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**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA RECOGNIZES ST. VINCENT'S
Mayor Helene Schneider Presents Special Certificate to St. Vincent's**

Santa Barbara, CA – On January 5, 2012, Mayor Helene Schneider presented the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul serving at St. Vincent's with a special Certificate of Recognition in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street. The City of Santa Barbara is honoring St. Vincent's 154 years of caring for the most vulnerable residents of Santa Barbara County. St. Vincent's is the longest, continuously operating nonprofit charitable service agency in Santa Barbara providing affordable housing, early childhood education, and family enrichment opportunities.

In addition, St. Vincent's is introducing a new logo and an updated website celebrating "The Rebirth of a Timeless Vision" and encompassing the life-transforming programs and services offered to residents and clients, who are poor, marginalized, or less fortunate.

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul reached the shores of Santa Barbara on January 5, 1858. At the request of Thaddeus Amat, C.M., Bishop of Monterey, they had come from Emmitsburg, Maryland. Within the week, the pioneer Sisters had established the first English-speaking school and orphanage in the region for the people of Santa Barbara, and so began St. Vincent's.

According to Sister Margaret Keaveney, D.C., President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent's, "St. Vincent de Paul, who dedicated his life to serving those in need, said in 1656: 'We are not now what we were then nor what we will be in the future.' Among all of the uncertainties of these economic times, one thing is certain: St. Vincent's 'Rebirth of a Timeless Vision' assures all residents of Santa Barbara County that St. Vincent's has both vision and strategy for the next 154 years of dedicated compassionate service."

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