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## News & Updates

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***“Love is Our Mission.”*** With the Pope’s visit to the United States this month under the banner, *“Love is Our Mission,”* no doubt many Catholics will be inspired to find ways to do “a little good” for the poor. In fact, because of “the Francis effect,” the National Society has already engaged in a print and social media campaign to invite Catholics to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In response, we, at the local level, must be prepared to share our Vincentian vocation with interested individuals who are hearing “the cry of the poor,” for perhaps the first time. We must also be open to welcoming new people into our conferences, especially young people who feel called to serve the poor, and finding ways to help them express this calling to encounter Christ in the poor we serve. When they knock at your door, will you be ready?  
–**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President



**Annual Fellowship Breakfast Features Sister Paule Freeburg, DC.** [Sister Paule Freeburg](#), Daughters of Charity (DC), (pictured) who is Western Region Co-Spiritual Advisor with **Deacon Gene Smith**, is our featured speaker at the Annual Fellowship Breakfast on September 12. **Sr. Paule** presents workshops throughout the Western Region and is known as an informative, highly inspiring and entertaining speaker. [Details about the breakfast](#) are on our webpage and Facebook. All are invited to attend this free event. RSVP to [Dave Burmester](#).

**MASS & BREAKFAST  
SEPTEMBER 12**

**There is still time!** Join us for the Society’s National Friends of the Poor™ Walk at Jesuit High School, Sunday, September 27. See our [Facebook page for details](#). Online registration is [available here](#) or just click the logo.



**Vincentians and the Jubilee Year of Mercy.** On December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the [Holy Year of Mercy](#). We understand Christ’s mercy through Mary at the foot of the Cross, [Pope Francis writes in Misericordiae Vultus](#). (Para. 21.) As Vincentians, we keep

Mary, as “first disciple,” at the forefront of our prayer, fellowship and action. Our Blessed Mother models for us the Vincentian spirit of listening to the Word of God, accepting it in faith, and acting upon it. In the months ahead, in coordination with events planned by the Diocese of Sacramento, we will have many opportunities to reflect and pray about the works of corporal and spiritual mercy, and to put our faith into action.



**Do You Receive the Frederic E-Gazette?** Do you know? The National Society publishes a weekly e-newsletter for Vincentians. The information is timely and valuable for every conference, and it goes right to your email box!. To subscribe, [click here](#), or paste the link below into your browser:

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**Council and Conference News.** ♦Recently aired on the Bishop’s Hour (August 25), Sacramento Council President **Paul Starkey** talks about the likely impact of the Pope’s visit and invites listeners to join in the work of the Society. [Hear the broadcast](#) (beginning at the 19:00 minute mark). ♦District President **Brendan Butler** reports, “From the North State District Council, the Conference of Holy Family in Weed, California, will be celebrating a ground breaking ceremony [for the new church] on both the 16th of September (the first year of recovery anniversary) and on the 19th when **Jaime Soto**, the Bishop of Sacramento, will be arriving to bless the project.” ♦From Immaculate Conception Conference, Sacramento: Conference President **Mary DeLost** reports parishioners are becoming more aware of SVdP, with 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collections increasing as a result. To be more visible, **Mary** adds, “We have purchased the SVdP royal blue polo shirts to wear on the 5th Sunday Second Collection day, and, along with being more visible, we will set up a table in the vestibule with information on what SVdP does. Pray that we will be successful in recruiting new Vincentians for this important ministry.” ♦See photos from [#SVdPNationalAssembly2015](#) [Editor’s Note: We welcome your council/conference news items!]

### **SVdP CALENDAR**

- ▶ September 8, Feast of Bl. Frederic Ozanam
- ▶ September 12, [Annual Fellowship Breakfast](#), St. James, Davis
- ▶ September 19, Roseville Conference [Annual Benefit Dinner](#)
- ▶ September 26, [Walk for the Poor](#), Lincoln
- ▶ September 27, [Walk for the Poor](#) @ Jesuit High School, Sacramento
- ▶ September 27, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

#### **Learn On Line with VinFormation.**

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

**ACA 2015 Distribution.** The Sacramento Council recently received the [Annual Catholic Appeal grant distribution](#) from the Diocese of Sacramento. The funds will be distributed throughout the Council’s service area. Notes Council President **Paul Starkey**, “We are grateful to **Bishop Jaime Soto** and all of our generous Catholics for this continued support to *Help Us Help Others.*”

**Voice of the Poor.** Information on our social justice efforts can be found at [www.wrvop.org](http://www.wrvop.org).

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