



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church

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"No work of charity is foreign to the Society."

### **AID TO HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS FROM OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT**

**On August 25<sup>th</sup> the power and fury of Hurricane Harvey first made landfall over the small coastal town of Rockport, Texas with widespread destruction. Our state, the nation – and Our Lady of the Atonement parishioners– have reached out to those affected by this catastrophic storm.**

We want to thank you for your generous donations to the hurricane relief efforts. Last month we loaded up a pickup truck, completely filled the bed with donations from our parishioners, and headed to Rockport, Texas. The landscape changed dramatically as we exited IH 37 and drove the rural roads toward the town – barbwire fences covered in debris, barns without roofs. When we arrived we saw homes destroyed and the town center in shambles.

Sacred Heart SVDP has a very visible and positive presence in Rockport's recovery. We coordinated with them for directions to the distribution sites. Men's and women's items were dropped off at the Senior Citizens Center. Children's items went to the elementary school where counselors were able to identify the children in need.

Your compassion and continued prayers are bringing hope to so many fellow Texans. God bless them as they rebuild their lives.



**Sacred Heart SVDP President Patrick Ebarb accepting OLA donations from Vincentians Erika Esteves, Jessica Coleman, Mary Ellen Madalinski, and Sylvia Parrott (not pictured)**

Sacred Heart Parish Hall and surrounding buildings suffered severe water damage when the roof was ripped off, but the statue of the Blessed Mother which faced the storm astonishingly survived intact.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVE SVDP REFUGEE FAMILY**

A big THANK YOU to our KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FR. PAUL OF GRAYMOOR COUNCIL # 16730. They gallantly jumped into service to help move one of our very successful Iraqi refugee families from an apartment into their first home! The knights provided 12 men, 1 huge flatbed trailer, 3 trucks, 2 cars, and plenty of energy. They loaded up everything and delivered it in less than 3 hours!

**SAIF, ZINA, AND LITTLE JOSEPH ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND KINDNESS!**



### **UPCOMING ANNUAL PROJECT:**

**NOV 26<sup>th</sup> & DEC 3<sup>rd</sup> – Project ANGEL TREE**

Please stop by the Christmas Tree in the Narthex and select an angel ... or two.  
(Wrapped gifts must be received by noon on Sunday, DEC 10<sup>th</sup>)

**FACT: OUR SVDP VICENTIANAS MADE  
68 HOME VISITS TO FAMILIES IN NEED  
DURING 2017**

Have you thought about becoming a member of SVDP?

- You will be serving God.
- You will be growing spiritually.
- You will be helping those in need.
- You will be working with a dedicated group of Vincentians.
- YOU ARE NEEDED.

Please contact Mary Ellen at (210) 260-0595

## **2017 Atonement SVDP Financial Update**

**During 2017** – Our parishioners donated **\$32,188** cash for our mission of charity.

**During 2017** – You gave **\$24,150** In-Kind donations for our annual projects: coats, sweaters, shoes, Angel Tree gifts, toiletries, baby shower gifts, school supplies, Hurricane Harvey clothing, and furniture for refugees.

**During 2017** - We distributed **\$15,269** in food, rent, and utility assistance to our own OLA families and those in our geographic area.

**During 2017** - We sent **\$3,180** to SVDP conferences in our district to help their specific families in need of help.

**During 2017** - We sent **\$12,800** to SVDP Conferences serving in these poorer communities:

### **International Twinning – SVDP conferences:**

Cosity - Jifna, Palestine and St. Gozaga Goza - Njeru Town, Uganda

### **Local & Area Twinning - SVDP conferences:**

San Antonio -St. Agnes, St. Alphonsus, Christ the King, St. Ann, Little Flower, and *Natalia, TX* - St. John Bosco

**We are most grateful to our parishioners for your continued monthly support!**

### **DELIVERY of COATS and SWEATERS as COLD Weather BLOWS into San Antonio**

**Perfect timing!** Southside Mission San Jose SVDP Conference was the recipient of your coat, sweater, and shoe donations. Families were lining up at their office when they received word we were on our way. What a blessing!



**If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or a home visit, please call us at  
(210) 695-2944 x 2**