



APPEAL FOR DONATION TO THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE



Dear Fellow Vincentians,

As you know, on 6 April 2009 a major earthquake struck Aquila which is about 80 km North East of Rome, Italy. The death toll is 294, injured 1,500 with 65,000 people rendered homeless and 36,000 of them are still living in tents. 10,000 houses were completely destroyed and thousands more damaged and not safe to live in. The Italian Government is well into Phase 1 of the relief and humanitarian assistance and this is still going on.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Italy, will participate in Phase 2 of the rehabilitation assistance to the victims and families of the devastating earthquake. In this respect, let us join our Italian Vincentians in solidarity in providing much needed assistance to the victims and families. We appeal to all of you to make donations to this Italian earthquake with your generosity and please send your donations to Council General, Paris, who will co-ordinate this activity, as follows indicating "for the Italian earthquake' or 'for the general disaster fund":

You can send your donations by cheque to the Society's address:

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
6, rue de Londres – 75009 Paris – France

Or by bank transfer to:

Banque CIC- Paris Bac
2 Bd Raspail 75007 Paris, FRANCE
BIC: CMCIFRPP
IBAN (Compte n°) FR76 3006 6100 4100 0105 8120 129 SWIFT: CMCIFRPP
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We thank you for your generous donation and let us pray for the victims and families of this terrible earthquake for God's compassion and love to be upon them.

God bless you all abundantly.

In Jesus, Mother Mary, St. Vincent and Blessed Frederick Ozanam, we remain,

Yours in the service of Christ in the poor,

Michael Thio
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