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Dear Ann-Marie

I commend the St Vincent de Paul Society for taking pro-active steps to ensure that it can continue to help those in need as we all grapple with the demands of our new environment.

COVID-19 is creating new layers of poverty and need in our community, and it is vital that the St Vincent de Paul Society is able to do the work it has done for decades, and to add to it as new needs emerge.

I am very happy to endorse the proposed National Appeal for funds to enable the Society's branches across the country to continue and further develop their work. I wish the Society well in taking on this appeal, and thank the leaders and those who are doing the work to make it happen.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Yours sincerely in the Lord

John A Cardinal Dew
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