

# *Voice of the Poor*

**October, 2007**

**Conference Survey**

**Phoenix Diocesan Council Voice of the Poor**

Please help Voice of the Poor prioritize advocacy issues for this year. Conference responses will be tallied and used to develop the annual VOP Legislative Agenda. Please discuss, reach a consensus and rank the issues listed below in order of importance. (One would be the highest priority and ten would be the least). Look for results in December.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support programs that facilitate transition from prison to the community.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Increased emergency funding for utilities.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support healthcare coverage and program enrollment for eligible low income children.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Increased funding for affordable housing.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support a fair and just immigration policy.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Increased funding for shelter and services for the homeless.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Eliminate the KidCap in AZ (prohibits any child born or conceived while the mother is on welfare from receiving cash benefits),**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support increased childcare subsidies for low income working parents.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support alternatives to payday loans and other predatory lending practices.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Support educational opportunities/job training programs to raise pay level.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Issue or concern not listed that your Conference believes is important to those coming to SVdP for assistance:**

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**Please return by November 10 to: Lucy Howell, Voice of the Poor**