



# THE VISITOR

## News & Updates

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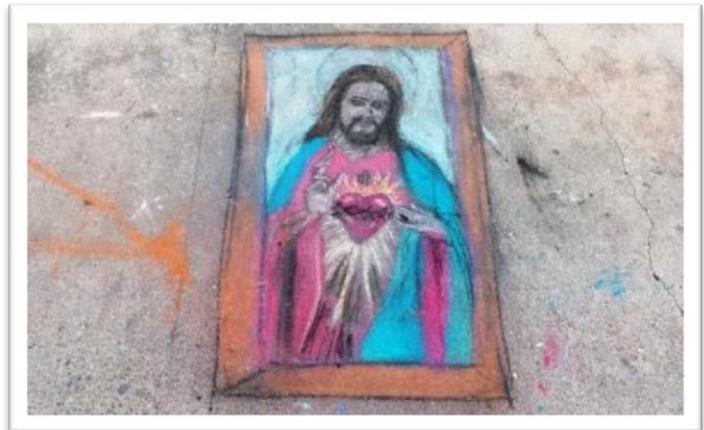
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**Prayer and Share.** For me, this phrase captures the two “essentials” of every Vincentian gathering, as described by **Deacon Gene Smith**, Spiritual Advisor for the Western Region and former National Council President, who provided a heartfelt spiritual reflection for the attendees of the Western Regional Conference meeting in May in Burbank, California. “Every gathering of Vincentians,” **Deacon Gene** emphasizes, is “an opportunity to encounter Christ in our being together,” and, as Vincentians, we should always meet in prayer and fellowship. This same good guidance is established in our Rule (Part I, arts. 1.7, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3; Part III, stats. 1, 2, 5, 7). No Vincentian meeting should be without these two essential elements—prayer/reflection and sharing. And **Deacon Gene** reminds us, “We must never be so busy that we fail to include prayer and sharing.” Be sure to make “prayer and share” part of your agenda. —**Paul Starkey**, Sacramento Diocesan Council President

### **Annual Consecration to the Sacred Heart of**

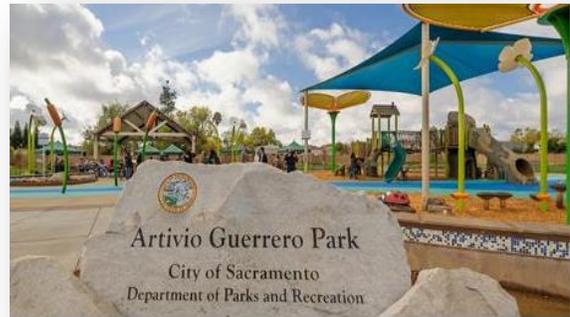
**Jesus.** The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday, June 12. (Editor’s note: The picture at left is “sidewalk art” found at Our Lady of Lourdes in north Sacramento.) Among [the standard Vincentian Prayers](#) is the “Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart,” which can be found in the Manual (p. 71) and [at this link](#). A sample reflection is found under [the Vincentian Reflections](#) (2015 2nd Quarter), with this discussion question: “How does devotion to the Sacred Heart help us to live out our Vincentian call?” *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us!*



**Western Region Update:** Council members **Paul Starkey**, **Marion Bishop** and **Danny Camarena** attended the Western Region Conference in late May in Burbank, California. During the three-day conference, workshops provided training on governance for councils and conferences, diversity awareness, government healthcare programs, and included a special workshop/meeting of the Voice of the Poor. Keynote speakers **Deacon Gene Smith** and **Sister Paule Freeburg**, Daughters of Charity, who serve on the spiritual advisor team for the Western Region, offered powerful, insightful reflections on Vincentian spirituality. Conferences from the Western United States and even Mexico were represented. Prayers at daily Mass, including the Rosary, were conducted in English and Spanish to reflect the cultural traditions of attendees. The Hollywood-themed event even offered a look at the poor in Hollywood, with a visit to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, which was in its day the “Church to the Stars” but now serves urban poor. At the Saturday business conference, Council President **Paul Starkey** provided a quarterly report about Sacramento activities, and highlighted our Rendu University training.

**Conference Officer Training, June 27.** We will use our Rendu U. training format (Christ, Conference, Community) to offer conference officer training on Saturday, June 27, 2015, hosted by Conference President **Inez Reyes** and the St. John Vianney Conference in Rancho Cordova. In three related sessions, and with experienced presenters in each session, the training focuses on 1) the spiritual roles of the conference president and the spiritual advisor, 2) the roles of vice president and secretary in helping the conference president to handle the day-to-day management of conference business, and 3) the role of the treasurer to assist the conference president in relating to the community (reporting, accountability, etc). All conference officers, especially conference presidents, are encouraged to attend this training. Please [See the Council webpage](#) for details.

**June 28 First Annual Vincentian Family Picnic.** All--Members, associates, friends and family, and guests--are invited to join us for our first annual Vincentian Family Picnic on June 28 at **Art Guerrero Park** in Sacramento. Among other activities, we will be holding our "kick off" for the Walk for the Poor. Find [more details on our web page](#).



**Council and Conference News.** ♦The Council welcomes new Board members, **Tom Aguer** and **Tiffany Madrid**, who have been active in the past with planning the annual Benefit for the Poor Dinner and other Council activities. ♦In May, Placer District President **Ron Morin**, St. Joseph-Lincoln Conference President **Sue McCabe**, and others attended and presented at a training on homelessness offered by Placer County in Roseville, California. (Editor's Note: Learn more about the newly dedicated homeless shelter in Auburn, *next issue!*)

### SVdP CALENDAR

- ▶ June 27, **Rendu U.** @ St. John Vianney – [Conference Officers Training](#)
- ▶ June 28, [Mass and Vincentian Family Picnic](#), Art Guerrero Park, Sacramento
- ▶ July 18, Rendu U. at St. Clare, Roseville
- ▶ August 15, **Vincentian Half-Day Retreat**
- ▶ September 27, **Walk for the Poor** @ Jesuit High School, Sacramento (tentative date)

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