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*Cathedral Square Plaza*

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**To: Priests**  
**From: Bishop Edward C. Malesic**  
**Date: 1 March 2021**  
**Re: SVDP Society**

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Dear Father,

I have quickly come to appreciate the generosity and kindness the people of the Diocese of Cleveland have for the poor and underprivileged, especially during these past months of the pandemic. Day in and day out, so many generous people respond to the invitation of the Lord to care for those most in need. Our diocese, our parishes, Catholic Charities, the Cleveland Catholic Foundation and various other charitable organizations and agencies, including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, stand ready to help.

Recently, I was happy to meet with Anelize Nader, Chief Executive Officer of the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, to discuss their outreach to the poor. I learned that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul works at the local parish level and I know that it doesn't receive the same level of publicity as other charitable works. Nevertheless, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides great resources to those most in need. In 2019 alone the Society served 212,400 individuals throughout our eight counties. Because of that I support the charitable work that is done through the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and applaud all efforts to promote the work of the Society in our parishes.

Thank you for all you do to attend to our sisters and brothers who are most vulnerable. Your kindness, charity, love and respect for them manifests the Incarnation of Christ in a very real way. If you have any questions regarding the work of St. Vincent de Paul or are interested in starting a local chapter of the Society, please feel free to give Anelize a call.

May God bless you and those you love.