

VOICE OF THE POOR

*“Beloved, Let us **Love** One *Another*”*

St. Vincent de Paul of St. Mary Star of the Sea

A St. Vincent de Paul team visited Susan recently in response to her call for assistance. The most immediate need was car repair, as she seemed to be driving with little or no brakes. Susan, struggling with a chronic illness, lives far out in the country with no public transportation. The estimate for repairs to her car was almost \$1,000, clearly out of St. Vincent's league. We took the better part of the day seeking options at different car repair shops. Beginning with the first shop, we explained who we were and what we were about, and asked if they might help us. They told us of other resources who may be less expensive. We proceeded to the next, and to another, until finally receiving a price that seemed possible when coupled with help from OlyCAP.

It was amazingly synchronistic and could **only** have been orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. Many small businesses in Port Townsend are struggling financially themselves, yet are so willing to sacrifice for others who are in need. In Acts of the Apostles, Peter says "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, whoever fears him and acts uprightly, is acceptable to him."

Jesus demonstrated inclusiveness in every way. He who is love personified, loved as the Father loves him, regardless of the labels that have been imposed on others.....ungodly, unclean, less than, enemy.

Loving God, forgive us when we thoughtlessly impose negative labels on others which exclude and cause harm. You call us to love as you loved. We pray for the grace.

We are so grateful to all of you at St. Mary's for your love and generosity and most especially this last month for the new volunteer who have joined us. We continue to welcome all who are interested in this blessed ministry. Please join us at a meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1:30pm.

For more information: Please call Mary at 344-3336 or Donna at 385-7912.