



# Valparaiso University

## Office of the President

*To those whom much has been given, more is required.*

These words, spoken by Jesus and recorded in the Gospel of Luke, call me to participate in the Presidents' Pledge Against Poverty.

As a first-generation college student from a family of limited means, I was taught by my parents the importance of giving to those who had even fewer resources than we did.

Because of their good example and God's call to care for the poor, I have made this pledge to do my part to feed the hungry in my local community and in other parts of the world. I would prefer to do so quietly and certainly less publicly, but by taking part in the Presidents' Pledge Against Global Poverty, I hope that other leaders will be challenged to do the same.

Members of the Valparaiso University community, through our Lutheran heritage and character, are called to lead and serve in society. As a community, we understand that we have been given so much through God's abundant mercy. We have received so many blessings. We must give back for the sake of the world.

I hope you will join me in the Presidents' Pledge Against Poverty.

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