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Monday Morning Memo



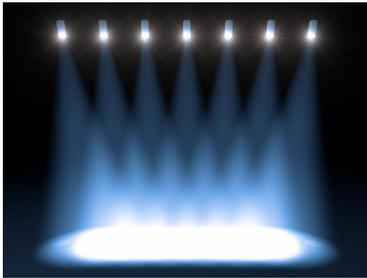
This was the first full week of a new decade. The holidays have begun to recede in memory and things are getting back to normal, whatever normal may be for you. For me it was a week of phone calls, emails, and generally “office” type work, although my office is a desk in my bedroom. I often wonder if this is what I am meant to do at this time in my life. I never question being part of St. Vincent de Paul, but I often wonder if what I am doing now is sufficiently Vincentian. My husband, on the other hand, does Home Visits and as treasurer of our Benicia conference is actively involved in all financial assistance decisions for those coming to us for help. He is touching the lives of others on a very personal basis.

I guess I feel removed from those one-on-one encounters and actually “seeing the face of Christ in the poor.” But then I bring it all back to St. Vincent de Paul as an organizer who founded the Congregation of the Mission, the Ladies of Charity, the Daughters of Charity among others. Wherever and whenever he discovered a need in society, he established an organization or agency to fill that need. I suppose he had to work with a lot of people to accomplish these goals. He may not have had a phone or computer, but perhaps he worked from a desk somewhere in rural parish office. I believe the quote from Vincent when he began to reach out to the poor was, “*The poor suffer less from a lack of generosity than from a lack of organization.*” Maybe I am on the right track. After all someone has to be on top of all the necessary requirements to keep an organization functioning properly. We each have different talents and skills and I believe we eventually end up doing what we do best.

I may not be reaching out personally to a needy person, but I am reminded of another quote from St. Vincent de Paul, "We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others... To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work."

Have a blessed week and thanks for all you do,

Judy



Spotlight on St. Vincent de Paul Roseville Conference

The Roseville Conference has been serving their neighbors in Roseville, Rocklin and Granite Bay since 1983. They currently provide services that include a Food Locker, a grocery home delivery program to homebound seniors and the handicapped, a Dining Room, and Medical Clinics. According to their President, Dr. Tom Stanko, these are just a few of the services and programs offered to the needy in these communities. If you would like to read more about Roseville, please see **WHO WE ARE** and read about the many other ways they extend assistance to those in need. One item that caught my attention was Mail Drop which is "a local mail drop for the homeless in Placer County, allowing the agency business address to be used as a permanent address for homeless individuals to receive mail." What a valuable benefit and simple solution for those living on the streets who need an address to receive checks and other correspondence. Thank you Roseville for sharing the many ways you fulfill the mission of service to the most vulnerable in our communities.

I would love to Spotlight your conference. Please send me an email with information about what your conference is doing. There are so many great ideas, programs and projects within our Vincentian community. We all benefit from sharing what we do and what we know. You can **e-mail me** and don't forget to send photos!

2020 Western Region Meeting and Workshops
"SEEK AND FIND THE FORGOTTEN"

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Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Celebrated by the Most Reverend Jaime Soto
Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento

The Western Region will be held in Sacramento this year!

Mark your calendars for
May 21-23, 2020!

Our Diocesan Council is hosting WR this year and will be responsible for providing volunteers at the event. If you have never been to a meeting outside of your own conference, this is a great opportunity to attend without all the travel that is usually involved. If you are interested in volunteering to help with registration, **please let me know.**

More details will be coming soon. The flyer can be viewed or printed for sharing by **clicking here!**

From the Desk of David Barringer

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This week we received a Disaster Update from Dave regarding the earthquake in Puerto Rico and the Australian wildfires. Included is valuable information that may answer many of the questions some

of you may have.

Disaster: Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico has experienced multiple earthquakes this week, with a magnitude 6.5 quake resulting in significant damage to homes and businesses. Our Disaster Services Corporation has volunteers and staff on the ground, serving since the hurricane months ago in conjunction with FEMA. All of our workers are unhurt to the best of our knowledge. A status report will be in the eGazette tomorrow.



We are not running a separate national fundraising campaign at this time. However, if your Conferences or members want to donate to help with the Puerto Rico disaster work, they can do so through DSC's website: www.svdpcdisaster.org.

Disaster: Australia Wildfires

There is significant US media coverage of the enormous Australian wildfires. The Australia SVDP is one of the major charities involved with disaster relief for this event. I have been in touch with the national CEO and he tells me that American donations are most welcome as this is a major event. There is no global Society campaign, at least not yet.

Again, we will not run a national SVDP campaign at this time. However, we have received multiple member requests about how to contribute. Because of our federal government's legal and security concerns, it is best for our Councils and Conferences to give through the US National Council, as we will execute the proper legal agreements required with an overseas charity. Please properly designate the donations for "Australia Wildfires." Gifts from individuals will also be accepted at National Council. Individual donations will be accepted through many third-party websites collecting donations, including the Australia National Council's, but these gifts may not be eligible for a tax deduction.

"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

~ Pope John Paul II

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~ Mission Statement

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