



# 2013 Annual Report



## Friends,

We're pleased to provide this summary of the good work that has taken place throughout the Archdiocese last year. Thanks to the steadfast commitment of Vincentian volunteers and the support of our donors, we are humbled to play a role in the delivery of service to our neighbors in need.

We hope you have had an opportunity to learn more about our work through our Newsletter, "In Charity and Truth." We have an important story to tell. All of us—volunteers and staff—believe we have been called to live the Gospel through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and we hope, through grace, to inspire others to do the same.

On the back end of our operations, we have developed a three year strategic plan which focuses on governing effectiveness, growing our Thrift Stores, expanding fundraising efforts and supporting our parish based conferences (chapters) in ways such as recruiting and training volunteers, and resource management.

St. Vincent de Paul said, "You will practice charity better by preserving yourself to serve your neighbor for a long time than by wearing yourself out in a short time over the salvation of a few." We remember this. When doubt and discouragement set in, we are here for each other. When darkness tries to divide and defeat us, we lift each other up in faith and friendship. Through prayer, we can continue to be the light and share the truth as St. Louis Vincentians have for the past 169 years!

Yours in Christ,

John P. Foppe, Ph.D. (h.c.)  
Executive Director



## Greetings,

I have been privileged in recent months to participate in the development of **Hope in Action**, the Society's National Systemic Change model that is built on the cornerstones of empowerment, mentoring, advocacy and collaboration.

The foundational element of the Society's model is taken from "Bridges out of Poverty." This provides the basic constructs for understanding poverty and the different mental modes, driving forces and rules within different economic groups.

In 2014, our St. Louis team will bring this program training to as many St. Louis Vincentians as possible. The training provides information in two modes—a classroom intellectual mode and an emotional mode made through poverty simulation. This is a transformational approach that changed my perspective in a powerful way.

Our mission calls on us to help our clients to climb out of poverty whenever possible. This program helps us understand the mindset of the poor so that we can play a role in changing their course. Similar to the Gospel theme of planting a seed, **Hope in Action** will take time, nourishment and patience.

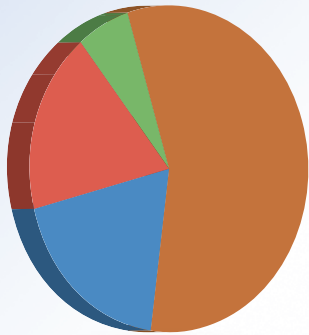
Blessed Frederic Ozanam always believed the Society was guided by the Holy Spirit. We call upon that providential guidance to help us make a difference. Pray with me for this.

Yours in Christ,

Dave Winslett  
Board President

*A Catholic lay organization, joining women and men together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering.*

◆ Any one.  
Any need.  
Any day.



### DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES

● Utilities (57%)	\$2,484,576
● Housing, Furnishings, Clothing (19%)	\$812,917
● Prescriptions, Food, Transportation (18%)	\$790,127
● Special Services* (6%)	\$243,289
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,330,909</b>

\*Tuition assistance, burial, etc.



Photo courtesy of the *St. Louis Review*

Vincentian volunteers Marty and Annette Bligh make a home visit to assess the needs and offer support to a young mother in crisis.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** serves individuals and families in need throughout the St. Louis area and eastern Missouri. Over 2,800 volunteers belonging to 142 parish-based conferences make home visits and offer person-to-person service to those living in poverty.

- > **225,080** impoverished people were assisted.
- > **\$4.3 million** in direct aid was provided.
- > **\$2.9 million** of in-kind goods were distributed.
- > **39,411** home visits were made by Vincentians.
- > **189,114** volunteer hours were contributed.

### REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 672,206
Bequests	185,740
Program Grants	1,670,924
Thrift Stores	2,882,539
Investments	406,280
Other	55,366
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 5,873,055</b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 1,024,199
Programs	
Direct Services	2,528,467
Thrift Stores	2,464,006
	<u>4,967,852</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,016,672</b>

### BOARD MEMBERS

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