



 $Centro\,Rendu\,graduation\,ceremony\,featuring\,SVdP\,executive\,director\,Mirya\,Munoz\,and\,past\,Kent\,mayor\,Suzette\,Cooke$

This week we are highlighting Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant recipient, <u>Centro Rendu</u>. Founded in 2013 as a project of <u>St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County</u>, Centro Rendu focuses on empowering members of the Latino immigrant community through an array of personal and community development resources. In the words of St Vincent de Paul executive director Mirya Munoz:

With CCHD funding, St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County (SVdP), will expand its capacity building efforts within the Hispanic/Latino community. Via Centro Rendu, a program of SVdP which exist to serve, empower, and protect our Latino immigrant community, SVdP will engage in Vincentian formation, leadership development, and trainings in organizing for the common good.

Calling upon their baptismal gifts, Latinos will be invited to listen, reflect and take action for a stronger and more just society. In partnership with CCHD, SVdP will serve as a bridge that connects and support a journey towards fuller participation in the church and the world by Hispanic/Latino families in the Spirit of missionary discipleship.

As Pope Benedict XVI said in <u>Caritas in Vertite</u>, "Besides the good of the individual, there is the good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us." Without recognizing this fact, we will never be able to truly address the root causes of poverty as they exist in our communities. Through <u>Solidarity</u> with the disadvantaged and oppressed, Catholics across America join with organizations like Centro Rendu in their mission to empower communities to build up leaders and transform their material conditions. Please pray with us for the continued success of St Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County, and for the growth of Centro Rendu's operation throughout the coming year.

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