



St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Diocesan Council

Serving in Hope and Mercy



Monday Morning Memo



For a week that was filled with rain and dark skies there were quite a few bright spots on which to reflect. The Exodus Project Advisory Committee met and put the final touches on documents that are needed to propel this program into action.

We retained a keynote speaker for the Benefit Dinner for the Poor. More about that can be found below. I am so excited about this speaker, but mum's the word on who it is until Wednesday!

On Tuesday I will be on a conference call with the North State District Council for their monthly meeting. I am so very pleased to report that St. Thomas More Conference in Paradise is going to be represented at the meeting. It is such good news to hear they are going to re-establish this conference which has suffered such an unimaginable setback with the Camp Fire. They have our support and continue to be in our prayers.

Have a blessed week and thanks for all you do.

~ Judy

SAVE THE DATE!

"Faces of Love" the 13th Annual Benefit Dinner for the Poor is scheduled for Friday April 26, 2019 at the Double Tree at Arden in Sacramento. Our first Committee Meeting is being held on **Wednesday January 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Thrift Store** (2275 Watt Avenue). Everyone is invited to join this vibrant and exciting committee led by Chairperson Marion Bishop.

You may have heard rumors that Bishop Robert Barron was to be our keynote speaker, but unfortunately he was unavailable. However, we did secure an equally exciting presenter whose identity will be revealed at the Committee Meeting on Wednesday. So, if you want to be one of the first to know who it is, come to our meeting. You won't be disappointed.

Spotlight on Our Lady of Grace Conference



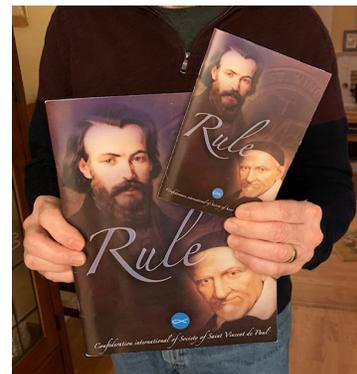
Over the last few years a grassroots program called the Winter Warming Project was developed by **Our Lady of Grace Conference** to address the homeless population during the coldest and wettest months of the year. Last year OLG spent over \$5,000 to purchase sleeping bags, blankets, tarps, ponchos, watch caps and socks to distribute to the homeless community in West Sacramento during their Third Saturday feedings as well as other times they encounter the needy. *Conference President Job Lawrence* reports that sleeping bags and other supplies are provided by teams of Vincentians as they drive around on winter nights locating homeless people sleeping on sidewalks or anywhere they are found exposed to the elements without any protection.

Funding for this project has come from a variety of places including their parishioners, Our Lady of Grace Women's Council, a SVdP Bake Sale, a grant from the Yolo/Delta District Council and just recently a grant from the Sacramento Diocesan Council. Job estimates that the funds spent this year will be 10-15% higher than last year as the need continues to increase. *Yolo/Delta District Council President Venus De Coy* says of OLG, "they truly live out their Vincentian values to the fullest." I couldn't agree more and may they have God's blessings as they travel the streets of West Sac in search of some of the most vulnerable among us.

So who took last week's challenge to review the Rule at their monthly meetings?

Marion Bishop, Sacramento East District Council President responded that at her district meetings they were going to reflect on Vincentian saints at their monthly meetings and it was up to her conferences to decide whether or not to study the Rule. And one of them did just that.

Craig Shaw emailed that *St. Mel's Conference in Fair Oaks* would take on the challenge and begin reviewing the Rule at their next meeting. Way to



go St. Mel's!

Who else is up to the task?

"Give something however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

~ St. Gregory of Nanzianzus

"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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