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Dear Fr. O'Cinnsealaigh;

175 years ago, the first St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the US was founded in St. Louis, Missouri. Over the past 175 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has changed in many ways, but one thing that has remained steadfast is the central role that our parish-based Conferences play. We know that without the partnerships we share with our pastors and parishioners, we would not be able to do the work we are blessed to do.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your continued support of the Our Lady of Victory Conference. Without the work of the Our Lady of Victory Conference, we would not be able to reach all areas of Cincinnati, and we would not be able to serve neighbors in need in the community surrounding your parish. In 2019, the 60 conferences in the Cincinnati District Council assisted over 82,000 people through more than 29,500 face-to-face visits.

In 2019, the Our Lady of Victory Conference contributed to this number by serving 473 neighbors with \$18,138 of assistance. In many cases, St. Vincent de Paul is the last hope that enables our neighbors in need to stay in their homes, fed, clothed, and warm. Because "no work of charity is foreign to the Society," (The Rule, 1.3), we are able to meet needs that no other ministry can—both to the neighbors we serve and in the spiritual growth we find in our work as Vincentians. None of this would be possible without your generosity and the generosity of your parishioners.

In addition to the material assistance our Conferences are able to give, the presence of our loving, compassionate, and dedicated Vincentians brings the hope and the love of Christ to those in need. Our work in Conferences brings us one step closer to fulfilling our call from Christ to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Having a vibrant Conference also brings a sense of vocation to parishioners and provides them a way to put their faith into direct action. This often inspires them to become and remain active and contributing members of the Church and their community.

Once again, please accept our sincere gratitude for all you do to support the work of the Our Lady of Victory Conference, and please share our thanks with your parishioners. Please also let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry;

Sunnie Lain  
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