GOOD MORNING/EVENING --- MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND I AM A MEMBER OF A FORMATION TEAM OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR THE CONFERENCE HERE AT OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS THE POOR AND THOSE IN TEMPORARY NEED. WE ARE NOT A SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY ---- **WE ARE A PERSON-TO-PERSON CATHOLIC MINISTRY THAT SEES THE FACE OF CHRIST IN THE FACES OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING**. WE ARE IN NEARLY EVERY PARISH IN THE DIOCESE, EVERY STATE IN THE NATION AND IN 152 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

“THE POOR WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS” ----- THEY ARE FOUND NOT ONLY IN THE INNER CITY. THEY ARE ALSO IN (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) -- AND ANY OTHER PLACE YOU COULD NAME------INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PARISH. THEY ARE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ON LIMITED INCOME WHO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS PAYING THEIR RENT, WATER, OR ELECTRICITY AND MAY NOT EVEN HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY FOOD FOR THEIR KIDS.

WHERE THERE IS POVERTY AND PEOPLE IN NEED YOU WILL FIND THE SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. BECAUSE WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PARISH WHO ARE IN NEED AND COULD USE A HELPING HAND, WE WANT TO HAVE A SOCIETY CONFERENCE HERE. CONFERENCES ARE A SMALL GROUP OF DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN MERCY AND THE PREFERENTIAL STATUS OF THE POOR AND SUFFERING.

I AM HERE TODAY **TO INVITE YOU TO SERVE** WITH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HERE AT OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH AND **PUT INTO ACTION** YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH TO SERVE THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP.

THERE ARE MANY GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO HELP BY GIVING DONATIONS ---- WE CERTAINLY NEED MONEY TO RESPOND TO CRY OF THE VOICES OF THE POOR---BUT WHAT WE NEED MOST OF ALL IS **YOUR TIME.**

WE NEED PEOPLE TO VISIT THE HOMES OF THOSE IN NEED TO BRING THEM FOOD, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR-----SOMETIMES----SIMPLY TO LISTEN. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER WAYS TO SERVE SUCH AS---- (WORK IN OUR CONFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , VOLUNTEER IN OUR SVDP THRIFT STORES, SERVE IN OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, MEDICAL CLINIC) AND MANY MORE.

THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU WISH TO GIVE IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU-----ONE HOUR A WEEK OR ONE HOUR A MONTH. YOU TELL US HOW MUCH TIME YOU WISH TO GIVE IN RETURN FOR ALL GOD’S BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A ONE HOUR GATHERING FOR COFFEE THIS NEXT WEDNESDAY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STARTING AT 7:00PM HERE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CENTER.

WE’LL GIVE YOU DETAILS ABOUT WHAT WE DO, HOW WE DO IT AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

AFTER MASS I WILL BE OUTSIDE THE ENTRENCE OF THE CHURCH WITH SOME OF OUR LOCAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED WE WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON OUR SIGN UP SHEET SO WE CAN CALL AND REMIND YOU OF THE INVATATION. IF YOU DON’T SIGN THE SHEET TODAY YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AT 7:00PM --------THINK ABOUT IT---------LET YOUR HEART RESPOND TO CHRIST’S WORDS “WHAT YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MINE YOU DO FOR ME” -----IT IS NOT ME – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP…..,

**IT IS CHRIST WHO IS ASKING YOU TO HELP.------IT IS CHRIST’S CHILDREN WHO ARE IN NEED AND IT IS CHRIST WHO IS INVITING YOU TO SERVE.------------------**

THANK YOU FATHER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR COMPASSION FOR THE POOR.

(TO PARISHIONERS) ---THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND ALL THOSE IN YOUR CARE.