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# St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Diocesan Council

## Serving in Hope and Mercy



## Monday Morning Memo



I am not a football fan. I don't think I have ever watched an entire game on TV, not even the Super Bowl. For me Super Bowl Sunday is just another Sunday except for all the snacks I have to make for my family; they do watch the game. I imagine there are many disappointed Niner fans this morning. Yes, I am sure of that. But as much as I have tried to tie the Super Bowl to St. Vincent de Paul, I really have not been able to make a connection that would make any meaningful sense. However, I do know that as faithful fans you will be back cheering on your team with the same enthusiasm you have had year after year.

Oh well, maybe there's the tie-in . . . Faith. As Vincentians, it is our faith that keeps us doing what we are doing. It is our faith that influences our many daily decisions and helps keep us focused on the needs of the poor. It is the very nature of our faith in God that gives us the will to continue our work. We know through our faith that we are following Jesus in the work He began and allows us to see Him in those we minister to. Have faith Niner fans, there is always next year.

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

*Judy*

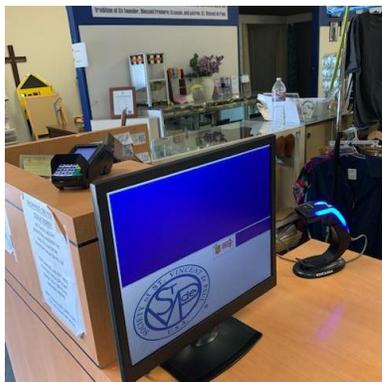
## Thrift Store News!

For a very long time we have heard that there was a problem getting through to the Store. The phone would ring and ring or the voicemail would just loop and repeat without allowing anyone to leave a message. It was frustrating for all and we were certainly aware of the difficulty. In fact our phone system, in these times of instantaneous changes in technology, was a true dinosaur. There got to be a time when no one could or would service it but for quite a while the cost of a new system was out of reach.



However, it finally got to be time when it could no longer be ignored. With the assistance of Joe Alves, Solano District President, and Viktoriya Kotyash, our Store Manager, together they began researching our options. The decision was made to go with Comcast and after a long stretch of waiting for new fiber optic cable to be installed and all the approvals and permits that go along with it, last month we were finally able to get our new phone system and a faster more efficient internet.

Now when you call the Store the greeting informs you of the Store hours and location and gives you a menu to choose from: **Press One** for Customer Service - **Two** for Transportation - **Three** for Jean Machado, Bookkeeper - **Four** for the Manager. We have truly entered the 21st century.



Since last May there have been many changes at the Store. We have a new POS (Point of Sale) System which is used at the front and back of the Store. Being computerized makes it easier to serve customers and keeps accurate records of all sales. There's a color rotation system that clearly indicates the daily or weekly discounts. There is even a certain color tag each week that is only 99 cents! And nothing is excluded from these 99 cent tags - even furniture (but no, not mattresses).

If you haven't visited the Store in a while, please stop in and let us know what you think. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at what you find.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Do you have these dates saved for our upcoming events?**

- **Annual Benefit Dinner for the Poor - Friday April 24, 2020**
  - Raffle Tickets will be coming your way very soon



- **Western Region Meeting - Thursday May 21 to Saturday May 23**

- It will be held at the Holiday Inn 300 J Street, Sacramento
- We need volunteers to help with registration, answer questions and give directions to attendees. Contact **Sylvia Alves** if you can help.
- There will be an Ozanam Orientation on Thursday 5/21 in English and Spanish and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend

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*"Our main purpose is not merely to help the poor – this is but a means to an end. Our true aim is to preserve in ourselves the Catholic Faith in all its purity and to communicate it to others through the channels of charity. Charity teaches us that when we visit the poor we gain much more than they do."*

~ Frédéric Ozanam

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~ Mission Statement

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