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Celebrating 60 Years of Service in the Sacramento Diocese



Annual Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. While Vincentian devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, is well known, perhaps lesser known is the Vincentian tradition of our annual consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost—this year, Friday, June 12. According to information from the National Council, “The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since February 5, 1872. An Act of Consecration was drawn up at the request of the Society in 1872, and this act of consecration is renewed annually by all units of the Society.”

Among [the standard Vincentian Prayers](#) is the “Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart,” which can be found in the Manual (p. 71) and [at this link](#). If this is not already part of your conference tradition, this year—being the 170th anniversary of the Society coming to the United States—would be a good time to start. A sample reflection is found under [the Vincentian Reflections](#) (2015 2nd Quarter), with this discussion question: “How does devotion to the Sacred Heart help us to live out our Vincentian call?” *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us!* —**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President

Rendu U. Some 20 Vincentians gathered at St. Mary Conference in Sacramento on Saturday morning, May 16, to explore the theme of “friendship in the conference.” Working out of the *Serving in Hope* training series (Module VI), the first session focused on the meaning of servant leadership within the conference, which included a discussion about bringing youth and young adults into conference life. We were fortunate to have the participation of three young women from St. Francis High, who shared their insights during the discussion. In Session Two, we discussed the importance of friendship in the conference and ways to increase or friendship. In Session Three, the group continued its discussion of social justice and the role of the conference in the greater community. A report out from the sessions will be available on [our website](#). Many thanks to Conference President **Michael Carroll** and the St. Mary Conference for hosting this event and for the wonderful hospitality.

June 28 First Annual Vincentian Family Picnic.

Members, associates, friends and family are invited to join us for our first annual Vincentian Family Picnic on June 28 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. ♦**Roelof van Ark**, Council Board Member and organizer of this year's successful Annual Charity Dinner, has kindly agreed to take on the role of Council treasurer. **Roelof** succeeds to the position held by Council Treasurer **Barbara Kelly**, who also serves as Conference President at St. Peter/All Hallows. Council President **Paul Starkey** has expressed his thanks to Barbara for her service, "**Barbara** has ably served the Sacramento Council for over six years as Council treasurer and in other leadership roles, and I very much appreciate her willingness to continue to assist us during this important re-organization of the Council and the transition."

Voice of the Poor. The latest information on our social justice efforts can be found at www.wrvop.org.



Still a Sign of the Times. In late April (Ozanam Sunday weekend, in fact), **Fred Nichols**, St. Anthony Conference President, was touring the Sacramento History Museum and Underground Sacramento when he saw a familiar sign. Notes **Fred**, who took the photo at left, "In the museum, there was a picture that showed the SVdP sign. My guess is the picture was taken in the 1950s and that it was in Oak Park." [Editor's Note: As part of our celebration of our 60th year of incorporation in the Sacramento Diocese, please let us know if you have photos or other memorabilia about the Society from past years to share.]

SVdP CALENDAR

- ▶ May 28-31, Western Region Conference
- ▶ June 27, **Rendu U.** @ St. John Vianney – [Conference Officers Training](#)
- ▶ June 28, [Mass and Vincentian Family Picnic](#), Art Guerrero Park
- ▶ July 18, Rendu U. at St. Clare, Roseville
- ▶ August 15, **Vincentian Half-Day Retreat**
- ▶ September 27, **Walk for the Poor** @ Jesuit High School, Sacramento (tentative date)

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[Editor's Note: We welcome news items! Contributors this newsletter: **Fred Nichols**.]

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