

November 14, 2018

To Our Fellow Vincentians and friends of the Society,

### **We Need Your Help Now More Than Ever...**

On behalf of the Vincentians of the Sacramento Diocesan Council we have this very urgent request for your financial support:

As you know, the town of Paradise and surrounding area was recently hit by the most devastating fire in the Nation's history, referred to as the "Camp fire". The fire has burned over 135,000 acres, consumed 8,817 structures (of which 7,600 are homes), claimed the lives of 48 people, with over 220 more who remain missing. The fire is presently only 35% contained!

Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones and their homes. We continue to pray for the safe return of those who are still missing.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the Sacramento Diocese is actively involved, with the support of the SVdP Disaster Relief Services and Catholic Charities, to support the thousands of evacuees, many who have moved to Chico, Sacramento and the surrounding areas, where they may have to be accommodated on a "temporary" basis for extended periods of time. We will continue to provide this much-needed support as long as we are needed by these evacuees. We have also begun to deploy Vincentians to assist victims, in coordination with FEMA, with whatever immediate needs they may have. This is going to be long and extended process before these victims will get back to some form of normality.

However, to be able to do all of this and more, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Normally, we would not send out such a direct appeal for your support, but this disaster is too consequential to rely on traditional fundraising methods alone. People need your help **TODAY**. In particular the communities within this region have very little in their own resources to be able to make ends meet. The administration of donations of food and goods has proven to be extremely difficult in situations like this. For this reason, we are asking for your **financial contributions only** (see below). We are a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt charity organization.

100% of your donations will be placed in a restricted account and dedicated to disaster relief.

We've been through many bad disasters in past years; once again it is time to rally around one another to support those in dire need.

Thank you so much for your support, concern, and prayers.

Sincerely,

**Roelof**

**Roelof van Ark**

Treasurer & Secretary

St. Vincent de Paul, Western Region

## How You Can Help

**A) For online Donations click here: [Donate directly](#) to the Council through secure PayPal / VISA**

**B) For donations by bank transfers our banking details are:**

Sacramento Council: St Vincent de Paul Society

US Bank Account:

Account Number... 153498337549

Routing Number... 121122676

**C) For mail in donations the mailing address is:**

SVdP North State District Council

c/o Brendan Butler

Re: Paradise Camp Fire

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/wildfires-tear-through-northern-southern-california/1/>



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