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Dear Friends,

As we get closer to the Season of Advent, we must take time to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. During this season we spend a lot of time preparing. Preparing our churches for holiday celebrations. Preparing for family gatherings. Preparing for gift giving.

October has come to an end, and we see so many of the stores we shop at changed into winter wonderlands of things that could make great gifts for our loved ones. As we think about the perfect gifts to give, we really need to take a step back and look at the needs of those *"without"*. Those without warm clothing. Those without shelter. Those without enough to eat. One distressing thing that has been said more often these days is *"I never have received assistance before, but I need it now"*. When we say that the need is ever increasing, it is not just a line in a letter. It is a reality.

That is why we invite you to share your gifts with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ministries. Through your generosity we can provide for the needy: meals at the Soup Kitchen, offer safe shelter at the Crisis Night Center, we can assist people in securing employment, help people find stable and affordable housing, connect people with necessary treatment services, and countless other urgent needs. Through your giving, you are helping provide for the means to save lives and lift people up.

We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and may God bless you and your loved ones with the gifts of **Joy**, **Faith**, and **Peace**.

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"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God" (Hebrews 13:16)