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Deepening Our Sense of Mercy: A Morning Retreat with Bishop Cotta. Vincentian spirituality is at the heart of who we are and what we do. In the model of Frederic Ozanam and our Society's first members, we are called to realize our Catholic faith by seeking to encounter Christ in the poor we serve. We begin always "our journey together toward holiness" in prayer and fellowship. (Rule, art. 2.2). "Vincentian spirituality is rooted in the words of Jesus and exemplified in the lives and ministry of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and Blessed Rosalie Rendu. [...] Vincentian spirituality is gentle and strong, nurturing and guiding, loving and creative, compassionate and merciful. Vincentian spirituality is

indeed rooted in charity and justice." (Manual, p. 58.) On August 20, we are honored to have **Myron J. Cotta**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese, join us for our annual Day of Spirituality. During this morning retreat, with its theme of "Deepening Our Sense of Mercy," **Bishop Cotta** will share reflections about the meaning of Christ's Mercy. Also, Council Spiritual Advisor **Fr. Michael Kiernan**, who has been long active in the life of the Society here in Sacramento, will talk about his experience of Vincentian spirituality. On behalf of **Fr. Michael** and **Deacon Lu Del Gaudio**, and Metro District President, **Michael Carroll**, who have organized this inspiring event, I am inviting all Vincentians and friends to attend. [Event details are on the Council's webpage.](#) –**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President

Our Picnic in "Art's Park." On Sunday, July 10, our Second Annual Vincentian Family Picnic was held again at Art Guerrero Park, Sacramento, and proved to be a fun event, with plenty of food and friendship. Members and families from Immaculate Conception, St. James, Davis, Our Lady of Grace, St. Mel, St. Mary, Holy Family, Weed, among others, attended. (More pictures can be found on [Facebook](#).) Hosted by the Young Vincentian Alliance (our active young adult group), the event also served to "kick off" our 2016 Walk for the Poor events in September. Many thanks to **Andrea Spence**, **Venus DeCoy**, **Cathy Ho**, **GiGi Bellocci**, and all who worked



tirelessly to make this event a success. (Editor's Note: "Art's Park" is dedicated to the memory of **Artivo "Art" Guerrero**, a beloved figure for his community service and a longtime Vincentian servant leader.)



Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC to Speak at Ozanam Orientation. Among other excellent presenters at our Ozanam Orientation training on August 13, we welcome back Daughter of Charity **Sr. Paule Freeburg**, Co-Spiritual Advisor for the Western Region, who will talk about our Vincentian heritage. Pictured at left, **Sr. Paule** was the featured speaker at our Fellowship Breakfast last September. For RSVP's, [see our Council website](#).

Fellowship Breakfast, Saturday, September 10. All are invited to join us at our Second Annual Fellowship Breakfast, with our featured speaker, **Ana Ramirez Palmer**. A trained catechist, **Ana** will explore with us in this Year of Mercy the meaning of Christ's mercy for our Vincentian friendship. This gathering will also serve as the Council's annual meeting. [Event information is on the Council webpage](#).

Council and Conference News. ♦Holy Family Conference, Weed has received its official Letter of Aggregation certificate dated December 22, 2015, which issues from the Society's International Office in Paris. Aggregation signifies the Society's official recognition of a conference. Congratulations to Conference President **Brendan Butler** and the members of Holy Family Conference for this milestone achievement, which strengthens the solidarity of the conference, the North State District and the Sacramento Council with our National Council and with Vincentians throughout the world. ♦On July 13, Council President **Paul Starkey** spoke to the Notre Dame Club of Sacramento about the work of the Society in the Sacramento Diocese. The event also featured a re-presentation of *Encountering Christ in the Face of the Poor*, an evocative series of watercolors depicting people in poverty, by artist **Michael Miller**. As part of our Year of Mercy observances, the paintings were displayed at our 10th Annual Benefit for the Poor Dinner in April. ♦Come out and support [Holy Spirit's Shred Event](#) on Sunday, September 17.

Training and Formation Resources. Find our many training and formation resources on [our Council web page](#) under the Members Tab. Also, [Famvin: Learning to Serve](#) has resources for you.

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St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us

SVdP CALENDAR

- August 13, [Ozanam Orientation, Vallejo](#)
- August 20, [Half Day Retreat with Bishop Cotta](#)
- September 9, Feast of Bl. Frederic Ozanam
- September 10, [2d Annual Fellowship Breakfast](#)
- September 10, [Putt for the Poor](#), North State
- September 17, Holy Spirit [Shred Day Event](#)
- September 24, [Friends of the Poor Walk](#)
- September 29, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul



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