

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values.

The Society leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, known as **Vincentians**, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international Society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

The primary purpose of the Society is the spiritual growth of its members.

The secondary purpose is to serve those in need and bring them closer to God.

A Vincentian is dedicated to growing in holiness through personal service in friendship.

“No work of charity is foreign to the Society.”

Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Article 2. 1835.

About our Local Conference

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is organized locally. The basic unit, usually parish-based, is the conference. Our Conference is St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Working through the Conference, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served, because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ.

The Society engages in a number of works covering all the needs, trials, and tribulations of human life, both corporal and spiritual. Our members accompany our neighbors – especially in time of need – offering the love of Christ, our presence, prayers, guidance and emergency financial assistance.

Need Assistance?

If you are in need of emergency financial assistance or someone to pray with you, contact 240-439-3932.

Interested in Joining?

Isn't it time we turned our *prayers* into action?

Have you ever taken a good look at your community?

And, then taken a good look at yourself?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is easy to join. There is no initiation fee. There are no special qualifications other than *the desire to join with others to help those in need for the love of God.*

Christians have an obligation to serve others. This service can be done as an individual, but is often better accomplished by being a member of a Society which provides a wide range of opportunities.

If the Society of St. Vincent de Paul appeals to you and you want to learn more about it, contact Stephen Kowalski at (301) 371-4981 or at justkowa@comcast.net.