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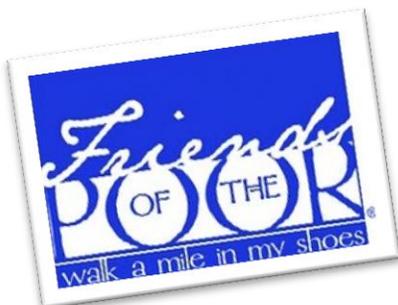
Picture the Poor. We shut our eyes to what disturbs us. We do. It's automatic and done out of reflex. If we come upon an unpleasant situation, we naturally avert our eyes. We look the other way. When we encounter the poor—walking straight toward us with hand extended, or huddled off to the side of a building with head bowed, or slumped in a hidden alley way—we may want cancel out the image. Out of sight, out of mind. Eventually, we no longer see the poor, the forgotten. We turn a blind eye. But as Vincentians, we are called to turn our gaze back, revert our eyes, and regard them, which means to look into the eyes of the poor to see Christ whom we serve. If we can picture the poor, we can begin to understand how we are in solidarity with them. We can truly “regard” the poor—as Vincent would have us do.—**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President



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A Morning with Mary. On Saturday morning, August 15, join us at Holy Family Church in Citrus Heights as we gather for our annual Day of Spirituality. With the date being the Feast of the Assumption, we will reflect on the themes of “Mary, the Ideal Disciple, the Model Listener.” Thanks to **Deacon Dave Lehman** and **Fr. Michael Kiernan** for organizing this half-day retreat. [Event details](#) can be found on our webpage.

Celebrate our Vincentian Feast Days: Annual Fellowship Breakfast. September holds our important feast days for St. Vincent de Paul (September 27) and the Society's principal founder, Bl. Frederic Ozanam (September 8). In celebration and fellowship, on September 12, the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, the Yolo/Delta District Council hosts our first annual Mass and Fellowship Breakfast at St. James in Davis. Thanks to District President **Dave Burmester** and St. James Conference President **Kevin Roddy** for coordinating this event. [Details about the breakfast](#) are available on our webpage.



Join the Society's National Friends of the Poor™ Walk. The Sacramento Council is hosting a Walk event again this year at [Jesuit High School](#) and all districts and conferences are invited to participate. This national Walk is an excellent opportunity to show our solidarity with Vincentians throughout the United States, to witness to the needs of the poor in our communities, and to raise money for our charitable aims. [Online registration is available](#) at www.svdpnet/fop. Thanks to **Gene and Fran Trinca, Keegan Smith,**

GiGi Bellocci, and the Walk team for organizing this event. **Ron Morin** reports that St. Joseph Conference, Lincoln will sponsor its Walk again this year. From the [website](#): “We will walk the downtown streets of Lincoln, CA. This will be our 4th Walk for the Poor in Lincoln sponsored by the St. Joseph SVDP Conference.” Is you are interested in having your own Walk, visit the [national website](#) for details or contact paulstarkey@svdp-sacramento.org.



Vincentian Family Picnic Sizzles with Fun. Thanks to District President **Danny Camarena**, South Sacramento District Council, who organized our first annual Vincentian Family Picnic on June 28 at **Art Guerrero** Park in the neighborhood of St. Peter Conference, Sacramento. Over 40 Vincentians, friends, and family enjoyed the picnic fare of grilled hot dogs and potato salad. (Pictured at the grill: from left, **Bob** and **Pam Anderson**, **Danny**, and **Venus DeCoy**. The event also served as our “kick off” for our Walk for the Poor (Photo above: from left, **Gene Trinca**, **Martha Leandro**, **Danny Camarena**, and **Fran Trinca**.)

Rendu University Roves to Roseville. On Saturday morning, July 18, our upcoming Rendu U. training sessions will be hosted at St. Clare in Roseville. [See our Council webpage for details](#). Sessions are free and open to all Vincentians, associates and guests. You may attend one or all of the sessions. Space is limited. Please RSVP to deburmester@icloud.com.

Council and Conference News. ♦For more Council and Conference updates, be sure to check our [Council web page](#) for “News.”

SVdP CALENDAR

- ▶ July 18, [Rendu U.](#) at St. Clare, Roseville
- ▶ August 15, [Vincentian Half-Day Retreat](#)
- ▶ September 12, [Annual Fellowship Breakfast](#), St. James, Davis
- ▶ September 27, [Walk for the Poor](#) @ Jesuit High School, Sacramento

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