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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

BY OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR FR. MICHAEL KIERNAN



Dearest St. Vincent de Paul family:

The Gospel of St. Matthew, 11:25 to 30, invites us to rest our weariness in the heart of Jesus Christ. The image of the heart is a shelter for the downtrodden, a refuge for the sinner and a barrier for those tempted by guilt and shame. The human heart is a sure place of tenderness, of beauty and a relationship with the eternal.

The Gospel reminds us that people who rely on their own strength, their sure-fire compulsions, will seldom comprehend the wisdom of God. Our self-sufficiency and obstinate behavior do not welcome the vulnerable heart of Jesus Christ. Only in lives of prayer and complete surrender do we discover the love God has for us. God reveals to the humble a life of miraculous love and forgiveness. The learned and the earthly-wise, may never understand such compassion.

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates the humble miracles of God. Our faith is not about being correct, quick-witted or clever. Being filled with earthly goods or cultural power will not bring the love we most need. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is for us an image of a true and genuine relationship with Jesus Christ. The heart holds much honesty and truth, and we are invited into a life of prayer that offers us much joy.

For centuries mystics and the humble have turned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for support and forgiveness. Many such people speak of the Sacred Heart's ability to heal us when sin, despair and anguish wash over our lives. The heart of Jesus helps us to bear the hardships of life, such as the turmoil of illness and addiction, of trauma and sorrow. The heart of Christ wipes away the shame we carry from childhood and the guilt of our adult lives. Christ's meek and humble heart floods our hearts with peace, decreases the furrows on our foreheads and gives us new energy to welcome people who are lost and afraid.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus becomes a home for our frailty because the initiatives of love and healing come only from God. True conversion comes from living in Christ's yoke of freedom which is easy and light. The voice of Jesus gives praise to God when offering his life for us who sin and divide. God's love is not pretentious or abstract or earned by us followers. The heart of Jesus Christ is sheer gift to us who most need to be welcomed home to love. It is Jesus who invites, "Come to me, all you labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

God bless you dear brother or sister in the sacrifice of Jesus as we "Increase in Christ."

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Michael

President's Corner

SONJA CRAIGHTON, PRESIDENT, SACRAMENTO COUNCIL



“YOU CALLED ME BACK AND CAME TO HELP ME”

Recently, I was involved in a situation with a single older brother who was working full-time while raising his three younger siblings with his mother's assistance. He wasn't asking someone to solve all of his problems, just help to get his family a roof over their heads again.

He simply needed enough time to recover from that one unexpected expense after another. This became a crisis for this family he couldn't overcome. Someone to just listen to him. A costly car repair left him unable to pay the rent, became homeless. He was frightened, not only because he lost the apartment, but all of his, and his mother's and siblings belongings.

This family was helped by collaboration of services available outside and within Saint Vincent de Paul to get this family into permanent housing. Vincentians helped with furniture, household goods and clothing for all, just because Vincentians worked together. Several of you coming into the Thrift Store and meeting with family to assist in buying what was needed, and then going to the new home bringing food. Thank you!

I heard the words “You called me back and came to help me”.

I am humbled by those words, not because they reflect all of our organization, but because they affirm what our Vincentian volunteers have quietly done for generation, meeting neighbors in moments of crisis before a permanent setback becoming a life-changing tragedy.

Today, our ministry has never been more important. Every day, we see the effects of today's economy on the families who come to us for help. Many are among the working poor, doing everything right, yet struggling to keep pace with rising costs.

For many families, one unexpected expense, a car repair, medical bill, or missed paycheck, can place their housing at risk. This is why homeless prevention remains at the heart of our Vincentian mission.

Our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, reminded us to go to those who are poor with humility, compassion, and respect. We are called not only to provide assistance, but to accompany our neighbors and preserve the dignity God has given them.

When we help a family remain housed, we preserve far more than four walls and a roof – we preserve stability, children's education, family routines, community connections, and hope. Preventing homelessness is not only an act of compassion.

Thank you conferences for making this ministry possible. Through your local generosity, you are doing more than paying a rent bill, utilities or food, you're bringing hope to your local families. “No work of charity is foreign to the Society”.



UPCOMING VINCENTIAN FEAST DAYS

Sept. 9th - Feast Day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam - Founder

Sept 27th - Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul - Patron

UPCOMING OZANAM ORIENTATIONS

SVdP Society rules require adequate training for our members. Every Vincentian needs to attend an Ozanam Orientation within the first year of joining & then after that every 3 years.

Next Trainings:

July 18 - St Joseph Parish, Vacaville
Contact Patbosworth3097@gmail.com for more information

August 15 - St. Anthony's Parish, Winters
Contact Daveandwendyross@gmail.com for more information

August 22nd - Holy Family Parish, Weed
Contact Mcbwan@sbcglobal.net for more information

September 19th - Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Carmichael
Contact Daveandwendyross@gmail.com for more information

September 19, at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento (Spanish)
Contact Xitlalicymartinez@gmail.com for more information)

Most Precious Blood of Christ Sanctify Us:

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus - a devotion that reminds us that Christ didn't die for humanity in the abstract. He died for you, personally, without hesitation. Every drop was intentionally for you. This July let the Precious Blood be your anchor, Meditate on his passion, His mercy and His everlasting love poured out for you.

SACRAMENTO EAST

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Divine Savior - St. Mel - St. Lawrence
Our Lady of the Assumption- St. Ignatius
Presentation - St. John the Baptist
Holy Trinity - St. John Vianney
St. Katharine Drexel - St. John the Evangelist

STUDENTS PUT FAITH INTO ACTION AT ST. IGNATIUS

SUBMITTED BY ST. IGNATIUS CONFERENCE

The future of the St. Vincent de Paul mission shines brightly, thanks to the compassion and initiative of the community's youth. In a display of faith in action, two eighth-graders from St. Ignatius School, Rama and Alexa, chose to dedicate their capstone Arrupe projects to supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Rema and Alexa organized creative fundraising efforts and together raised \$751 for the St. Ignatius Conference, providing in tangible relief for local neighbors in need.

This wonderful achievement stands as a moving reminder of the profound impact the younger generation can make when given the opportunity to serve. Rama and Alexa have shown that the timeless Vincentian legacy of love, dignity, and hands-on charity is being safely passed into capable, compassionate hands.

FEELING CRAFTY?

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH
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FAIR ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026.

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REACHING OUT WITH LOVE: THE AMADOR COUNTY HOMELESS FAIR

SUBMITTED BY ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CONFERENCE

Vincentians from the St. Katherine Drexel Conference recently spent two meaningful days at the annual Amador County Homeless Fair at Detert Park in Jackson. It was a beautiful opportunity to live out the heart of the St. Vincent de Paul mission: to see the face of God in the poor and marginalized.

Throughout the fair, dedicated volunteers were on hand to answer questions, offer guidance, and extend a hand of support.

The event also served as an opportunity for community connection. Vincentians spent time networking with fellow service agencies, strengthening the collaborative web of support that lifts up the county. While many organizations were already familiar with the conference's work, others were deeply grateful to discover St. Vincent de Paul as a brand-new resource for local families. Ultimately, it was a highly productive two days and a reminder that every encounter is a chance to extend Christ's love to the community.



A FEAST DAY OF INSPIRATION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST OPEN HOUSE

SUBMITTED BY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONFERENCE

The legacy of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam came alive in an inspiring way at the St. John the Evangelist Conference's recent Feast Day Open House held at the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker.

For many long-time parishioners, this was the very first time stepping inside the facility. Visitors were deeply moved to see firsthand where tangible relief, food security, and hope are packaged and distributed to local families in crisis.

The open house did more than just educate; it sparked a beautiful desire to serve. By the conclusion of the morning, 10 parishioners felt called by the spirit of the feast day and expressed a heartfelt interest in joining the conference to become Vincentians.

SOLANO DISTRICT DAY OF REFLECTION

SUBMITTED BY SOLANO DISTRICT

In June, members of the Solano District stepped away from their usual zoom meetings and gathered in person for a meaningful Day of Reflection.

During the gathering, Deacon Rob shared a powerful and timeless message originally given by St. Vincent de Paul to the Daughters of Charity:

“Poor people are our masters; they are our kings; they must be obeyed, and it’s no exaggeration to call them our kings because our Lord is present in those who are poor.”



To ground this profound teaching, each participant was given a heart of stone. Holding the stones, the group united in a collective prayer: “Lord, transform my heart of stone into a heart of flesh, so that I may work tirelessly to help my brothers and sisters, the poor..”

The day served as a beautiful reminder that the work of the Society is not merely about distributing material aid, but about allowing the spirit to soften and shape the hearts of those who serve.

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY: THE ST. MARY/ST. JOSEPHS ANNUAL SHREDDING EVENT

SUBMITTED BY ST. MARY/ST. JOSEPHS CONFERENCE



There is a beautiful power when a community comes together with a shared purpose, and this year’s annual Shredding Event was a true reflection of that spirit. It was a day filled with fun, fellowship, and wonderful food—but most importantly, it was an overwhelming success for local fundraising efforts.

Thanks to the generosity of neighbors, volunteers, and supporters, the event raised over \$3,000 in profit.

ST. DOMINIC CONFERENCE IN ACTION

SUBMITTED BY ST. DOMINIC CONFERENCE

The late spring and early summer months have been a testament to the enduring dedication of the St. Dominic Conference. Through a vibrant tapestry of community events, direct assistance, and forward-looking advocacy, the conference has actively met neighbors where they are, bringing both material relief and the light of hope to the community.

Activities included:

- St. Dominic School Easter Food Drive to Restock the SVdP Food Pantry on April 2.
- Shredding for Shelter Event on April 11, which netted approximately \$3,000.
- Purchased one hundred \$25 Safeway gift cards for the Summer Snack Program
- Delivered 20 sets of sweats for returning citizens from the Solano County Jail
- Purchased school supplies for 14 St. Dominic school students receiving financial assistance for 2026 Fall tuition
- Staffed, set up and took down St. Dominic's Outreach Booth at the June 4th Farmers Market with Fr. Andy & Fr. Anthony -- over 50 free rosaries were distributed

Looking forward the conference is busy planning for it's 8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk (see flyer) taking place September 26th. It also submitted a seed grant Application to the Bay Area Air District's Local Community Benefits Fund - Requesting \$100,000/yr for a 2-year period.



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NURTURING BODY AND SOUL: OUR LADY OF GRACE CONFERENCE HOT MEAL MINISTRY

SUBMITTED BY OUR LADY OF GRACE CONFERENCE



Providing nourishment and comfort to those facing difficult times remains a vital pillar of care for the Our Lady of Grace Conference; and as the community's need for support continues to climb the conference continues to rise to meet it.

Dedicated volunteers served 100 meals at their monthly hot meal service in May and in June they surpassed the 100 mark. Each wholesome meal was thoughtfully paired with extra essentials, including fresh fruit cups, chips, cookies, and bottled water.



Beyond the physical nourishment, these services carry an even deeper impact: they send a clear, powerful message to our neighbors in need, letting them know they are not forgotten.

In moments of struggle, receiving a hot meal served with a smile reminds a neighbor that they are seen, valued, and deeply cared for by their community.

Help Us Help Others by Joining Us!

We need volunteers! Opportunities include:

- *Joining a local parish conference & participating in their activities. Including spirituality, food pantries, home visits, holiday programs & much more.*
- *Volunteering at the Thrift Store. Help with the many store activities; including sorting donations, hanging clothes & helping customers.*
- *Becoming a mentor to returning citizens from jail through our Exodus Project in the Sacramento Area County or Solano County.*

VINCENTIANS PROVIDE HEARTFELT STREET OUTREACH

SUBMITTED BY YOLO/METRO DISTRICT

Across local conferences, dedicated volunteers are transforming sidewalks and courtyards into sanctuaries of dignity and grace.

Rain or shine, every single Friday—including holidays and during inclement weather—Vincentians gather at St. Francis of Assisi Church with a shared purpose. Volunteers thoughtfully pack approximately 80 lunch bags filled with water and a variety of non-perishable foods, distributing them from the side gate of the historic convent.

Beyond nutrition, outreach extends to physical comfort; when a neighbor requests clothing, a volunteer takes an inventory of their specific needs at the street-side gate. A team inside the courtyard then carefully selects the best options from a collected supply of undergarments, long pants, t-shirts, hoodies, and shoes. These items are packed and delivered directly to the individual waiting on the sidewalk.

Because volunteers see the same neighbors week in and week out, deep bonds of trust are formed. Every person is treated with utmost dignity and respect, served with a beautiful blend of good humor and genuine compassion.

A similarly moving testament to street outreach unfolds at the Cathedral, where conference members take their ministry directly to the surrounding neighborhood. Volunteers prepare approximately 60 home-cooked meals from scratch, carrying them out to the streets to distribute to unhoused neighbors in the immediate area.



DRIVING HOPE: DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE CHARITY GOLF FUNDRAISER

SUBMITTED BY YOLO METRO DISTRICT

The Divine Mercy Conference is taking to the green for a vital cause. On September 26th, the conference will host its annual Golf Fundraiser, a special day dedicated to turning fellowship and sport into life-changing support for local families in crisis.

This tournament is more than just a game; every registration, every swing, and every donation ensures that local neighbors facing unexpected hardships are met with tangible relief, compassion and hope.

How to Help Drive the Mission Forward:

The conference is currently seeking the support of the community to make this event a success. Members of neighboring conferences, parishioners, and friends can get involved in several key ways:

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SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

- **Register to Play:** Golfers of all skill levels are invited to hit the course for a day of meaningful competition. Please consider forming a foursome or registering individually to show solidarity with neighbors in need.
- **Become a Sponsor:** Local business owners are uniquely positioned to make a lasting impact. A variety of sponsorship tiers are available, offering excellent visibility at the event while directly funding emergency assistance programs.
- **Donate Prizes:** High-quality items, gift certificates, or services are being gratefully accepted for the tournament raffle and auction.

ST. PETER-ALL HALLOWS' CONFERENCE: SPRING & SUMMER IMPACT REPORT

COMPILED FROM ST. PETER-ALL HALLOWS' WEEKLY BULLETIN

The steadfast generosity of St. Peter/All Hallows parish members remains a cornerstone of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, directly enabling the conference to bring relief, dignity, and hope to local neighbors in need. Throughout April, May, and June, this collective compassion translated into vital, tangible aid across the community:

- \$5,361.00 in direct financial aid was distributed. Through these funds, the conference helped 21 with utility bills, helped 11 neighbors with rental assistance, provided a \$125.00 essential-needs gift card to a formerly unhoused neighbor settling into a new residence, and assisted another neighbor with \$100.00 for fuel.
- Turning houses into homes, the conference coordinated in-kind furniture donations—including tables, chairs, and beds—and helped another neighbor purchase a bed directly from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.
- For needs extending beyond immediate conference resources, volunteers provided critical guidance by successfully directing 12 callers to supportive helping agencies closer to their locations.

Call to Action: Support Local Children This Summer

With school out for the summer, many local families who depend on school meal programs face increased food insecurity. To help meet this urgent need, the St. Peter/All Hallows Conference is partnering with the Western Service Workers throughout July to provide essential meals for neighborhood children. Parish members are invited to make a meaningful impact, by dropping off donations in the collection bins located in the church vestibule. Key staples needed include:

- Rice
- Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Meats
- Bottled Water

BEYOND THE BASICS: LIVING THE PROMISE THAT NO WORK OF CHARITY IS FOREIGN

SUBMITTED BY ST. JOSEPH REDDING CONFERENCE

In the last three months, the St. Joseph Redding Conference has provided \$9,950 in housing support and \$17,195 in utility assistance, completing 121 home visits to keep local families safely housed. While financial relief is essential, Vincentians remember a foundational truth: no work of charity is foreign to the Society. True service means listening with the heart and rising to meet the unique, unexpected needs of every individual.

This spirit of going the extra mile was beautifully illustrated when a Home Visitor met a neighbor who required specialized organic food due to severe health conditions but had no transportation to reach the store. Volunteers didn't just hand over a grocery gift card; they accompanied her shopping and stayed to help clean out her refrigerator, transforming a routine task into an act of profound dignity and companionship.

Similarly, as Home Visitors listened to families explain how the skyrocketing cost of gasoline left them struggling to go to work or appointments and still keep their families housed and fed, the conference took action. Members purchased \$50 gas cards to distribute near the end of home visits when an acute need is identified. This simple gesture of understanding frequently moves neighbors to tears, bringing tangible hope exactly when it is needed most.



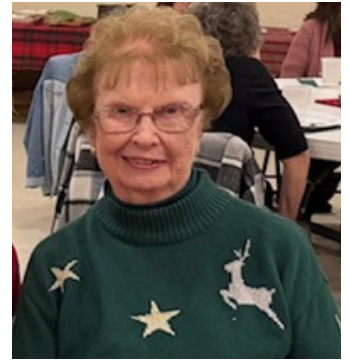
The wider community has risen to the occasion as well. Last month a generous parishioner unexpectedly dropped off \$1,000 worth of groceries at the parish office. Seizing the opportunity to serve, enthusiastic students from St. Joseph School eagerly rolled up their sleeves to haul the heavy bounty directly into the food pantry. Through every unique act of care, the conference continues to prove that when a community responds to hardship with love, God's grace overflows.

CELEBRATING GROWTH AND SERVICE

SUBMITTED BY ST. JOSEPH REDDING CONFERENCE

The St. Joseph Redding Conference recently gathered in prayerful unity for Mass on Ozanam Sunday, April 26th, and marked the day by renewing the sacred Vincentian Promise of service to one another and to neighbors in need.

This commitment is already bearing beautiful fruit. This quarter, the conference has been blessed with an influx of new members stepping into vital roles as Callers and Home Visitors. This changing of the guard comes with deep gratitude for the pillars who paved the way, most notably Mary Jane (*pictured here*), a long-time, kind-hearted Caller who recently retired from her ministry at the remarkable age of 92. For decades, her sweet, comforting voice provided unwavering support and solace to countless neighbors.



To sustain the recent momentum and invite more hands to the harvest, an ambitious outreach initiative is being launched to share the mission of St. Vincent de Paul across three parishes and three mission churches. In alignment with Phase 3 of the Visions program, the conference will host a dedicated Social/Meet and Greet after every single Mass time throughout the coming year. The first of these gatherings successfully took place on June 28th at St. Joseph in Redding, where parishioners were welcomed with refreshments, literature, and fellowship. The conference looks forward to welcoming more neighbors into this growing family of service in the year ahead.



MEETING THE MOMENT: ROSEVILLE WAREHOUSE REMODEL EXPANDS CAPACITY FOR CARE

SUBMITTED BY ROSEVILLE CONFERENCE

The call to serve has never been louder for St. Vincent de Paul Roseville. Over the span of just a few short years, the number of families seeking assistance has seen a massive increase, growing from roughly 8,000 to over 25,000.

To keep up with this unprecedented growth in demand and ensure local families are supported with dignity, a comprehensive remodel of the warehouse facility was recently completed. Upgrades included:

- A new, large walk-in refrigerator.
- Additional heavy-duty racking to maximize storage space.
- Improved warehouse lighting to ensure a safer, brighter working environment.
- A complete upgrade to the facility's air circulation system, creating a significantly more comfortable atmosphere for volunteers and employees.
- A much-needed, revitalizing paint job of the entire space.

Through this vital transformation, St. Vincent de Paul Roseville stands fully equipped to embrace its growing family of neighbors, proving once again that when hardship multiplies, the grace and readiness of the community rise to meet it.



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St. Isidore - Our Divine Savior

SVDP CONFERENCE HELPS SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATE CENTENARY MILESTONE

SUBMITTED BY SACRED HEART CONFERENCE

In June, the Sacred Heart Parish in Gridley marked a historic milestone: its 100th anniversary! The local St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference was honored to be a vibrant part of this unforgettable weekend, celebrating a century of faith, fellowship, and community spirit.

The festivities kicked off on Friday, June 12—the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart—with a beautiful, moving Mass celebrated by Bishop Soto. The day carried double the joy, as it also marked the Bishop's 44th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

The celebration continued in full force the following Sunday, June 14, under the parish hall's newly constructed gazebo. The afternoon was a beautiful showcase of community unity, prominently featuring the parish's large Hispanic community, who brought the event to life with spectacular traditional folklorico dancing, music, raffles, and incredible food. The parish also took a heartfelt moment to honor and say farewell to Fr. Roland Ramirez, ahead of his upcoming reassignment to a parish in Galt.

Keeping everyone cool on a hot afternoon, the SVdP Conference served sweet lemonade, sweet tea, and cold water. Thanks to the incredible generosity of those in attendance, the Vincentians reported raising over \$380, with 100% of the proceeds going right back to support the need of those in the community.

It was a beautiful, fun-filled weekend that allowed the SVdP Conference to be visibly active and deeply connected with the local community.



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THRIFT STORE

St. Vincent de Paul of Sacramento uses our Thrift Store to employ our community & help fund our charitable programs. Whether you're shopping, volunteering or donating you're helping.

OUR THRIFT STORE MISSION CONTINUES—BUT WE NEED A LIFELINE

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has undergone a massive transformation. Operations have been streamlined, the shopper experience enhanced, and the space refreshed to truly reflect the dignity of those served—including the participants in the Workforce Development Program.

However, to achieve full sustainability and eliminate costly leases, the need for a 20-foot Box Truck remains urgent. This vehicle is the literal lifeline of operations, powering the donation pickups that directly fund person-to-person service. Help the Thrift Store cross the finish line and secure this vital asset today.



Follow the link to donate: https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub_2f63eafb-e9fa-11e9-bd68-02c84ba2543a&WidgetId=114033664

VOICE FOR THE POOR

Call to Action: SVdP Voice for the Poor is teaming up with local organizations to keep our vulnerable neighbors cool this summer. Watch your parish bulletin for ways you can help!

FROM SUMMER HEAT TO WILDFIRE READINESS: KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE



In May the Listos team traveled to Reno, Nevada, to participate in the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) Conference, returning with invaluable insights and resources to better serve local communities. *(Shown here.)*

From April through June, the Listos team reached 1,629 individuals across 15 workshops and 10 community events. A key highlight of the quarter included two specialized outreach sessions: one partnering with the Arden-Arcade Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) in Sacramento County, and another alongside [Partner Name] in Amador County. These events provided a meaningful space for unhoused residents to complete surveys regarding their disaster preparedness concerns and barriers. Many expressed heartfelt gratitude for simply having a voice, with one participant touchingly writing on their survey, “Thank you for your concern.”

In June, the team had the distinct honor of participating in the World Refugee & Immigrant Heritage Community Celebration Fair in Sacramento. Capturing the high-energy spirit of the World Cup, the event featured a youth soccer camp. The team seized the moment to engage with families—educating both parents and children on the warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, while sharing practical, lifesaving tips on staying safe and keeping cool during the hot summer months.

As wildfire season arrives, the team is actively preparing to respond to potential evacuation needs. You can easily support this urgent effort by purchasing items from their Amazon Wishlist at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/251L7BS9BDXT6?ref=wl_dp_view_your_list.

SACRAMENTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL NEWS

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF COMPASSION: GRATITUDE FOR THE BENEFIT FOR THE POOR



Milestones are a beautiful time to reflect on the power of collective kindness, and the recent 20th Annual Benefit for the Poor was a true testament to what can be achieved when a community unites with a single heart. The evening was a resounding success, filled with joy, generosity, and a shared dedication to uplifting local neighbors in crisis.

At the very core of the Vincentian calling is the understanding that the mission cannot be carried out in isolation. It requires a village of compassionate hearts working in harmony to see the face of God in those experiencing poverty. The Benefit for the Poor serves as a vital reminder that when the community stands together, the safety net for vulnerable families grows stronger, ensuring that no one has to face hunger, homelessness, or despair alone.

Deepest gratitude is extended to the volunteers who gave their time, energy, and talents. Equal thanks goes out to attendees, sponsors, and donors. By showing up and contributing every guest became an active partner in providing rent assistance, utility support, food security, and systemic hope across the region.

**Non-Profit Collaborative Serving the
Unhoused in Sacramento**

Volunteers Needed

**Join us in helping our unhoused neighbors
stay safe this summer!**

Extreme heat can be life-threatening for our unhoused neighbors. Join community partners in providing life-saving supplies to help our unhoused neighbors survive the hottest months in Sacramento County.

How you can help:

- **Volunteer your Time** to sort, pack, distribute, or deliver supplies.
- **Donate resources:** bottled water, cooling items, electrolytes, sunscreen, hats, etc.
- **Host a collection drive:** Invite your work, family, school or community/faith group to collect life-saving items:
 - Bottled Water, Electrolytes (liquid or powder)
 - Sunscreen, Hats, Heat-Relief essentials
 - Hygiene Kits, Light-weight clothing
- **Spread the Word and invite** others to join us in serving our unhoused neighbors.

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GET INVOLVED: UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- **All of July, Food Drive for School-Age Children at St. Peter-All Hallows'** *The St. Peter - All Hallows' Conference is partnering with Western Service Workers to ensure local children have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer. Drop off non-perishable food items at the donation bin in the church vestibule at 5501 14th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820.*
- **July and August, St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Summer Snack Program** *To meet the additional food needs of family's that rely on school meal programs St. Dominic's Conference is collecting child-friendly healthy snacks in addition to its regular pantry needs. Drop off non perishables at the vestibule at St Dominic's or access their amazon wishlist here:* 
- **Sept. 12th, 2026: SVdP National Assembly – Salt Lake City, UT** *“The National Assembly is a special gathering designed to bring people together in a spirit of connection, purpose and faith. It’s an opportunity to step away from the everyday, deepen your relationships and be renewed alongside a supportive and welcoming community.” Register at: [registration link](#).*
- **Sept. 20th, 2026: St. Ignatius Craft Fair** *Host a booth or just come support the conference. Call Janet Warren at 916-844-9038 if interested in having a booth.*
- **Sept. 26th, 2026: Divine Mercy Conference Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at Wildhorse Golf Club in Davis** *Show off your golf skills, register to participate here: [registration link](#). If you would like to help by becoming an event sponsor or donating a raffle or auction prize contact Tom Fasset at 916-465-5643 or hsftnt@yahoo.com*
- **Sept. 26th, 2026: 8th Annual Benicia Friends of the Poor Walk – City Park Gazebo, First St, in Benicia** *Raise awareness of neighbors in need and raise funds to help prevent homelessness in Benicia. 100% of donations will be matched! Register or donate at [registration link](#).*
- **Dec. 15th, 2026: Top Hat Luncheon – St. Mary Parish, 1333 58th Street, Sacramento, 95819** *Celebrate the dedication of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference volunteers and spend an afternoon in community. If you are interested in attending or assiting with the event email Tophatluncheon@gmail.com*