



# St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Diocesan Council

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## Monday Morning Memo



How many of you remember the Ed Sullivan Show? I would imagine many Vincentians do, but I am sure there are a few out there too young to know what I am talking about. Ed Sullivan aired on Sunday nights at 8:00 pm. The entire family gathered together around the only TV that we had and witnessed some very talented entertainers over the years. In fact for many of us it was the first time we saw Elvis or the Beatles perform on stage. So you are saying what is the point of all this? Well, I always left my homework due on Monday until Sundays after Ed Sullivan. Now, here I am decades later and I am still saving my "homework", this Memo, for Sunday nights after 8:00 pm. But unlike the dread of homework, I look forward to reviewing the week and sharing it with you.

Tuesday I attended the North State District Meeting by phone. Brendan Butler is the District President and also the Conference President of Holy Family in Weed. He was pleased to have all his conference presidents in attendance, even Bob Goeckner from St. Thomas More in Paradise. Although Bob will be stepping down because he will be re-locating out of state, he shared some of his horrendous experience evacuating the

Camp Fire and losing his home. We wish Bob well and thank him for his servant leadership. A new president is in the wings and this conference is on the way to being re-established.



It was interesting to hear Bob discuss the need to send financial reports to the District. He was never a fan of providing these financial reports but admitted he now understands how important it is for others outside the conference to have access to this information. Brendan received the checkbook from the treasurer and used the register to piece together information to complete the Annual Report. Yes, it provided some of the numbers he needed, but how many people were served, how many volunteer hours, and other important details were not available. And it took Brendan hours to put this report together. It would have been much easier had he received monthly Financial Reports from his conferences. Perhaps you think this could never happen to you. I am sure the people of Paradise were not expecting this life changing experience to happen when they awoke on the morning of November 9, 2018. Lives were changed forever and the history of the St. Thomas More Conference went up in flames as well. Please understand you are not being asked for reports just because "we said so" - there is a very good reason and I hope you all take this experience to heart and begin sending off these reports each month. Here is the **template** in case you have not yet received it.



Wednesday morning I did a radio interview with **Bob Dunning on the Bishop's Hour**. We had a lively conversation about all things St. Vincent de Paul. It is always fun to talk to Bob who is a great supporter of SVdP. We have never met, but I am hoping this year I will have the pleasure of meeting Bob in person. The show has not aired yet, so stay tuned . . .

Wednesday evening Marion Bishop, Chair for the Dinner for the Poor, held her first meeting. It was well attended and Inez Reyes, the Raffle Ticket Queen had the packets of tickets for this year's sale. You may not have received yours yet, but begin planning for those weekend sales. With a little less than 2 months till the dinner, and the Easter season almost upon us, those weekends after masses will get booked rather quickly - so conferences, plan ahead!

*Have a blessed week and thanks for all you do,  
~ Judy*

## Keynote Speaker Revealed for Benefit Dinner for the Poor!

### Introducing Fr. Leo Patalinghug

We are very excited to announce Fr. Leo Patalinghug as our keynote speaker at this year's Benefit Dinner for the Poor. Fr. Leo was born in the Philippines, but was raised and is currently based in the



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Baltimore, MD area. As a priest, he is a member of the community of consecrated life, *Voluntas Dei*. Along with being the Founder, Host, and Director of **Plating Grace**, an international apostolate to help strengthen families and relationship through God's gift of a family meal, Fr. Leo is a best-selling author, and the host of **Savoring Our Faith** on EWTN. Some of you may remember him on an episode of **"Throw Down! with Bobby Flay"** in which he beat the celebrity chef in the cooking competition. He has also established a non-profit organization, **The Table Foundation**, with the mission to elevate culture and family life, one meal at a time. Fr. Leo travels frequently for speaking engagements and pilgrimages to promote the importance of not what appears on the table, but rather who

gathers around it. You won't want to miss this dynamic and multi-talented speaker, so mark your calendar for **Friday April 26th** and watch the mail for your invitation!

## Spotlight on St. Mary's Conference in Sacramento



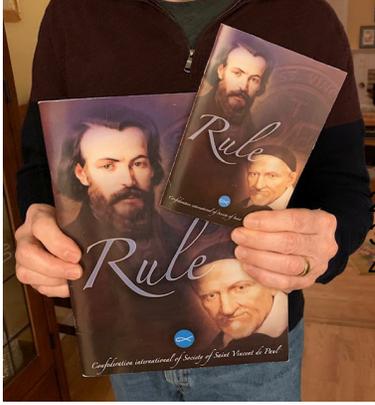
On Saturday St. Mary's Conference presented an orientation/training for new members interested in learning more about home visits. It was hosted by Sacred Heart Parish in Sacramento and the pastor, Monsignor Robert Walton stopped by to welcome the group.



The training was organized and led by St. Mary's Conference President Michael Carroll. Along with these new Vincentians, Sacramento Council Board Member Michelle Munn, from St. Dominic's in Benicia, was also in attendance.

## **The Rule Challenge Update**

St. Lawrence Conference, which is part of the Sacramento East District Council, has been reviewing The Rule at all meetings for about 2 years. Conference President Marilyn Brewer reports that "we have read through it completely and have started this year with



readings from The Manual."

Marilyn also discovered an Agenda listed on the prayer cards they have been using:

1. Opening prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Spiritual reading and reflection and faith sharing
4. Reading of the Rule. One Article of the Rule to be read per meeting

The date on the card is 7/99. It's on yellow card stock. Anyone else have these cards?

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*"The things that we love tell us what we are."*

*~ St. Thomas Aquinas*

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