

I want to be a member of SVDP

The SVDP meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month— 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Center

At the meeting the “helping” contacts of each member are reported, discussed and required action is taken and follow-up plans are decided

The meeting is essential to the spirit of SVDP. It ensures efficiency and perseverance in the work and brings the members together in a bond of friendship

Work and visits are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. in the company of another member

Short prayers are offered before and after the meeting to remind members that the motive of their work is the love of God

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is easy to join!

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. We can serve individually or we can serve collectively to better fulfill the wide range of needs of people.

Join SVDP in serving others.



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SVDP: The Past

Frederic Ozanam—a young student at the Sorbonne University in Paris, found the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1833.

In answer to a challenge for Christians to “practice what they preach” Ozanam and a group of fellow students started to seek out and visit the poor people of Paris in their homes, taking them bread and clothes, their friendship and their concern.

This small group took as their Patron the great French priest, who alerted the world to social problems—St. Vincent de Paul.

SVDP: The Present

Today the SVDP is a worldwide lay organization of Catholic men and women, young and old of every race.

The members meet in Parish and district groups in order to help bring social justice and true charity to all those in need.

There is no need which is outside of the concern outside of the Society—be it sickness, disability, family, social or economic issues, substance abuse, grief, or loneliness.

The Society supports and operates rehabilitation workshops, dining services and children’s camps.

SVDP: The Future

The work to which SVDP is called will always be necessary because it is fundamentally the giving of oneself in friendship to another which can only be accomplished through a personal encounter.

The work of SVDP is the Gospel message in action:

I was hungry

I was thirsty

I was a stranger

I was naked

I was sick

I was in prison

and you cared!