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VOICE OF THE POOR RISES IN CANBERRA

The St Vincent de Paul Society is better placed to tell politicians the cold hard facts about poverty and propose solutions for reform with the opening of its new National Council offices in Deakin, Canberra on Thursday 9 February at 11.00am.

The St Vincent de Paul Society hopes to influence government policy on issues like the eradication of poverty, fair treatment of migrants and refugees and the full gamut of health issues that plague poor people in urban and rural Australia.

The Society moved its National Council offices to Canberra to demonstrate the unification of States and Territories in their national battle against social injustice.

The offices will be blessed by Archbishop Francis Carroll and opened by Mr John Meahan, AM, National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Mr Meahan stated: “Our 44,000 members work at the coalface of society. We hope that by moving to the Australian political hub we can influence social policy in a professional and balanced way by presenting governments with the cold hard facts! We hope to provide an avenue for the poor and disadvantaged to speak out for themselves”

Members and volunteers of the Society across Australia stand for social equity and justice both domestically and globally.

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