

Proverbs 22:9 "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."

Proverbs 14:31 "Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him."

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us....

**Catholics &
Non-Catholics serve
in SVdP**

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We Are Truly Grateful for All Financial Contributions

Faith in Christ and the Life of Grace

"Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Romans 5: 1-2).


Our Encounters with the Poor

- ♦ Prayer before personal encounters or visits to become channels of the peace and joy of Christ
- ♦ Reverence for the poor
- ♦ Serve cheerfully & hopefully
- ♦ Empathy— in the poor, we see the suffering of Christ
- ♦ Relationships based on trust and friendship
- ♦ Non-judgement— we service through compassion and understanding
- ♦ Promote self-sufficiency when possible.
- ♦ Concerns for deeper needs and spiritual well-being.


Gratitude

Vincentians are aware of the blessings we receive from those we visit.

We recognize the Holy Spirit at work through service and in those we serve.



Charity
is the cement
which binds
communities to
God
and persons
to one
another . .
St. Vincent de Paul



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
of Shelby County**

*Serving our community through
works of charity*

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

(SVdP) serves the poor
regardless of
religious affiliations,
race, or national origin.



HISTORY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old student of Sorbonne University in Paris. Frederic and a group of fellow students began to seek out and visit the poor of Paris in their homes – taking them food and clothing and offering their friendship and concern. This small group adopted, as their Patron, the great French priest St. Vincent de Paul, who alerted the world to social problems.

Similar groups grew in Paris, then in the rest of France, and eventually spread throughout the Christian world with the purpose of visiting those in need as an extension of God's love. Currently the Society of SVdP has approximate-

No work of charity

is foreign to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We provide any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation. We promote human dignity and personal integrity in all their expressions.

The SVdP serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinion.

Seek out the poor—

Vincentians strive to seek out and find those in need or forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

MATTHEW 25:34-46

WHO WE ARE

We receive no government money—federal, state, or local, and no United Way money unless specifically designated by the donor.

SVdP is an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and monetary contributions may be eligible for tax deductions.



Our home visitations determine that a genuine need exists.

Our members show their commitment & compassion through person-to-person connections.

Vincentians serve in HOPE.



End Poverty through systemic change.