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re: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Pastor of a parish, I am very glad to be able to share my thoughts and appreciation for the ministry of the SSVP in my parishes. When people in the community reach out in need, it is such a relief to know that we have dedicated parishioners who are ready to respond to those needs. The SSVP is the body that insures our parish is responding to the needy in our community.

In my experience they require minimal supervision or involvement from me as the Pastor. Once a good body is formed they take over this area of ministry in the parish.

I often say that the one group that I would always want in any parish is a good SSVP. A Catholic parish should have a concern for the poor and needy in the community. But, for that to happen it is so helpful to have a group such as the SSVP that is specifically dedicate to this service.

Therefore, as a Pastor, I definitely am glad to recommend any parish to have an active SSVP organization.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mark Gatto

(Rev.) Mark Gatto
Pastor