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

Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Critically Needed

CINCINNATI, OH – April 23, 2009 – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host “CLEAN OUT & DONATE” Weekends in May to collect critically needed household items, furniture and clothing at several Greater Cincinnati churches. A SVDP truck will be on-site Saturday and Sunday at the following parishes:

May 2 & 3: St. Michael, Sharonville; St. Jude, Bridgetown; St. Margaret of York, Loveland; St. Bartholomew, Finneytown

May 9 & 10: Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University, Evanston; Nativity of Our Lord, Pleasant Ridge; Our Lady of Visitation, Bridgetown

May 16 & 17: St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge; St. Vivian, Finneytown; St. Cecilia, Oakley; St. James of the Valley, Wyoming

May 30 & 31: St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon; St. John Fisher, Newtown; Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe

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

The economic downturn is creating a record need for furniture, household items, and clothing while reducing the quantity of items being donated. “We’ve

tracked a slight increase in clothing donations over the past month, but are falling far short meeting the demands for furniture and household goods,” noted Prentice Carter, Director of Operations, St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul members 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 you may drop off your donations at any of the six Cincinnati area thrift stores. Tax receipts are available for donated items.

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 nearly 140 years. The organization works personally with those in need, regardless of race or creed, to bridge the spiritual, emotional and financial 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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