



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Mary of the Annunciation Conference

### Helping those in need with basics for human dignity

Make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them Your love.

Perfect in us Your love and teach us to share more fully in the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered for all.

**Intake Line: 224-522-8863**

**NO DISTINCTION IN THOSE WE SERVE – IN THEM WE SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST**

**SINCE MARCH 25, 1993 – 24 YEARS AT ST. MARY**

### Lord, we ask you to continue to bless the people we visited in fiscal year 2016

We served 98 families (22 home visits, 76 phone/help instances & 7 shared cases with other local SVdP conferences).

Total client aid \$24,542.

### Volunteer Vincentians

Members traveled almost 1,500 miles and combined served 1,332 hours.

Members meet the first and third Tuesdays each month in the parish meeting rooms. **Please email [svdpkda@gmail.com](mailto:svdpkda@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering or knowing more.**

### Pass Along Our Intake Line to the Poor & Suffering

Have them call **224-522-8863**.

### Witness to the Love of God

The Society is an international non-profit, charitable organization. Vincentian members are called by God to improve the lives of people facing homelessness, economic adversity, and emergency-need situations

- putting faith into action
- motivated by love
- serving personally with sympathy, humility, compassion and respect

### Impact on our Local Community

Vincentians extend the good deeds of other human concerns ministries at St. Mary and bring the love of our parish to those in need. Serving Fremont Township, parts of Avon Township, areas in Mundelein, and alongside other local area St. Vincent de Paul conferences when they ask us to help support a extraordinary need.



### Volunteers are Needed – WAYS TO SERVE

### SPECIAL EVENTS THAT SERVE THE POOR & THE SUFFERING

**Food Collections:** Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas. St. Mary Parishioners generously donate food for families served by SVdP and families who utilize Holy Family Food Pantry in Waukegan.

We coordinate the food collection, organize donations, and distribute food to families and the pantry.

**School Supply Collection:** It's hard to imagine, but families served by SVdP and families at our local schools can't afford the basics for back to school. SVdP coordinates the collection, organizes donations and distributes supplies to families and local school partners.

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**Pasta Party:** This event is our one time annual fundraiser; 100% of the proceeds go to serving the poor in our local area. It takes many hands and hearts to ensure a joyful event that draws our parish community together in the mission of serving the poor and suffering.

**Bundle Weekend:** A new annual/semi-annual event where we collect clothing, small furniture and household items at St. Mary. We bring the convenience of donating to the SVdP Thrift Store right to our parish campus.

**Professional Services Volunteer:** People who call us benefit from specific services that improve their lives. We try to work with people that are like-hearted about helping the poor and suffering. Services commonly needed: home repair, auto repair, computer literacy.

## **HOME VISITS, PERSON TO PERSON**

People in need of help reach out to us or are referred to us by another agency. Our team of 2 Vincentians travel to visit with the family in their home to determine their needs and collect information on their household budget. **In them we see the face of Christ.**

## **THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER**

The SVdP Thrift Store is in need of volunteers for various areas of store operations. The store plays an important role in our ability to serve the poor. The voucher program provides those in need with clothes, furniture, and household items. To inquire about volunteering, go to [svdpchicago.org](http://svdpchicago.org), Thrift Store, Libertyville Store.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

With every meeting, every event, and every home visit, there are administrative responsibilities. If you're inclined to this type of work, we need you to assist our conference under the guidance of the president and secretary.

### **Prayer Before a Home Visit**

Father, we ask You to provide all that we need as we do the work You have given us. Fill our hearts with Your love, help us to listen with compassion and to speak with kindness and confidence. Clear the way before us, so that those we visit will be able to receive not only the material goods, but also Your love and blessing.

Jesus, we are going out in obedience to Your command to love. We pray for the grace to love with purity and strength, not mindful of our own comfort or honor, but seeking to comfort and honor those who have called out to us. We ask Your peace on their household and Your help in being peacemakers.

Holy Spirit, inspire us with joy and patience. Be at work in us to bring good news to the downcast, to heal the broken hearted, to be witnesses of the love of Christ. Stir in us the fire of Your love, and guide us with discernment, wisdom, generosity and kindness.

### **Formation Opportunity**

**Ozanam Orientation:** If you feel the calling to serve the poor in the St Vincent de Paul ministry at St. Mary of the Annunciation, please consider registering for one of the upcoming orientation sessions. Orientation is designed as introductory and refresher formation for people interested in knowing about the work of the Society. Ozanam

Orientation is not a prerequisite for volunteering, but it is the most complete one-time review of the Society's history, Vincentian spirituality, SVdP culture, poverty & generational impacts, and home visits. Please save the date and register: **Saturday, April 1** at Santa Maria del Popolo, 151 N Lincoln Avenue, Mundelein, contact: Claudia at [piecap1@aol.com](mailto:piecap1@aol.com) or 847-366-2303 or **Saturday, April 22** at St. Emily, 1400 E. Central Road, Mt. Prospect, contact: David at [d.kamper@Comcast.net](mailto:d.kamper@Comcast.net) or 847-296-8384. Lunch and refreshments provided.

### **Prayer of the Vincentian Family**

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor; help us to recognize you in them – in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness, and their misfortune. Enkindle within our Vincentian Family unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul. Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor, and may one day be united with you and them in your Kingdom. Amen

### **Sincere Thanks – We are One Human Family**

Thank you to our most generous parish family for supporting the good works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary of the Annunciation. For your commitment to food drives, school supply collections, and financial donations made in the Alms for the Needy box in the narthex, thank you.

