



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
St. Monica Catholic Church Conference

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference reports to you each October or November on how we used the funds you entrusted to us. Our members, who are St. Monica parishioners, act on your behalf to provide short-term help to people in our parish area in times of emergency. Your contributions are used compassionately and prudently. Last year and extending into this year we are experiencing a significant increase in requests for our help. Please be generous so we can continue to assist our neighbors, many with small children, who need our aid.

During our last fiscal year ending September 30, we expended approximately \$77,000 in aid. Contributions totaled \$44,000 this year compared with \$32,000 in 2008. Major disbursement categories were: rent 63%, food 12%, utilities 13%, medical and other 2%, and other Conferences and charitable ministries 8%. Society members donate their services; therefore overhead expenses are low, less than 1% this year. We continue to augment annual donations with funds from a major bequest made several years ago.

The second collection this weekend, October 31 and November 1, will be for support of our next year's charitable work. There is a special St. Vincent de Paul envelope in your November church envelopes for this collection. If you prefer, you may mail your contribution to the address below. Your tax-deductible donations are important for us to continue our support of our brothers and sisters in need.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is located in our parish at 3052 W. Northwest Highway. This store is operated by the Dallas St. Vincent de Paul Council and serves the entire Dallas area. Please visit the store often and support it with your purchases and contributions of clothing and furniture. You may also wish to use the St. Vincent de Paul truck, which visits our parish monthly, to make your donations. Any one wishing to volunteer at the store can designate St. Monica to receive credit in our voucher account.

If you have any questions about our work, please contact Kathleen Caylor at 214-358-2002. Also, parishioners are welcome to visit us during any of our weekly meetings, which are held each Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 129 the Family Center. We welcome visitors and new members.

Please pray for the success of our work. Be assured that you, our benefactors, along with the needy we serve, are remembered in our prayers each week.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Caylor  
Conference President  
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