



St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Diocesan Council

Serving in Hope and Mercy



Monday Morning Memo



This week, reflecting on the amazing work of the Phoenix Council as witnessed at the Western Region Meeting, I realized we as the Sacramento Council have room to grow. Everything is possible; nothing is impossible. All around the country, or actually the world, Conferences and Councils all have some differences in what they offer in terms of service to the poor. But, we all have the same mission, and we do it with the resources that are available to us.

The 53 conferences within our Council are also doing some pretty amazing work! Almost daily I hear about the good works of our Vincentians throughout the Diocese.

See the story below about a Home Visit. To quote Mother Teresa, "It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts." Indeed, I see the love.

Have a blessed week and thanks for all you do,

~ Judy

Open Wide Our Hearts . . . an open

Open Wide Our Hearts. Join us for an open conversation about...

Racism in Our Church


For Clergy
Friday, June 7, 2019 - 10am - Noon
Pastoral Center - 2110 Broadway, Sacramento
Video conferencing in Redding and Fairfield

For Lay Leaders
Saturday, June 8, 2019 - 8:30am - Noon
St. Anthony Parish - Memorial Center
660 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831

Register for FREE
https://scdformsstack.com/forms/anti_racism

Questions?
Contact the Diocese of Sacramento
Office of Clergy Formation at 916-733-0254

Bishop Shelton Fabre is the Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana. Bishop Fabre is a 4th Degree Knight of St. Peter Cross and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Bishop Fabre serves as Chair of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee against Racism since 2016. Previously, Bishop Fabre served as Chair of the Subcommittee on African American Affairs. He has been a member of that committee since 2010 and a member of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church since 2013.




conversation about racism in our church

Join Bishop Jaime Soto and Bishop Shelton Fabre to begin an open conversation about addressing racism on **Saturday, June 8 (8:30 am to noon) at St. Anthony Parish, 660 Florin Rd, Sacramento.** Bishop Soto is calling all teachers, catechists, youth ministers, jail ministers, DRE's and ministers of social justice to participate in this important discussion. They will be discussing the U.S. Bishop's recent pastoral document on racism, **Open Wide Our Hearts**, and reflecting together on how we can be a more welcoming church. For more information or to register for this event visit www.scd.org/racism or contact Carolina Estrada at 916-733-0253.

Vincentians at the Western Region Meeting in Phoenix began this conversation in a workshop on diversity. It is an important topic touching all of us in our work with SVdP, in our parishes, and in our personal lives as well. I urge you to join me in attending this important event. Bishop Soto has asked personally for the participation of SVdP. Please **email me** and let me know if you will be attending.

Upcoming Ozanam Orientations REGISTER TODAY!



Placer District Council
Presents

OZANAM ORIENTATION

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Hosted by
St. Joseph's Church - Marysville
702 C Street
Marysville, CA 95901


- This program is for all who are new to SVdP, all who have never attended an Ozanam Orientation Day, for those who want a refresher course or for anyone who is interested in information about SVdP.
- Everyone is welcome! Members, parishioners as well as spouses, friends, neighbors and relatives. Topics that will be covered include:

**Our History
Vincentian Spirituality
Conference Life
Understanding Poverty
Home Visits**

To Register please sign-up on VolunteerSpot using the following link:
<https://signup.com/go/BKvosAZ>
The day begins with Mass in the Church at 8:00 am
Registration & Continental Breakfast follows in the Parish Hall
The program begins at 9:15 and ends at 1:00 pm

Space is limited, please Register now!

Our newest conference in Marysville is hosting an Ozanam Orientation on June 15th at St. Joseph's Church. It is being sponsored by the Placer District Council and everyone is welcome to attend. More information can be found **here** and to register to attend click on this **link** or email District President **Ron Morin**.



South Sacramento/Elk Grove District Council
Presents

OZANAM ORIENTATION

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Hosted by
St. Joseph's Church-Elk Grove
9961 Elk Grove Florin Rd.
Elk Grove, CA. 95624

The program will be held in the St. Juan Diego room

- This program is for all who are new to SVdP, all who have never attended an Ozanam Orientation Day, for those who want a refresher course or for anyone who is interested in information about SVdP.
- Everyone is welcome! Members, parishioners as well as spouses, friends, neighbors and relatives. Topics that will be covered include:

**Our History
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To Register please email: dannycamemail@yahoo.com

Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
The program begins at 9:15 and ends at 1:00 pm

Space is limited, please Register now!

St. Joseph's in Elk Grove is also hosting an Ozanam Orientation on June 15th and it is being sponsored by the South Sacramento/Elk Grove District Council. More information for this Ozanam can be found **here** and to register to attend click on this **link** or email District President **Danny Camarena**.

Why We Do Home Visits

The Home Visit is the basic, most fundamental activity of a Vincentian; person-to-person encounters in the homes of our neighbors to provide financial, material, emotional and spiritual support in an effort to break the cycle of poverty. As part of the Strategic Plan, SVdP USA is encouraging all Vincentians to study

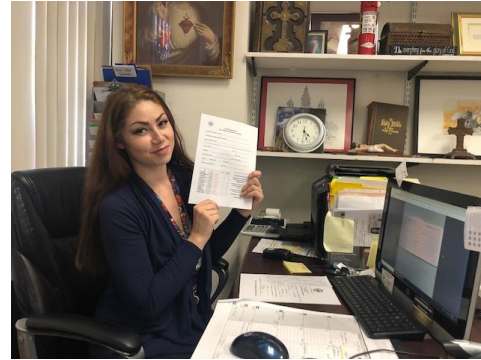
and reflect on **Serving in Hope Module #7 - Home Visits**, along with using the **Home Visit Journal**, as tools for personal growth. The goal is for all conferences to complete this Strategic Plan objective by December 31, 2019. If you need more information about this module or the journal, please contact your District President.



If you would like to order these materials please go to the SVdP USA website, <https://www.svdpusa.org/materials/> to place an order for your conference.



For any of you who are not yet involved in Home Visits, see the results of one recent visit by the Holy Spirit Sacramento Home Visit Team of Dot O'Connor and Corinne Fugina. The visit was with the woman shown above left holding the set of sheets. This neighbor and her 2 children had been homeless, but is now getting back on her feet.



As a result of the home visit the family received beds and furniture through the SVdP Thrift Store voucher program. Pictured above is Amanda Guajardo, store employee, who assisted with the bed order. As you can see from the smiles in the photos it was a very happy and loving experience for all involved.

Join our Week of Action
Faith Leaders Against
Predatory Lending

Rally & Lobby Visits
When
Thursday, June 13, 2019
Rally: 10:00am - 11:00am
Lobby visit*: 11:00am - 1:00pm
*Lunch will be provided

Where
State Capitol (arrive at 9:30am)
West Steps | 10th St. & Capitol Ave,
Sacramento, CA 95811

Why
Faith leaders from across the state are making their way from San Diego to Sacramento to urge CA legislators to protect Californians from predatory lenders. Please join us to learn how you can help pass a historic bill to cap interest rates. We will provide resources for community members who are stuck in these debt trap loans.

To RSVP please visit bit.ly/CAFalthRSVP or call Lucia Matton at (510) 917-8931

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@Call4EJ CaliforniansForEconomicJustice.org #AB539

PREDATORY LENDING

Currently in California there is NO interest rate cap on loans above \$2,500, and predatory lenders are charging interest rates of 100% even 300% APR.

The Center for Responsible Lending has joined with Faith leaders from across the state and are making their way through different cities to urge CA legislators to protect Californians from these lenders. Please join them in Sacramento on June 13th to learn how you can help pass a historic bill to cap interest rates. They will provide resources for community members who are stuck in these debt traps. For more information on the Sacramento rally

see the flyer or this document which provides additional material about AB 539.

Please share this information with your conferences. We need to end this debt trap permanently in the United States.

“What gives us dignity is not our wealth or good fortune or noble birth, but a worthy and virtuous life and the dignity of our labor.”

~ St. John XXIII

“A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.”

~ Mission Statement

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