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The Scriptures and contemporary theology make clear that this total response of living trust does not mean just sitting back waiting for God's work to burst into flame on its own.

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Today, the scriptures speak of a banquet, of sharing of food, and of healing, and I am reminded of a day in Peru when our Sisters and Associates celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul by doing what Vincent would do, serving the poor.

Here were people who, with a living trust in Providence, chose a desperately poor community perched on the side of a dusty hill with no water or other facilities, as a place to do God's work.

There, they set up a "Health Day" inviting friends and family who were health professionals to give their services. There were free medications and clean water and, of course, two big cauldrons on a fire to provide what was to these people, rich food. In the days before, the children kept asking what the food would be and in their hope for good food, I could hear the longing of so many people for food, for clean water and housing, even in Canada.

And, I have to ask myself, what will I do this Advent to answer that longing? Can I give of my time, even for one day, to do God's work for justice

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