



St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Diocesan Council

Serving in Hope and Mercy



Monday Morning Memo



Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. A week filled with symbols and rituals and images. As a child I remember sitting around the dining room table after Sunday dinner with my parents, sisters, grandmother, and all my extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. My aunts would take the palms and make them into beautiful crosses which would be on display around the house all year long.

I never learned the art of making a cross with palms, but this Palm Sunday my parish had a Facebook posting with a "how to fold a palm into a cross in 10 easy steps". Try as I might, I just couldn't get that palm to cooperate and bend into the perfect cross pictured in the tutorial. Oh how I wish I had paid closer attention to my aunts as they made these beautiful creations.

I saw another posting linked to a video on **Busted Halo**, "Holy Week in Three Minutes". I know everthing these days is measured in minutes, sometimes seconds. However, it does say everything you need to know and remember about Holy Week and says it much better than I could possibly say it.

*Have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter,
~ Judy*

Catholic Charities Offers Snap Training to SVdP



Catholic Charities of Yolo/Solano will be providing CalFresh/SNAP trainings on Saturday May 4th at two locations and it is open to all SVdP members. According to Executive Director Miriam Sammartino, *"the focus will be to share the new eligibility of SSI recipients to the*

CalFresh program, how we can be of service with connecting St. Vincent de Paul clients to CalFresh benefits and coordinating outreach activities at parishes to spread awareness of the CalFresh program." These trainings will be held at:

Holy Spirit in Fairfield at 1:30 PM and **Holy Rosary** in Woodland at 9:30 AM

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Seth Castleman on the Bishop's Radio Hour

Seth Castleman, Program Director for Exodus Project, Sacramento, a re-entry mentoring program for returning citizens from the Sacramento County Jail will be on the Bishop's Hour with radio host, Bob Dunning. Bob is a veteran radio broadcaster, a longtime newspaper columnist, and parishioner at St. James Parish in Davis.



Tune in to this interview on **Thursday April 18th at 9:00 AM**. The show broadcasts on your radio dial at 1620. If you miss it, there will be a podcast posted on the Sacramento Diocese **website** at a later date.

We'll let you know when it is available.

Conference Corner

~ Giving Safeway a Good Neighbor Attaboy

An unusual story from SVdP in Vacaville about a young man being helped by the local Safeway.

Solano District President Joe Alves shared the story, *"His mother called our help line. I went to check on him. He was camped at Safeway. He told me that the Safeway people had been very kind, letting him charge his electronics; at the time all he had was his laptop. When we met I called his mother and let them talk. Since the initial meeting, he has been spending his nights at the Solano Dream Center, a nomadic shelter. During the day he spends his time at Safeway/Starbucks. At last contact on Monday, he said he had everything under control, and needed no more help. The Safeway/Starbucks were still allowing him to charge his electronics. Someone stole his laptop but his mother got him a phone. He has received a copy of his drivers license, and seems okay. The folks at Safeway know him and provide a lot of assistance. All in all a nice young man, just bad luck."*



Pat Bosworth, Conference President of St. Mary/St. Joseph presented Safeway Assistant Manager Steven Warren a Certificate of Appreciation for the kindness and helpfulness

they have shown to this young man who is struggling to get himself in a better place. Thank you Safeway!

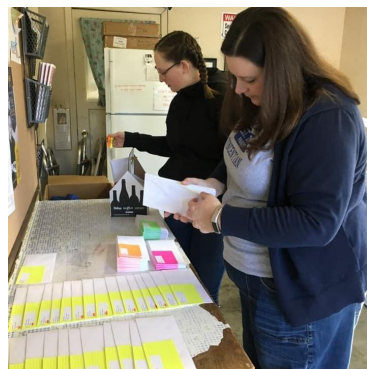
~ St. Dominic's Benicia Easter Dinner Program

I am sure many of our conferences have been busy with Easter Programs and projects these last few weeks. Since I live in Benicia and am a member of the St. Dominic's Conference I can share a program that has been ongoing for nearly 20 years.

Parishioners are asked to fill boxes with non-perishables and the conference adds a certificate from Safeway (yes, our friends at Safeway again) so that a ham, bread and dessert can be purchased. The people we have helped over the last year are called and if they want an Easter Dinner we put them on our delivery list.



On Saturday we delivered almost 150 Easter Dinners and this year through the generosity of a parishioner we also had Easter Baskets to add for those families with children. See the truckload of baskets pictured below. Along with Vincentians, the parishioners and their families show up to deliver and within a very short time usually between 9:00 and 11:00 AM all deliveries are completed. Beth Szabo, pictured below with her daughter Kayla, has taken the lead in organizing all the holiday programs for many years. Thank you Beth for a job well done!



Countdown to the 13th Annual Dinner for the Poor

11 Days to Go!

Yes, now only 11 days until our big fundraiser on Friday, April 26th.

You don't want to miss Fr. Leo speak at our dinner about food, faith and family. He is amazing! It is not too late to make reservations and get your tickets.

You can get more information on our website, svdp-sacramento.org

This week's online cooking demonstration was inspired by Fr. Leo's visit to the Holy Land. **Watch here** as he shows us how to make falafels, a perfect meatless meal for Holy Week.

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~ St. Teresa of Avila

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