

**Voice of the Poor Survey Form for Conferences
San Mateo County, Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Please have your Conference members discuss, reach a consensus, and select what they consider to be the top three, priority issues or needs of the poor they serve. Rank your top Conference priorities as one, two or three. Number one should be your Conference's top priority, number two for your second priority and number three your third priority. Write your Conference's priorities in the boxes next to the Survey items your Conference members choose. Thank you.

Voice of the Poor Committee

Which issues or needs of the Poor listed below should the San Mateo County SVdP Voice of the Poor Committee advocate to improve?

_____ 1. Advocate for increased **Affordable Housing**.

_____ 2. Advocate for the **TANF program** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) which replaced the AFDC & the Jobs programs to provide a system more accessible to the poor.

_____ 3. Advocate for the county's **Health** providers to improve the accessibility of care for the Poor.

_____ 4. Advocate for improved &/ or increased services to the large number of poor **children** who reside in San Mateo County.

_____ 5. Advocate that San Mateo County's **Motels accept SVdP Vouchers**.

_____ 6. Advocate for the Catholic **parishioners** to become **more involved** in charity and/ or Social Justice issues which assist the county's poor.

_____ 7. Advocate for SVdP employees & volunteers to be **non- judgmental when serving the** Poor.

_____ 8. If your Conference members **identify an issue or need for the poor**, which is not listed above and which you think is most important, write it in this space & rank it as one of your top three priorities.

Conference: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____