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POPE FRANCIS ON POVERTY

A Vatican press release informed recently that on June 7 Our Holy Father Pope Francis spoke once again on poverty. In his remarks he addressed the two paradoxical faces of poverty: the evil and scandal of poverty in the world on the one hand, and the example of the true poverty given by Jesus on the other. Voluntary poverty consciously embraced is freeing, it is a sign of Christ's love, who renounced the trappings of being God in order to become one of us in the flesh. The evangelical counsel of poverty manifests itself in living lives of greater simplicity and loving sharing. The following are excerpts from Pope Francis address.

Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of

us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?" ...

Look, you can't speak of poverty without having experience with the poor. You can't speak of poverty in the abstract: that doesn't exist. Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures. Go forward; look there upon the flesh of Jesus. But don't let well being rob you of hope, that spirit of well being that, in the end, leads you to becoming a nothing in life. Young persons should bet on their high ideals, that's my advice. But where do I find hope? In the flesh of Jesus who suffers and in true poverty. There is a connection between the two.

At the St. Vincent de Paul Society we don't speak of the poor in the abstract. We try to respond to the poor in concrete forms of sharing. Please join us.

We need school supplies

It's that time of the year once again. We need new backpacks and school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, 3-ring binders, paper, etc.) to distribute to needy children in our community. This is a very CONCRETE way of helping someone in need. Please be generous and bring your donation to the Parish office before July 28. Thank you.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our next collection will be on August 3 and 4. If you wish to make a private donation, get in touch with us at the Parish office..

If you wish to volunteer, please attend this meeting, or show up on Saturdays for food distribution

Please keep the St. Vincent de Paul Society and those whom we serve in your prayers. Thank you..

Let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.

-St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)