

## *What do we do?*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in France in 1833 to help the poor and destitute of Paris. The Ste. Marie Conference of Ste. Marie Parish was formed in 1953 to serve the poor and needy in our West Manchester neighborhood.

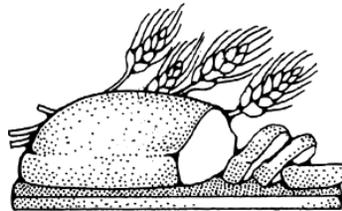
Our all-volunteer staff serves all who come, regardless of race, Creed, religion or ethnic origin.

No work of charity is foreign to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Ste. Marie Conference offers:

- An Emergency Food Pantry
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Community resource referrals
- Financial support of a Catholic Mission in Jamaica
- Monthly bingo at the Manchester Veterans Administration Hospital
- Collaboration with local groups to serve the homeless, seniors, veterans and children
- Sponsorship of the Friends of the Poor Walk & 5K Run



For assistance  
603-623-3649



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*St. Vincent de Paul  
Society*

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## Mission Statement

"Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St Vincent de Paul".

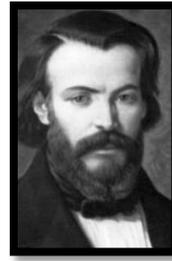
As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level.

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.

Organized locally, 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.

We are committed to ensuring that the poor and needy of Manchester's west side have a safety net of support and encouragement.

## Our History



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul began in Paris, France, in 1833 when a young law student at the Sorbonne, Frédéric Ozanam, was challenged during a debate to demonstrate what he and his fellow Catholic students were personally doing to help the poor in Paris. Within weeks, Ozanam, at 20 years of age, and six of his peers formed the first "Conference of Charity." Under the conference, this group of seven men financed their works of charity out of their own pockets and from contributions of friends.

Ozanam soon placed the conference under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul who had spent his life in 16th century France serving the poor.



Today, there are  
800,000 Vincentians  
serving in 153 countries.

## Help us help others!

There are many ways to support our work:

- Donate canned and packaged goods to the pantry
- Drop bagged clothing/textiles at SVdP donation bin in church parking lot
- Select us when shopping at Amazon Smile
- Donate a Vehicle (ask us how)
- Contribute directly to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ste. Marie Conference (fully tax deductible)
- Volunteer your time -- call us!
- Support our fundraising events
- Follow us on Facebook



## Membership

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul participate in the life and work of the Society, serving the needy person-to-person. They attend the meetings of their Conference, praying with fellow members, and assist in a variety of community programs.

## We Welcome....

all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbor.

