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Monday Morning Memo



As I sat down to write this week's communication on Sunday night, I tried to make some sense of the events of this past week. I cannot and will not even try to convey or explain all that we have seen on the news, social media, and the internet. As much as I would like to communicate something profound and meaningful, I know that a short email to speak to these monumental happenings could not possibly do justice to what is a very complicated subject. I can say, that along with the pandemic, I have been deeply affected by the current state of our nation, and have spent a lot of time thinking, reading, and praying.

When I spoke to my sister on Thursday, she told me her grandson, who is staying with her for a while, was very disturbed by what he was seeing on TV. He asked if this had ever happened in our country before. Sadly, she had to say yes it had, but maybe not to the extent it is happening now. Perhaps this time, out of all the pain, anger, and suffering we will see some real change in our country. As Vincentians, I believe our actions, as well as our prayers, will help to make some of these changes possible.

Blessedly, there is always some happy news interspersed with the sadness. This week, Tracy and Paul Starkey became grandparents for the first time and welcomed baby Noah to their family on June 2nd. All are doing well and we wish them God's blessings as they bring this new precious life into our world.

Have a blessed week and thanks for all you do,

Judy

COUNCIL NEWS

Thrift Store Reopening!

I am happy to announce that the Thrift Store will reopen on Monday June 15th! We are excited to welcome back our employees and will again be taking donations.



There have been a great deal of preparations involved in getting the store and employees ready to open its doors again. This week the Store will be sanitized and the staff fully trained on the new procedures. Among the many items that had to be purchased were face masks. The Council is a member of the Sacramento VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). I received an email with a notification that they had gotten a donation of 30,000 cloth masks. Upon request, members could pick them up, minimum amount was 500. On Thursday, Store Manager Viktoriya Kotyash picked up a case of 500 masks and can be seen here wearing the mask. She assured me she was smiling beneath that mask! Our thanks to the Sacramento VOAD for this generous donation which saved us quite a bit of money by not having to purchase them.



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"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.

Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then.

Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield.

My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

~ St. Francis de Sales

"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."

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