic Lobbying Day at state capitol
- Represented Council at Western Region
- Revamped Council VOP website



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Communications

- Council website re-vitalized with Members' Page, other features for conferences
- Monthly newsletter for conferences, posted on line and distributed via email
- Social media through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram @svdpsac
- Catholic Radio Bishop's Hour (multiple interviews), Radio Santisimo (1 interview)
- *Catholic Herald* feature article with Solano District (Judy Dietlein) and North State District (Brendan Butler) focus