TO: Pastors, Pastoral Assistants for Administration, Facility Managers and Principals
FROM: Ed Foster
RE: Rising Homelessness

Bill Hallerman, King County CCS agency Director, recently provided an assessment of the rising homelessness in Western Washington coupled with an increase of individuals seeking to stay overnight on parish grounds. Rising rental housing rates and the lack of affordable housing has provided a dramatic increase in homeless population. Parishes which traditionally have provided food or monetary assistance are now experiencing requests from individuals seeking to stay overnight at parish facilities or grounds. The audio portion of Bill’s presentation along with the presentation materials can be found on the Archdiocese of Seattle Property and Construction website under the Facilities and Maintenance section.

Programs to assist homeless individuals in your area are administered through the county. In addition, Catholic Community Services can offer assistance, see below:

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