



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF SEATTLE/KING Co.**

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**HUNDREDS EXPECTED AT EASTER SUNDAY FULL COURSE DINNER FOR THE  
NEEDY AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH NOON – 2PM**

SEATTLE/UNIVERSITY DISTRICT.... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing a full course Easter Sunday Dinner to homeless and low income people from noon to 2pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 5041 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, in the University District. A bountiful feast of soup, finger food, honey mustard pineapple ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable and fruit salads, cooked vegetables and cakes and pies will be served to guests. In addition, toiletries items such as razors, deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste will be given to attendee and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be on hand to help with other personal needs.

Three to five hundred people are expected. The Sunday Dinner Program provides food each week to many of Seattle’s homeless and hungry. The parish’s St. Vincent de Paul conference has managed the Sunday Dinner Program at Blessed Sacrament for the past 40 years. An estimated 850,000 meals have been given away during those four decades. Guests often refer to the dinner as “the best meal in Seattle.”

*“We commend the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul conference, Blessed Sacrament Parish staff and parishioners, and all the community volunteers and donors who have made this special Easter Sunday meal possible--and for their long-term commitment to helping the needy every single week”*  
says Andre de Klaver, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King Co.

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**ABOUT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County, an independent Catholic lay charity, connects individuals and organizations and their heart-felt passions with special programs to make a difference for the poor and needy in our community. *“Compassion in Action”* is its motto.

St. Vincent de Paul is known for its home visits to the poor through 53 parish based conferences in King County which prevent eviction, hunger, utility shut-off and more. Additional outreaches include food programs that provide more than one million meals to the needy, a case management program to help the homeless and ex-offenders, and its seven community thrift stores which recycle more than five million pounds of materials and provide affordable goods for the community while generating income for St. Vincent de Paul programs.

The Society is present throughout the United States and in 142 counties. 2010 marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of St. Vincent de Paul’s outreach in Seattle/King County.

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