



Renato (front row, in black) and his fellow members during their visit to the Our Lady of Good Health NKF dialysis centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Thumbs up for dialysis centre

Society only charges RM90 or lesser per session

THE Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) provides assistance for other pressing needs of the local community; going beyond the traditional role of providing food and clothing to the poor.

International Confederation of SSVP Council president general Renato Lima de Oliveira praised the role played by SSVP Kuala Lumpur and the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF) in setting up a dialysis centre for kidney patients from needy families.

"This is a good collaboration to serve those suffering from kidney ailments.

"We encourage SSVP and other NGOs to look into providing dialysis at a subsidised

price for patients who come from poor families" Renato said during a visit to the dialysis centre at the Our Lady of Good Health chapel in Kampung Pandan, Kuala Lumpur.

NKF Malaysia chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee said the kidney patients were required to pay only RM90 per session but those who could not afford to pay this amount were subsidised fully.

The centre has 20 dialysis machines and can cater 96 patients at any one time.

Our Lady of Good Health NKF dialysis centre was officially opened by Father Christopher W. Soosaipillai on Sept 5, 2009.

The centre operates from 7am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday, on three shifts.