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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES ANNOUNCE CONVENIENT “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” WEEKENDS IN APRIL

Need Continues To Increase; Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Are Sought

CINCINNATI, OH – April 22, 2010– The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in April to collect critically needed household items, furniture and clothing. A SVDP truck will be on-site Saturdays and Sundays at the following parishes:

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| <u>April 10 & 11:</u> | St. Antoninus, Green Township; Our Lady of the Rosary, Green Hills; Good Shepherd, Montgomery |
| <u>April 17 & 18:</u> | All Saints, Kenwood; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Anderson Township; St. Ignatius, Monfort Heights |
| <u>April 24 & 25:</u> | St. Maximilian Kolbe, West Chester; St. Columban, Loveland; Nativity of Our Lord, Pleasant Ridge |

The collection truck will be attended before and after church services for donor-convenience, and donor tax receipts will be available.

Donations collected from the “Clean Out and Donate” Weekends are distributed in the surrounding communities through St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores to benefit those in need throughout Greater Cincinnati. “Through our thrift

stores, we provide people in need with vouchers to shop for necessities like a kitchen table or pots and pans. The economic downturn is creating a record need for furniture, household items, and our donations are down,” noted Prentice Carter, Director of Operations, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. “Clean Out and Donate Weekends go along way in helping our thrift stores, so we don’t have turn people away empty handed.”

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers personally visit needy families and offer assistance, regardless of race or religious affiliation. St. Vincent de Paul accepts donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture and cars year-round. Free pick-up service is available for large items. Call 513-421-CARE (2273) to arrange a pick up, or donations may be dropped off at any of the six Cincinnati area thrift stores. Tax receipts are available for donated items. For more information on donating or for a list of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, go to <http://www.svdpcincinnati.org/>.

About St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has been helping Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County residents in need with the basic necessities of life for 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and material gaps in their lives through home visits provided by neighborhood-based volunteer groups, and groundbreaking initiatives like the Charitable Pharmacy. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to be a leading community service organization, recently recognized by The Better Business Bureau (BBB) as a Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics winner and by The CincinnatiUSA Regional Chamber of Commerce as Non-Profit of the Year. For more information, go to www.SVDPCincinnati.org.

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