

# ATTENTION! ATTENTION! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

When St. Vincent de Paul heard a confession of a dying poor man who said that without the saint's help he wouldn't have made it to heaven, St. Vincent de Paul realized that he needed to help the sick and poor. Then, St. Vincent de Paul devoted the rest of his life to helping people. When he died, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society was created.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of people who volunteer to help less fortunate families get back on their feet. Some ways they help is by paying bills, and by giving clothes and food. They hold collections that go towards helping people in their community, especially around the holidays. Ms. Sheila Overly, a member of the Society, came and talked to us 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to tell us about the Society's work. From her talk, we knew that we wanted to help out. We want to start a "Be a Supporter, Donate a Quarter" collection. Once throughout the week, we ask that students bring in a quarter or other change they might have lying around. This will be a two-week collection from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. After that, our can good collection will take place from November 5<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to collect non-perishable items like canned foods, cereal, pasta, etc. Everything we collect will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We don't expect hundreds of dollars and trucks of food to be sent in, but we learned a little bit can go a long way. On Thanksgiving, we'll help load up the truck with canned foods that our school and parish collect. Around Christmas, our parish will receive about 20 families to buy clothes for. Then right before the holiday, we will go out with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and give what we collected to the families. We hope that you want to help us for the St. Vincent de Paul Society by Being a Supporter and Donating a Quarter!



In the after glow of evening  
When all the world's at rest  
Remind me Holy Spirit  
Of how my life is blessed.  
Remind me to be thankful  
For every day I live.  
For what I have- not what I want  
And teach me how to give.  
Remind me too of others  
Who need my care and love  
And that my strength to help them  
Is given from above.  
And finally; Holy Spirit, remind me  
That you are always there  
To listen and to comfort  
When I turn to you in prayer.

Amen.

