

VETERA MONIMENTA

A. P. Chanam

July 2026

Training

Ozanam Orientation

Saturday 7/11, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Brentwood

Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday 7/14, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Training

Tuesday Tips & Training – Zoom

Tuesday 7/14, 10 am – 11 am

Meeting

District Council Meeting

Saturday 7/18 9:30 am – 11:30 am

St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek

Training

Home Visit Workshop

Saturday 7/25, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Anthony, Oakley

Training

Spiritual Advisor Training by Tim Williams, Location TBA

Friday 8/14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Retreat

Spiritual Retreat by Tim Williams, Location TBA

Saturday 8/15, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Event

National Assembly

Wednesday – Saturday, 9/9 – 9/12

Hyatt Regency, Salt Lake City, UT

Vincentian **Wisdom**
Quotes • Charism



Bob Liles Corner

Scratching the Surface

I was exploring PG&E's website and came upon a map that gives statistics about Antioch for 3Q 2025 for the 94509-zip code. To get there go to

<https://www.pge.com/en/save-energy-and-money/energy-saving-programs/community-organizations-advocates.html>

then click on the link associated with "Identify areas that need your support".

<https://hdr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/5bab8b0068914649866d670fcd69e465>

Average number of customers that are more than 30 days behind in their payment – 18,935

Average number of customers disconnected – 360

For the 94531-zip code

Average number of customers that are more than 30 days behind in their payment – 13,892

Average number of customers disconnected – 100

For comparison purposes Alamo/Roundhill had 773 people behind in payments and 11 disconnects.

I don't know if disconnects includes houses and apartments that are empty and are waiting for someone to move in.

Makes me realize that we are barely scratching the surface of the number of people that need help. A snapshot of the map is on the next page.

Bob

Community Based Organization (CBO) Case Management

PILOT PROGRAM

Customers with arrears

Q3 2025 (Arrearage Data Summary)

PGE Customers

Total Average Count of Customers with Arrears >30 days: 18935.00
 Average Count of CARE/FERA Customers with Arrears >30 days: 2816.00
 Average Count of NON-CARE/FERA Customers with Arrears >30 days: 2119.00

Customers with disconnections

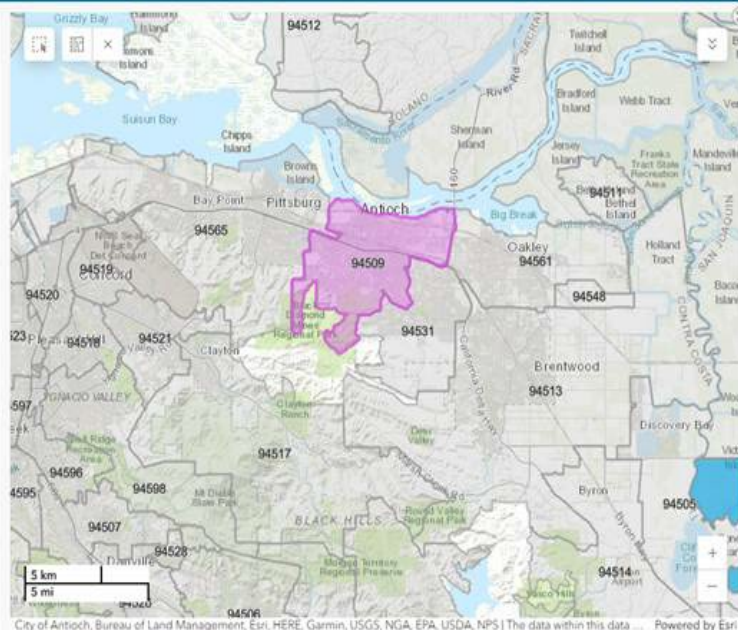
Q3 2025 (Disconnections Data Summary)

PGE Customers

Total average Number of Residential Customer Disconnections: 359.50
 Average Count of CARE/FERA Residential Customer Disconnections: 376.00
 Average Count of NON-CARE/FERA Residential Customer Disconnections: 343.00

Zip Codes in Pilot Project

PG&E Service Area
 SCE/SCG Service Area
 SDG&E Service Area
 Zip codes not included in pilot program



Due to system syncing issues, SCE's disconnection numbers include some customers whose disconnections were either canceled or never processed. SCE is evaluating potential system changes to address this issue.

Selected Zip Code: **94509**

Community Based Organizations

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National Asian American Coalition (NAAC) (Serving PG&E 94509)

People Served Monthly:
 Counties Served: Contra Costa
 Services Provided: Advocacy; Education; Food Distribution; Job Training; Outreach; Workshops; LIHEAP;
 Audience: Asian American Community
[Website](#)

National Diversity Coalition (NDC) (Serving PG&E 94509)

People Served Monthly: 18000
 Counties Served: CONTRA COSTA
 Services Provided: Advocacy; Education; Food Distribution; Job Training; Outreach; Workshops; LIHEAP;
 Audience: Asian American Community

CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS

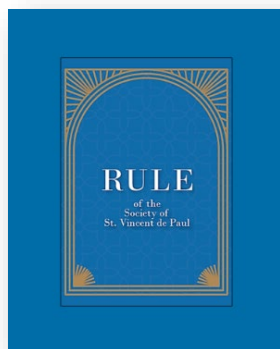


West Region Meeting Tidbit #2 Governance Workshop

On Oct 1st, if the current president has served two terms and no new president was elected, the VP becomes president. No matter what.

A good Conference meeting guideline is that it should last one hour, with prayer and reflection lasting at least 15 minutes. Try to transfer information by email outside of the meeting and do as much business as possible outside the meeting. It is not required that all decisions on helping a neighbor be made at a meeting.

THE RULE: 7.6 Facing the structures of sin



Where injustice, inequality, poverty or exclusion are due to unjust economic, political or social structures or to inadequate or unjust legislation, the Society should speak out clearly against the situation, always with charity, with the aim of contributing to and demanding improvements.

*“There is no act of **CHARITY** that is not accompanied by **JUSTICE** or that permits us to do more than we reasonably can.”*

- St. Vincent de Paul -

Tuesday Tips and Training
July 2026 SESSION
Tuesday, July 14th, 10:00am – 11:00am



*Our Monthly meeting, designed to share **RESOURCES** for our Neighbors.*

2ND TUESDAY- Open Discussion

Join us on Tuesday, July 14th, for this month's Tips and Training. For this session we will be having an open discussion and sharing of ideas. This will be a space for us to come together as conferences to share what is working well for your conference, discuss any challenges you may be facing, learn from one another's experiences, and ask questions and offer support as fellow Vincentians.

We ask that each conference send at least one Vincentian to represent your conference. These sessions are an important opportunity to stay connected as a Society and to grow together in our mission. Benefits of participating include gaining practical ideas and best practices from other conferences, strengthening your understanding of Vincentian spirituality and service, bringing back insights and resources to support your conference, and building relationships across our wider Vincentian community.

Your voice and experience are important. Whether you have something to share, a question to ask, or simply want to listen and learn, we encourage you to join us. Looking forward to seeing you there!

<https://bit.ly/TuesdayTipsTraining>

Meeting ID: 890 0345 5047 Passcode: Ozanam

Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage by Bob Liles



In 2025 as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage a California route was created which included all the missions. In 2026 they reenacted it in 9 days. It started at Mission San Francisco Solano and ended at Mission San Diego.

Every day consisted of Mass, many times with the local bishop, one hour of adoration and a procession. Some days there were two or three hours of adoration and several processions. Four priests and two seminarians travelled with the blessed sacrament in a special passenger van. Since it was

the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, the priests were Franciscans and gave talks about St. Francis.

Some pilgrims did the entire route. Some only part of it. Some joined for a day, and some joined for part of the day. The core group consisted of about 40 people of which about 25% did it last year. At times the procession would have several hundred people.

At night some slept in their RVs, some in their cars, some at the mission or retreat center and some in motels. Breakfast was on your own. Lunch and dinner were usually provided at no cost or for a small donation. Many of the meals were supplied by the local Knights of Columbus Council.

Besides the missions we visited many other places. At Soledad prison we prayed and talked with the inmates. We attended Mass at the Los Angeles cathedral. In San Diego we visited Father Joe's Village for the homeless, which is run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We also visited several seminaries, colleges, retreat centers and churches.

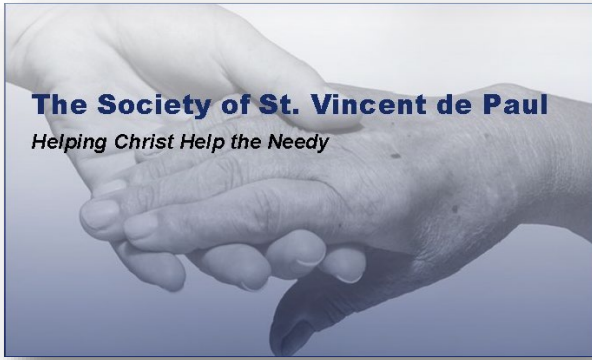
If you want to visit the missions to study their history, this was not the trip for you. The museums at some of the missions were closed when we were there and at others the schedule was so tight that it did not allow for a thorough examination. But at a couple of the missions, we were given detailed tours by the people that ran the mission and they were very passionate about their love for their mission and gave very good arguments against the people that currently criticize the missions and Fr. Serra.



But if you want to pray, meditate, worship God and profess your faith to the public via a procession down a city street, then this might be right for you. For more information go to:

www.caminodecalifornia.org

West Region Meeting Tidbit #3 – Keynote Address by President John Berry



Most people join the Society because they were personally asked by someone. Nowhere in the first two parts of the Rule does it mention anything about Home Visits. Home Visits are important, but the focus is personal interaction with our neighbor in need. Our Mission Statement: “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.”

New Frontiers – SVdP National Assembly 2026

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! The time has finally come, registration for this year’s National Assembly in Salt Lake City is now open! If you follow the link provided below, you can review what’s in store for attendees, view a special message from the National Assembly Co-Chairs, as well as a link to a special booking rate for your stay at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City. For those that attended West Region in Seattle, the National Assembly is a great next step. After experiencing those two, there is the Invitation for Renewal where you get to examine the Society in detail for four full days. It has been described as an Ozanam Orientation on steroids. Stipends are available for first time attendees from conferences that have not received one before. For more information, please reach out to Claudia Ramirez, c.ramirez@svdp-cc.org.

For information mentioned above on the National Assembly, follow this link:

<https://ssvpusa.org/national-assembly/>





Saturday, July 25, 2026

Home Visit Workshop

WHEN WE SHOW UP...GOD ALWAYS SHOWS UP

PLEASE JOIN US AT:

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

971 O'Hara Ave, Oakley, CA 94561

11:30 AM Light Lunch & Registration

11:30 AM - 3:30 PM Home Visit Workshop

This interactive workshop will help you see how BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU taught our founders TO SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST IN THOSE WE SERVE.

You must register to attend. Use the link or QR code below. Registration will close on Saturday, July 11, 2026



<https://bit.ly/HomeVisitJuly25>

Questions? Text Joyce Ohanesian 925-475-9566

Roll Into Fun: The Big La Bocce Tournament is Back!

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce the return of the annual Big La Bocce Ball Tournament on Saturday, September 19th. A partnership between St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County & Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa, the Big La Bocce Ball Tournament helps both organizations feed, clothe, shelter, and heal people and families in need. It's a wonderful day of fun, bocce, and community building. Whether you're a seasoned pro aiming for the perfect pallino shot or a beginner looking to enjoy a fantastic day out for a great cause, we want you there!



The day will feature bocce ball, a catered lunch, and a wonderful silent auction filled with amazing items donated from our communities! Gather your friends, form a team, and get ready for a day of friendly competition, great company, and community spirit. All proceeds go directly toward supporting our charity initiatives. For Sponsorship information, please contact Barb Hunt, b.hunt@svdp-cc.org. If you would like to contribute to the silent auction during the event, please contact Brian Boyle, b.boyle@svdp-cc.org

Registration is live! If you are interested, please follow the link provided below:



<https://loavesfishescc.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/TheBigLaBocce2026/Registration/tabid/1595426/Default.aspx>

When: Saturday, September 19th

Where: Martinez Waterfront Park Bocce Courts, Martinez, CA 94553

Schedule:

10:00 am - Registration and Practice

10:40 am - 12:30 pm - 3 Games per Team (Timed Games)

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch (provided by New Mecca) and Silent Auction

1:30 pm - Top 16 Teams Advance to Knock Out Round

Finalists play until there's a winner

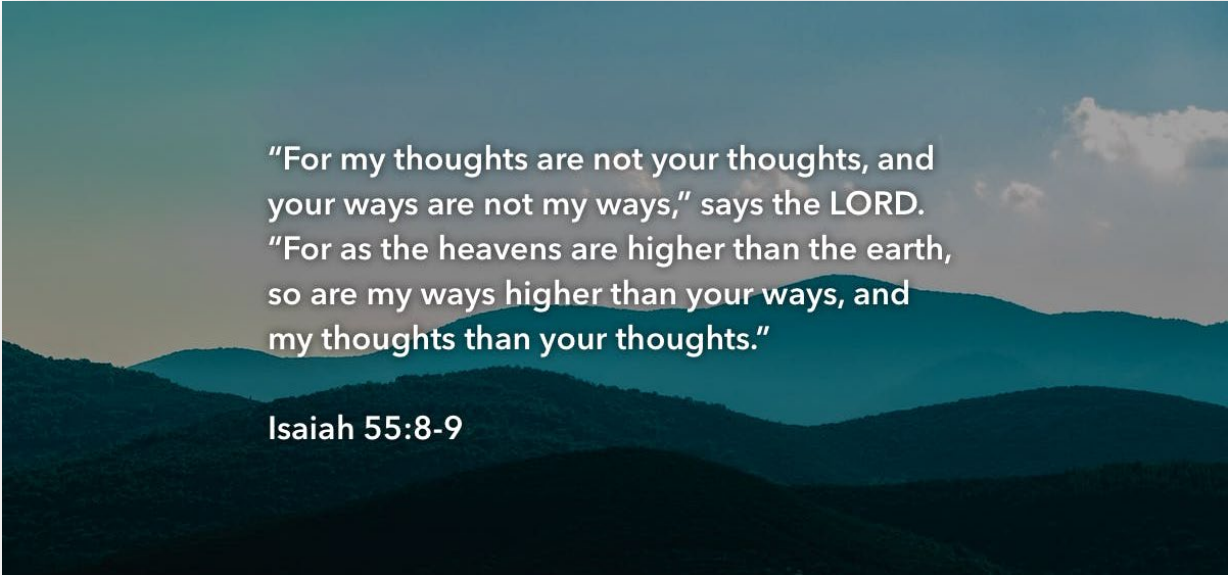
Thought of the Month by Marco Ceballos, Vincentian Services Corrdinator

What does humility in service look like to you?

I came across this question recently and after some reflection, humility in service involves understanding that we can't fix everyone's problem, as much as we may want to, we can't; and God does not expect us to. I admit that this is something that I struggled with for much of my time as a Vincentian and is something that I still must remind myself of. Praise be to God for leading me to St. Vincent de Paul because looking back, living this Vincentian vocation is truly helping me grow in my faith.

In Isaiah 55:8-9, it reads "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." I look back and I truly believe that God lead me here to humble me and to help me realize that I can't shoulder everything. I can trust in God that even though I may not understand at this time, I don't have to worry; things may not go as I'd expect or would like them to, but God has his plans. His ways and His thoughts are so much greater than ours and blessed are we that He loves us as much as He does so we don't have to worry. He invites all of us to give Him all our cares, worries, and anxieties and so I'm thankful for His love, His guidance, and this opportunity to reflect on how He has been present in my life and continues to help me grow through St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for reading. It would be great to get some responses from you as well. It is always nice when the wisdom and experiences we have is shared with one another. If you would like to respond to this month's question, please send me a short reflection by email at m.cebалlos@svdp-cc.org. We may include some responses in next month's newsletter!



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