

The Diocesan Council of Madison Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Dear Friend,

The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us of two important things. First, a neighbor is anyone close to us, and second, we are all called to be neighbors to one another.

In the Madison Diocese, more than 1,000 members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have embraced the call to special friendship with our neighbors in need. In visiting the poor in their homes, we learn of their needs, often financial, but also spiritual and emotional. We are able to see and reflect the face of Christ to one another. What a blessing!

Your help is needed too. Our neighbors continue to look to the Society for food, clothing, medicine and healthcare, housing, utility assistance, furniture and more. Your compassionate assistance will help us deliver a message of hope and the love of a community around those who have been left behind.

As you celebrate this season of thankfulness, will you also consider those who are doing without? **Won't you be their neighbor?** Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul show God's love through your generous support.

Mike Meehan, President Diocesan Council of Madison Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Membership

More than 1,000 members of the 36 St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the Madison Diocese commit to spiritual growth and friendship through service to neighbors in need. As they bring material support to the homes of those coping with poverty, they also bring prayer, hope, justice and compassion to our community.

Who Is My Neighbor?

People throughout the Madison Diocese continue to struggle with the effects of poverty. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is responding to these requests for help. Your support can help us provide approximately \$6 million in food, professional services, clothing, furniture and household goods to those in need. *Won't you be their neighbor?*

You can assist in meeting needs in our diocese by supplying a financial gift or donating gently used material goods to St. Vinny's Thrift Store.





Donating and shopping serve to raise funds to help people across the Diocese of Madison. Our neighbors in need can redeem vouchers at our stores for clothing, furniture, bedding and household goods.

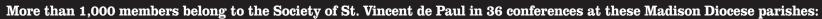






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