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## 52 Years of St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral/St. Xavier Conference

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The Cathedral/Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is beginning its 52<sup>nd</sup> year of providing hope and financial aid to neighbors living in downtown Cincinnati and Over The Rhine.

- Your fellow parishioners and SVDP members visited and helped more than 300 families during the year 2018.
- Our members visited 327 homes and gave 594 people in those households hope for the future with financial aid totaling more than \$30,000.
- Your donations helped 94 families with rent assistance to avoid eviction. We helped 53 families with utility payments to avoid disconnection of gas and electric. These two forms of basic assistance make up 83% of the dollar amount of assistance provided to our neighbors by your contribution to our ministry.
- Our SVDP Conference also provides emergency air mattresses, food gift certificates, and vouchers for furniture, clothing and household items.
- We organized and implemented the Christmas giving tree at the Cathedral and helped 19 families.
- And, most important, we also bring Christ to those we help through holy cards and prayer, witnessing and encouraging them to develop a relationship with God.

How can you help?

- *Financial* – donate online through WeShare at <https://tinyurl.com/donateSVDP> or write a check to SVDP Cathedral/Xavier Conference, and drop in Sunday's collection basket.
- *Time* – join us for one of our meetings: every Saturday morning at 9:00 am in the Cathedral undercroft at 325 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- *Prayers* – for our neighbors in need and for the members of our SVDP Conference.

If you would like to talk with someone at our Conference, or have any questions, please call Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495, and leave a message.