



July 2025

Vincentian **Wisdom**
Quotes • Charism



Event

19th Annual
Knights of Columbus #9206
Swing for Charity Golf Tournament
Callippe Preserve Golf Course
Monday, 7/21, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Training

Ozanam Orientation
Saturday - 8/16
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
St. Stephen Catholic Church
1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek, CA

Event

SVdP National Assembly
Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY
Wed.-Sat., 8/27- 8/30

Event

Bocce Tournament
Martinez, Bocce Courts
Saturday, 9/13
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting
Family Resource Center
Tuesday, 9/16
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting

District Council Meeting
TBD
Saturday, 9/20

Bob Liles Corner

THE LEGACY OF STEPHEN KRANK

By Bob Liles

We all know and love Steve, but have you asked yourself why? Sure, he is a fountain of Vincentian knowledge.

Sure, he will drop what he is doing and help anyone who needs it. And he has a wide range of life experiences which allows him to give very good advice.

But what really defines him is that he is the epitome of what it is to be a Vincentian. He doesn't need to teach us how to be a Vincentian. Every day he shows us what it means.

I remember one time when I flew with him back from a National Assembly. It didn't matter if it was the cab driver taking us to the airport or the waitress serving us a meal at the airport. He talked to everyone he met and he talked to them in a way that showed that he cared about them and wanted them to have a good day.

It wasn't just a cursory forced conversation because we had to deal with them. He wanted to make their interaction with him special and show Christ's love for them.

Bob



HOME VISIT TRAINING DOCUMENTS

In May the Hope Conference held training on the nuts and bolts of a home visit, which was different from the initial Home Visit training that every Vincentian should take.

Information presented at the training can be found at <https://www.svdp-cc.org/hope-conf-hv-training-docs> and is also accessible by visiting the Home Visit webpage on the District Council's website.



Documents available there include:

- A PowerPoint presentation on home visits
- Intake Screening Evaluation
- Applying to SOS and CCEB
- Referral Services List
- Resource Guidelines Matrix
- Where am I Now
- Priorities in Life
- Virtues List
- SMART Goal Setting Worksheet
- PG&E FERA program

THE RULE 6.3 THE ADOPTION OF PRACTICAL INITIATIVES

Conferences and Councils should establish a dialogue with their counterparts in other Christian churches or ecclesial communities and other faiths, with regard to cooperation in charitable work, wherever this is appropriate.





Becky Packard, Shirley Aberle, Terry Lulay and Ken Mendonca getting a Coat Sorting Underway

COATS OF LOVE: ST. ANNE'S PREPARES FOR NOVEMBER GIVEAWAY Story submitted by Dicki Lulay

On June 5th, nine dedicated Vincentians from **St. Anne's Conference** gathered for a joyful morning of sorting and service. With hearts full and hands busy, they sorted through hundreds of coats collected through our Spring Coat Drive at the church, unclaimed coats from local schools, and leftover winterwear from the Thrift Store.

Their efforts have stocked the shelves for our **November 2nd Coat Donation Event**—with **over 400 coats** ready to wrap our neighbors in warmth and dignity. This year, as in last, the team is tracking coat sizes and types to better match donations with need, ensuring no one is left out in the cold.

Alongside the coat donations came unexpected blessings: baby clothes, men's pants, and dozens of sweatshirts—all of which were delivered by Shirley Aberle to the Food Pantry for immediate use.

Through generosity and teamwork, St. Anne's is turning spring cleaning into winter comfort—and showing that love, indeed, is always in season.



EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM ON ZOOM

A gathering place - come by with a question

Or just come by –

We may have the Answer, or You May Be the Answer for Someone.

<https://bit.ly/TuesdayZoomForum>

Meeting ID: 925 439 5060

Passcode: Ozanam

3RD TUESDAY- RESOURCES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Dora Segura will host our Third Tuesday, July 15th, Resources call. Dora serves as the **Housing Services Supervisor** at Catholic Charities of Contra Costa County, where she leads efforts to provide critical rental and utility assistance to vulnerable families. She oversees the Catholic Charities Rental Assistance Program. She facilitates access to PG&E programs, including CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy), FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance), and the Medical Baseline Program.

Dora will host this session to help Vincentians better understand how Catholic Charities can support our neighbors in need and how Vincentians can advocate effectively on their behalf, especially in navigating utility relief programs and ensuring households stay safely housed and connected.

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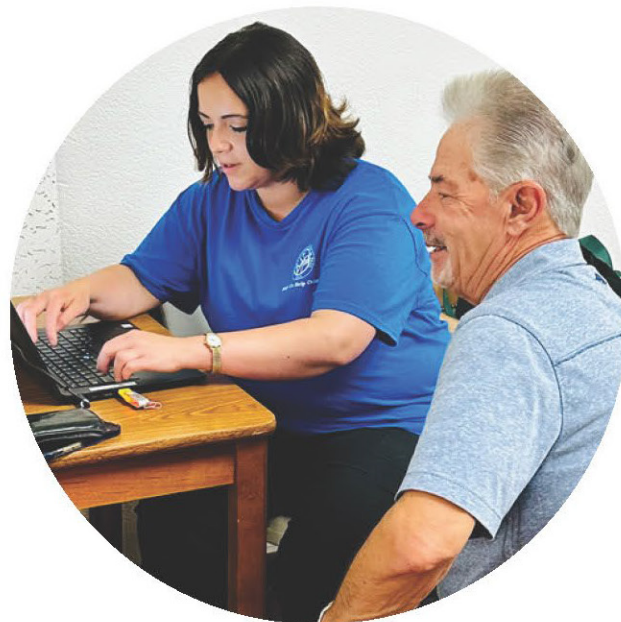
Workforce Development

Join a Team & Receive Paid Employment and Training - Find the Job for You!



Skill Development

- Interviewing & Communications
- Resumé Building
- Computer skills
- Networking/Reference building
- Building job search skills



Program Benefits

- Supportive group classes
- 1-on-1 mentorship
- Connection to support services
- 25 weeks of paid, part-time work

Call (925) 439-5060 to reserve your spot!

Participants MUST ATTEND a Part One & a Part Two Session

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King Church
199 Brandon Rd., Room C

Part One

Sun. 6/29: 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Part Two

Sat. 7/5: 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Pittsburg

SVdP Dining Room/
Community Center,
1415 Simpson Ct.

Part One

Wed. 7/2: 2-5 pm

Part Two

Mon. 7/7: 2-5 pm

If selected for the program, workplaces are in Pleasant Hill, Brentwood, and Pittsburg.

**HOW CAN WE ANSWER THE CALL TO
SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST IN ALL PEOPLE?**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OZANAM ORIENTATION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM**

**ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1101 KEAVENY CT, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597**

**BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM
OZANAM ORIENTATION 9:00 AM-3:30 PM
QUESTIONS? CALL SHAWNNA AT 925-200-5952**

PARTICIPANTS **MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 13
REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/OZANAMAUG2025](https://bit.ly/ozanamaug2025) OR SCAN QR**



A LEADER'S PRAYER

From Terri Zenobio, Director of Vincentian Services, SVdP Long Island

Leadership is hard to define.
Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice.
Leadership is like a handful of water.
Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.
Leadership is not about watching and correcting.
Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.
Leadership is not about telling people what to do.
Lord, let us find out what people want.
Leadership is less about the love of power and more about the power of love.
Lord, as we continue to undertake the role of leader, let us be
affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in your son Jesus.
Let us walk in the path He has set, and let those who will follow.



STRENGTHENING OUR CONFERENCE THROUGH SHARED LEADERSHIP:

Ideas For Delegating Responsibilities from SVDP National Office

Every active Vincentian in a Conference should be empowered with a meaningful role. Not only does this increase participation and foster ownership, but it also ensures that the vital work of serving our neighbors in need is sustained and shared. No two Conferences are precisely alike, so how you structure your team may look different from another group, but the goal is the same: to serve with love, humility, and effectiveness.

*St. Vincent de Paul once said, “When working with the poor, we see them as ‘our masters, the poor,’ and **we do all that we reasonably can** to bring them the love of God and to assist them materially.”*

This guiding principle reminds us that each act of service is sacred, and every role within the Conference—no matter how small—contributes to this holy mission.

Below are ideas for roles and responsibilities that can help you delegate tasks and ensure your Conference remains vibrant, inclusive, and mission-driven.

Leadership and Governance Roles

- **President**
Coordinates overall activities of the Conference. Serves as servant-leader for all members.
- **Vice-President(s)**
Assumes duties when the President is unavailable. Can also chair a committee or lead a special project.
- **Secretary**
Notifies members of meetings, records minutes, and handles Conference correspondence.
- **Assistant Secretary**
Takes minutes in the absence of the Secretary and supports administrative tasks.
- **Treasurer**
Manages Conference finances and coordinates closely with the Secretary on financial reporting.
- **Assistant Treasurer**
Supports the Treasurer—could handle specific payments (e.g., utility kiosk payments) or bookkeeping duties.
- **Spiritual Advisor**
Prepares and leads prayer and reflection during meetings, and helps deepen the spiritual life of the Conference.
- **Assistant Spiritual Advisor**
Leads reflections when the Advisor is unavailable; assists with planning retreats and spiritual celebrations.

Parish & Community Engagement Roles

- **Pastoral Council Representative**
Represents the Conference on the Parish Pastoral Council, sharing Vincentian priorities and updates.
- **Youth Liaison**
Connects with parish youth and Religious Education staff to engage young people in service and Vincentian spirituality.
- **Sunday Bulletin Correspondent**
Writes short updates and announcements to keep the parish informed about Conference activities.
- **Recruitment Chair**
Organizes recruitment efforts, invites new members, and welcomes them into the Vincentian family.
- **Conference Hospitality Coordinator**
Ministers to fellow Vincentians—sends cards, makes check-in calls, and coordinates care when someone is ill or grieving.

Friend-of-the-Poor-Focused Roles

- **Initial Contact with Friends in Need**
Answers calls, gathers initial information, and identifies the nature of the request. This role may rotate.
- **Home Visit Scheduler**
Matches incoming requests with available home visit teams. Also potentially a rotating duty.
- **Home Visit Captain**
Onboards new home visitors, ensures training is current, and maintains home visit protocols.
- **Resource Collector**
Maintains and distributes current referral information for social services and community resources.

Food Program Roles

- **Food Supply Coordinator**
Ensures a steady flow of food donations and oversees food drives.
- **Food Storage Coordinator**
Manages the food inventory and ensures items are stored safely and accessibly.
- **Food Bag/Box Committee Chair**
Organizes the packing and distribution of food items. Oversees volunteers involved in food pantry operations.

Administrative and Support Roles

- **Conference Records Coordinator**
Maintains documentation related to neighbors served and assistance provided.
- **Members Portal Coordinator**
Updates the National SVdP database and keeps internal member lists current.
- **Reminder Calls**
Makes reminder calls or sends messages 2–3 days before each meeting to encourage attendance.
- **Information Liaison**
Reviews SVdP National Newsletters, Voice of the Poor newsletters, and reports important updates to the group.

Special Project Roles

- **Project Chair**
Leads a specific annual or seasonal project (e.g., Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Gift Tree, Bundle Sunday, Donut Sales, or Prison Outreach). This is a great role for a newer member looking to get more involved.



A Living Conference is a Shared Conference

When responsibilities are shared, we live out the Vincentian spirit more fully. Delegating roles is not about assigning chores—it's about **inviting others to experience the joy of service**, the peace of prayerful leadership, and the strength of community. Use this list as a starting point to reflect, discern, and reenergize your Conference. Meet with members individually to learn their gifts and interests. A simple conversation might be all it takes to invite someone into deeper service.

MEETING AGENDA

Special Works reports – The only Special Works that conferences have are their pantries. And only if they are done on a regular basis. Handing out a grocery store gift card when a neighbor in need asks for some food is not a special work. Handing out turkeys before Thanksgiving is not a Special Work. Conferences should regularly talk about how to improve their pantries.

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Join the Knights of Columbus from St. Joan of Arc and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County for the annual *Swing for Charity* Golf Tournament on **Monday, July 21, 2025**, at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. This event supports the *RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at SVdP*, which provides free medical care to uninsured adults in our county. We need **36–40 volunteers** to help before and during the event—roles include registration, contest stations, hole monitors, raffle support, and clean-up. It's a fun and impactful way to serve! To sign up, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/GolfVolunteer25>. You can also support by donating wine for the SVdP Wine Basket or gift certificates for the raffle.

Brian Boyle, SVdP Sr. Communications Assoc. can pick up your wine or other donations:-
b.boyle@svdp-cc.org

Thank you for all your help! We hope to see you on the green!



FEEDING HOPE – A CHURCH’S MISSION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY By Danny Vu, President, Our Lady Queen of the World Every Week, Grace Unfolds

Each week, something beautiful unfolds in our church’s parking lot and fellowship hall. There’s no stage, no spotlight, no applause—just folding tables, grocery bags, and a faithful team of volunteers quietly serving those in need.

This is more than a food distribution. It’s a ministry of love, compassion, and gratitude.

It begins early in the morning as volunteers gather to sort donated groceries from local stores. They check expiration dates, separate fresh produce from pantry goods, and pack each bag with intention and prayer. These bags aren’t simply filled with food—they’re filled with care, hope, and the quiet wish to lighten someone’s burden.

Many of our volunteers have firsthand experience with hardship. Some have known homelessness. Others have weathered job loss, illness, or family crisis. Now, instead of being served, they are the ones serving—with empathy born from their own experiences. For them, this ministry is deeply personal.



Those who come to receive food are our neighbors—parents, grandparents, elders, and workers juggling multiple jobs who still struggle to make ends meet. They arrive quietly, sometimes with hesitation. But they leave with more than groceries.

They leave with dignity, kindness, and the reassurance that someone sees them... and cares.



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OF COLUMBUS**

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Council 9206 - St. Joan of Arc Parish - San Ramon, California



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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19th Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament Swing For Charity



2025 Toyota Tacoma Hole-in-One Prize
Generously Provided by Dublin Toyota!:



Scan Here to
Register Today!

Golf Package: \$250 Includes:

- 18 Holes w/Cart
- Lunch
- Buffet Dinner
- Goodie Bag
- Beverages (adult & non-alcoholic)
- Pre-Golf Contests
- Hole-In-One & Longest Drive Prizes
- Award Ceremony/Reception

Our Beneficiaries This Year:

- Rotacare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
- Knights of Columbus Sponsored Charities

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/KOFCGolf25>

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts, no denim please.

Tournament & Sponsorship Information:

Barbara Hunt, b.hunt@svdp-cc.org or 925-330-6732
Mike Jurewicz, Hole Sponsor info, mikejurew@aol.com

Foursome Information:

Vic David Jr., agdavid@juno.com, 925-997-8867

Monday, July 21, 2025

Callippe Preserve Golf Course

8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

11:15 AM - Registration

11:30 AM - Contests, Lunch

12:30 PM - Shotgun Scramble

5:30 PM - Dinner & Awards Ceremony

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