

Easter Appeal



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An Easter Message From The Director:

During this Lenten Season, Pope Francis asks that if we're going to fast from anything, we fast from indifference towards others. We fast from passing judgement on those who crowd our waiting room or those who stand on street corners and hold signs asking for help. We fast from passing judgment on those who seek shelter in all of the tent encampments that have sprouted up around our fair city. We fast from passing judgment on someone's else's life until we've walked in his/her shoes. We fast from leaving it up to others to make a difference. We fast from inaction. **Most of all let us remember that whatever we choose to do must not be a benefit to ourselves but should enrich the lives of others.**

Pope Francis laments on what he calls **"the globalization of indifference."** He states that **"whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard and the desire to do good fades. We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all of this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."**

Please reflect momentarily on what Pope Francis has asked of us, and then give generously this Easter Season so that we can make a positive difference in someone's life.

God Bless you for all that you do for St. Vincent de Paul.
Brian Ferschweiler

Mom with four kids facing water shut off.

Client in recovery program and seeking job. Owes \$450 for rent.

Client started new job, but is eight months pregnant. Needs help with October rent.

Client unable to pay \$32 PGE bill to avoid shut off. Requests help.

Client injured on job, no Workers Comp, needs January rent.

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