



March 22, 2012

Dear Brother Priests and Pastoral Coordinators,

My purpose in writing is to offer some words of support for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Like many of you, I have had the privilege of working with local councils since my ordination. As a parish priest in Memphis, I learned firsthand of the dedication of the members of the Society to the poor. In fact, in my last parish assignment, I discovered there was no St. Vincent de Paul Council, so we started one! I am pleased to know that that council continues and has increased its outreach to the poor through the years.

You may be aware that St. Vincent de Paul raises money through its Thrift Stores. Please learn more about the poor in our area and support SVDP's mission. One very easy way to help the poor is to donate merchandise to SVDP for their Thrift Stores. I would appreciate anything you can do to support their mission.

St. Vincent de Paul was himself inspired by God to serve the needs of the poor. In these very tough economic times, as all of us worry about the poor in our midst and do what we can to assist them, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to be a major factor in our response and a sign of the love of Jesus for his beloved poor.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain
Archbishop of Seattle