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St. William Vincentian Celebrates 40 Years of Faith, Friendship and Service

CINCINNATI, OH - On April 5, 2023, St. Vincent de Paul's St. William Conference honored Carol Herbert as she stepped down from her role as Vincentian, following 40 years of compassionate, faith-filled service.

"God directs everything in my life," Herbert says, reflecting on her four decades of involvement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Seventeen of those years included serving the St. William Conference as President, followed by many years as Conference Vice President.

Among her achievements, Herbert helped move the SVDP food pantry at St. William from a closet in the basement of the St. William Parish Center into the modular extension of St. William School. The pantry now compassionately serves an average of 30 families in the West Price Hill community each month.

"For us, Carol has been the face of St. Vincent de Paul in the community," says Mary Beth Gramann, current President for the St. William Conference. "She has been our guide and a mentor."

Through it all, Herbert says it's the people, especially the neighbors, who have motivated and sustained her involvement.

"When I hear someone say, 'thank you, Jesus,' they get it," Herbert says. "It is not us helping, it is the love of Jesus."

Following her retirement from service with St. Vincent de Paul, Herbert says she will continue to pursue her love of volunteering at Bayley, the continuing care ministry of the Sisters of Charity. Please join us in wishing Carol Herbert the best as she continues to inspire us as a model of Christ's enduring love.

About St. Vincent de Paul - Cincinnati

For more than 150 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has compassionately cared for neighbors in need throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County. More than 1,100 neighborhood-based volunteers provide personal, emergency assistance for needs such as food, clothing, rent

and utilities, prescription medications and much more. The heart of our mission is to bridge the spiritual, emotional and material gaps in peoples' lives and to serve with dignity and respect. For more information about our mission, outreach and services, visit www.SVDPcincinnati.org.

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