



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Statement from Wendy Garaghty Executive Director

“You did it for Me” These five little words challenge us to respond to everyone and in every situation the way we would respond to Christ.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Galveston Houston has been quietly aiding the poor since 1871. There exists Conferences of Charity in over 62 parishes, rallying over 2000 members who volunteer their time in service to neighbors in need and who collaborate with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its causes.

These countless volunteers bear witness and work on all the front lines of poverty. They reach out daily toward hundreds of human beings in adversity: victims of poverty, injustice, exclusion, racism and violence. They provide faithfully a service which is filled with attention and a personal touch for all those who thirst for friendship and respect. The homeless family finds shelter, the hungry receive food and the poor are provided the necessary items to lead a dignified life

From the beginning, the central and most basic activity of the Society has been the visitation of the needy in the home. This action is the clearest symbol of the Vincentian charism which dictates the highest respect for the dignity of the poor: the visitor becomes the guest and the person being helped is the master. It symbolizes the fact that Vincentians are to reach out to the needy, rather than requiring them to report to an outside service site. It is in the home environment that needy persons feel most free to entrust their stories of struggle to the helper. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians are asked to listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

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