

# VETERA MONIMENTA

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January 2022

Vincentian **Wisdom**  
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## **Holiday**

New Year's Day

Saturday 1/1/2022

## **Workforce Development**

Job Preparation Workshops Begin

See last page for dates and times

## **Spirituality & Formation**

How to Hold an Invitation to Serve.

Tuesday 1/11/2022 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

## **Meeting**

Board of Directors Meeting.

Tuesday 1/18/2022 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Deadline** - 1st Quarter Report due

Wednesday 1/19/2022

## **Event**

Walk for Life

Saturday 1/22/2022

## **Training (Spanish)**

Ozanam Orientation Part I

Saturday 1/22/2022 8:45 AM-Noon

## **Training (Spanish)**

Ozanam Orientation Part II

Saturday 1/29/2022 8:45 AM-Noon

## **Tuesdays with Vincent de Paul**

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton

Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, Author, Vincentian in

Residence - De Paul University

Tuesday 2/1/2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## **Feast**

Feast of Rosalie Rendu

Monday 2/7/2022 - All Day

## **Bob Liles Corner**

### **Contra Costa Vincentians & Conference Leadership,**

### **Happy New Year.**

I wish to thank everyone for all their hard work this past year. The pandemic has made everyone adjust and do things differently, but you managed and fulfilled our mission.

After visiting most of the conferences last year there were several things that stood out.

Every conference gave examples of their strong faith in God.

They all had tremendous stories on how they helped our neighbors in need.

And best of all the meetings were fun and there was a lot of laughter. Vincentians exhibiting joy in doing the work of our Lord. What could be better? We are Vincentians. Not social workers. Always remember that.

**Thank you for your work,**

**Bob**

Bob Liles Corner Cont.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?**

<http://www.svdpc.org/>

Want to know when the thrift stores are open and when they will take donations:

[www.svdpc.org/thrift-stores/](http://www.svdpc.org/thrift-stores/)

Want information on the free dining room, medical clinic, or Workforce Development:

<http://www.svdpc.org/programs>

Need information on the new dental clinic:

[www.svdpc.org/57413-2](http://www.svdpc.org/57413-2)

Want to check out volunteer opportunities:

[www.svdpc.org/volunteer](http://www.svdpc.org/volunteer)

Want to donate a vehicle

<https://careasy.org/nonprofit/Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Council-of-Contra-Costa-County>

And this is just some of the information available.

**THE RULE 1.7-1.8 - OUR PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE POOR**

1.7 Prayer Before Personal Encounters or Visits Vincentians pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them during their visits and make them channels for the peace and joy of Christ.

1.8 Reverence for the poor

Vincentians serve the poor cheerfully, listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God's image. In the poor, they see the suffering Christ.

Members observe the utmost confidentiality in the provision of material and any other type of support.



Vincentian Heritage available at <https://via.library.depaul.edu/vhj/>

## **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Program**

Proposal for High School Students

by Kathy Dasso

### **Our Objective:**

To introduce high school students to the mission and works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and in doing so, grow the Vincentian family and a life-long love of serving the poor.

### **Program Components:**

- Orientation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's history and works
- Tour of the SVdP District Office and services offered, including the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room, RotaCare Free Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Workforce Development Program, Food Pantry, Store and Spiritual Activities
- Participation in monthly, hands-on service opportunities, including:
  - Volunteering at the Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg or Brentwood stores
  - Volunteering at the St. Francis, St. Mary's or St. Bonaventure's food pantries
  - Serving at the Gianni's Restaurant event and other SVdP events
  - Participating in a Bundle Sunday at St. John Vianney or other church
  - Holding a High School Bundle Sunday
  - Serving at/and or participating as a team in the Bocci Ball tournament
  - Participating in the Walk for the Poor
  - Assisting with an Angel Tree program
  - Attending a conference meeting at an SVdP conference

### **Program Participants:**



- Program open to Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students
- The students could elect their own officers that would serve a one-year term
- Vincentian(s) to mentor the students through the program, attend conference meetings and coordinate events for the students
- Volunteers would receive volunteer hours for the time spent volunteering

### **Time Frame:**

- Pilot Program begins in the Fall 2022 at Carondelet & De LaSalle High Schools and can potentially go through the summer for those interested in continuing
- Program would continue on an annual basis

If you would like additional information and to participate as a member of the Pilot, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kathy Dasso. [katdas9@aol.com](mailto:katdas9@aol.com)

## HOPE - A Partnership for Conferences

Presented by Dick Gilpin, SVDP - St. Joan of Arc/HOPE Conference.  
Hope Conference Training 2020

- The Hope Conference is an extension of other SVDP Contra Costa Conferences
- We do not do home visits or generally work directly with clients
- Hope works with you, parish conf. as a source of last resort for funds
- We manage the cases by consensus
- The funds we previously received were limited and required few restrictions
- Hope is now receiving substantial funds from multiple sources
- We will be able to help you more financially than we have in the past
- Information requirements have now become greater and are audited
- We will do all we can to help you, but all requirements must be met

**The Hope Conference asked that the DC help publicize the two current funds that Hope Conference has available for distribution that have the following deadlines.**

The funds are:

- 1) **Water Debt Relief Fund**, (extended until 5/31/22), approximately **\$14,000** available.
- 2) **Mortgage/Rental Assistance Fund**, (expires 5/31/22), approximately **\$57,399** available.

In both cases, 3 months of mortgage, rent, or water bills can be covered. Clients must have incomes lower than 200% of the FPL, and in the case of the mortgage/rental fund, the household must identify being impacted by the pandemic in some way, (household income reduced, family member sick, household expenses increased, etc.).

## Tuesday with Vincent de Paul

A Study of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday February 1, 2022 marks the last presenter in our series on the birth and origins of the Vincentian Family. It is fitting that for the final workshop in the series we welcome Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, Vincentian in Residence, De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was a notable Vincentian woman whose confidence, clarity, and purpose shaped education, nursing, and social services to assist persons at the margins of society. Sister Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., M.S.W., Vincentian scholar-in-residence in the Division of Mission and Ministry at DePaul University, reflected on the saint's life during a lecture on Sept. 25, 2019, in the Castellani Art Museum as part of Niagara University's celebration of Vincentian Heritage Week.

Sister Betty Ann says she developed a "personal kinship" with the saint, noting similarities in their backgrounds—both were called Betty, both were young children when they lost a parent, and both grew up by the seaside and enjoyed solitary pursuits such as reading and collecting shells. Sister Betty Ann attended a Catholic elementary school run by the Daughters of Charity and entered the Province of St. Louise at Emmitsburg, Md., after earning a bachelor's degree in social welfare from Saint Joseph College in Emmitsburg and a master of social work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Sister Betty Ann remembers hearing the bells ringing on March 17, 1963, signaling Elizabeth Ann Seton's beatification, and was one of the Sisters chosen to go to Rome to be in attendance when she became the first U.S.-born person canonized on Sept. 14, 1975, by Pope Paul VI. Sister Betty Ann's articles on the Vincentian and Setonian tradition have been widely published, and she served on the Daughters' advisory committee to publish the multi-volume opus "Elizabeth Bayley Seton Collected Writings." She also developed and teaches an online course "Notable Vincentian Women—Elizabeth Bayley Seton" in DePaul's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mother Seton's connection to the Vincentians is strong. She founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph, and based the Rule of the Sisterhood on the Rule St. Vincent de Paul had written for his Daughters of Charity in France. The co-founders of Niagara University, the Most Rev. John Timon, C.M., then bishop of Buffalo, and Archbishop John J. Lynch, C.M., of Toronto, invited the Sisters of Charity to establish hospitals and schools in their dioceses

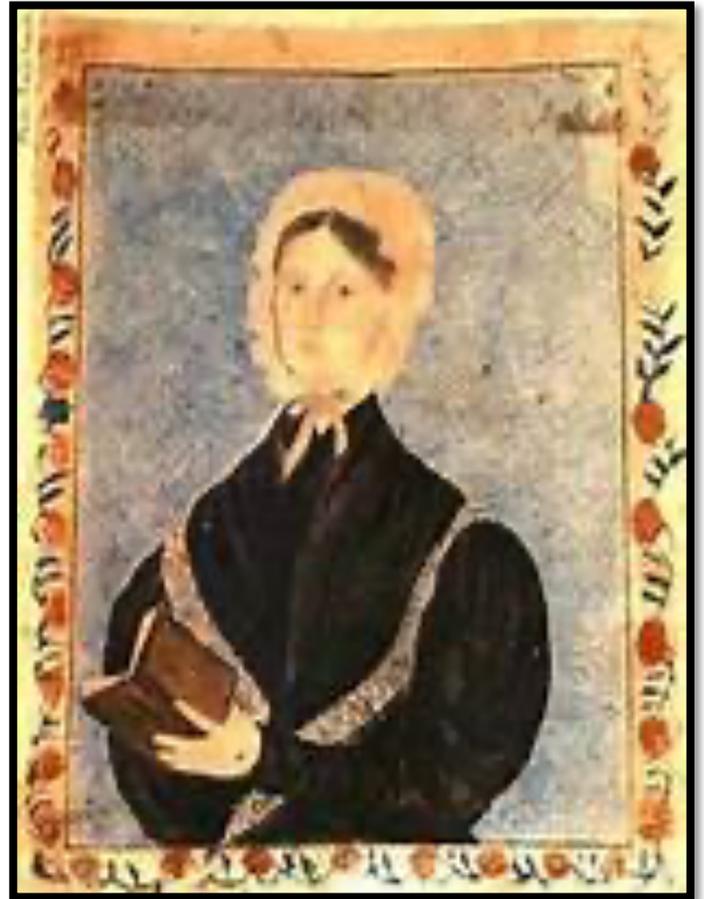
"Her service and influence in the Vincentian spirit spread nationally and internationally," Sister Betty Ann said. "Elizabeth Bayley Seton lived an ordinary life in extraordinary ways as a result of her heightened sense of purpose. (This) still informs the Sisters' service to create a more just world for the tomorrow of others."



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, née Elizabeth Ann Bayley, (born August 28, 1774, New York, New York [U.S.]—died January 4, 1821, Emmitsburg, Maryland, U.S.; canonized 1975; feast day January 4), first native-born American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. She was the founder of the Sisters of Charity, the first American religious society.

Elizabeth Bayley was the daughter of a distinguished physician. She devoted a good deal of time to working among the poor, and in 1797 she joined Isabella M. Graham and others in founding the first charitable institution in New York City the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children, serving as the organization's treasurer for seven years. She had married William M. Seton in 1794, and in 1803 they and the eldest of their five children traveled to Italy for his health. Nevertheless, in part perhaps as an aftereffect of his bankruptcy three years earlier, he died there of tuberculosis in December.

As a result of her experiences and acquaintances in Italy, Seton joined the Roman Catholic Church in New York City in 1805. Herself now a widow with small children, she found it difficult to earn a living, and many friends and relatives shunned her after her conversion (the various anti-Catholic laws of the colonial era had only recently been lifted). For a time, she operated a small school for boys. In 1808 Seton accepted an invitation from the priest (later bishop) Louis William Dubourg, president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Maryland, to open a school for Catholic girls in that city. Several young women joined in her work, and in 1809 her long-held hope to found a religious community was realized when she and her companions took vows before Archbishop John Carroll and became the Sisters of St. Joseph, the first American-based Catholic sisterhood. A few months later Mother Seton and the sisters moved their home and school to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where they provided free education for the poor girls of the parish—an act later considered by many to be the beginning of Catholic parochial education in the United States.



In 1812 the order became the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph under a modification of the rule of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Houses of the order were opened in Philadelphia in 1814 and in New York City in 1817. Mother Seton continued to teach and work for the community until her death in 1821, by which time the order had 20 communities. In 1856 Seton Hall College (now Seton Hall University) in South Orange Village, New Jersey, was named for her, and in 1885 the Sisters of Charity founded Seton Hill Junior College (now Seton Hill University) in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in her honor. She was canonized in September 1975.

**Join Zoom Meeting - Tuesday with Vincent de Paul (2/1/2022) from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034403349?pwd=bjJldHlMVG44REZzL2s5bGtKNzZCdzo9>

**Meeting ID: 870 3440 3349 Passcode: Vincent**

## **Resources and Links Contra Costa County District Council**

### **Tuedays with Vincent**

February 1, 2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034403349?pwd=bjJdHlMlSG44RFZlL2s5bGtKNzZCdz09>

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### **Dropbox:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yfj70vzjy3bj5ky/AADDxY9E5ywnpl0DarZEVMrTa>

### **St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County:**

<https://www.svdp-cc.org>

### **National Site for Vincentians:**

<https://members.svdpsusa.org/members>

### **St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County YouTube Page:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKjgpCZOYqdmXRF0kn0tUg>



### **Formation & Training Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9254395060?pwd=N3BxU0w4RjFiUnlQZ1BYWGvVcHIRUT09>

**Meeting ID: 925 439 5060 Passcode: Ozanam**

### **California Tenant and Landlord Housing Resources:**

[https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/protection\\_guidelines.html](https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/protection_guidelines.html)

<https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/landlord/resources.html>

### **Hope Conference Documents:**

#### **Applications in English and Spanish:**

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/1.-SVdP-Hope-Application-PRINTABLE.pdf>

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/3.-SVdP-Hope-Application-SPANISH-PRINTABLE.pdf>

#### **Important Tenant-Landlord Information Documents:**

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Tenant-Landlord-Information.pdf>

<https://www.svdp-cc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Tenant-Inability-to-Pay-Notice.pdf>

# The Dentists on Wheels Free Dental Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of Contra Costa County



## Location:

St. Vincent de Paul  
of Contra Costa County  
2210 Gladstone Drive,  
Pittsburg CA 94565

## Hours:

Every Thursday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## Fees:

Dental services are  
FREE to the patient

### Preventative Care

Screenings  
Examinations  
Cleanings  
Fluoride Treatments/  
Fluoride Varnish Oral  
Health Education

### Restorative Care

Fillings  
Root Canals  
Crowns and Caps  
Partial/Permanent Dentures  
Extractions

## Appointments: **REQUIRED**

Visit [dentistsonwheels.org](http://dentistsonwheels.org) to  
fill out the patient application.

This is mandatory.

Our team will follow-up with you.



Interested in volunteering? Please contact our Clinic Operations Manager at:  
[email@dentistsonwheels.org](mailto:email@dentistsonwheels.org)



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
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**Have You Experienced Barriers to Employment or Trouble Returning to the Workforce?**

Join St. Vincent de Paul's  
Paid, Part-Time  
**Employment and  
Training Program!**

**You Will Be Able To:**

- **UPGRADE** Current Skills!
- **GAIN** Valuable Experience!
- **MASTER** Job Search Skills!
- **DEVELOP** A Career Path



The Workforce Development Program at St. Vincent de Paul provides PAID training, part-time work experience and mentors over a **24-week period**. Participants **MUST ATTEND BOTH Part ONE AND Part TWO** to be eligible to apply for the paid program. St. Vincent de Paul's Workforce Development Program is generously funded by Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services.

**Please call (925) 439-5060 and RSVP with your contact information!**

Applications available at svdp-cc.org.

**Mandatory Information & Workshop Sessions - Must Attend Part One & Part Two**

Date	Time	Location
<b>Pleasant Hill</b> <b>Part One:</b> January 6th <b>Part Two:</b> January 11th	10AM - 1PM	Christ the King Church 199 Brandon Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
<b>Brentwood</b> <b>Part One:</b> January 8th <b>Part Two:</b> January 14th	10AM - 1PM	St. Vincent de Paul Brentwood Thrift Store 8890 Brentwood Blvd. Brentwood, CA 94513
<b>Pittsburg</b> <b>Part One:</b> January 17th <b>Part Two:</b> January 21st	2PM - 5PM	St. Vincent de Paul Family Resource Center 2210 Gladstone Dr. Pittsburg, CA 94565