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Employer Identification Number: 74-1464210 DLN: 17053098336011 Contact Person: ID# 31115 GERRY R MCLAUGHLIN Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: September 30 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: August 12, 2011 Contribution Deductibility: Addendum Applies: Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner

Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our records show that you previously were tax exempt as a subordinate under group exemption number 0928. Because you applied for and have been granted your own individual tax exempt status, you no longer rely on your affiliation with a parent organization for your tax exemption, and will be listed individually in Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

If, in the future, you choose to become a subordinate under a group ruling, you will lose your individual tax exempt status and, will no longer appear in Publication 78. Moreover, if you become a subordinate under a group ruling and your parent organization loses its tax-exempt status, you also will lose your exempt status. To re-establish your individual tax exempt after re-joining a group exemption, you will be required to reapply and pay the appropriate user fee.