A Vincentian Question for Homelessness: What Must Be Done?

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Since 1980, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) has had a clear mission:

“We organize and advocate to prevent and end homelessness, because we believe housing is a human right in a just society.”
If you could have a cup of coffee or take a walk with Claudia or Edrika right now, what would be a first question or curiosity that you’d share?
Post-Speakers Bureau: Reflection

- List as many factors as you can recall that contributed to the speakers’ experience of homelessness (joblessness, health, disability, addiction, unaffordable rent, etc.). When have you, a family member, or a friend – while maybe not homeless - experienced one or more of these contributing factors?
- How do you see human dignity in the leadership and work of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless?
- How do you see or believe human dignity has been taken away through the stories from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless?
- How, if at all, has your sense of dignity, humanity, or gratitude been awakened during the speakers you heard today?

Class Session Learning Outcomes
* Articulate a sense of shared humanity with CCH speakers who experience(d) homelessness
* Connect a personal, friend, or family situational reality with the speaker(s) who presented their experience of homelessness

Pre-Speakers Bureau Activities
* St. Vincent de Paul's understanding of dignity in "seeing the other side of the coin" & “danger of the single story” exploration

Post-Speakers Bureau Classes & Activities
* Power, privilege, and oppression
* Vincentian family: direct service & systemic change
* Homelessness: history, causes, policy, and solutions
* What must be done: a personal, organizational, and societal response
Direct Service/Experiential Learning

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Thank you!