

Let's learn about the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul



What do you need in your life?

A roof over
your head

Clothes

Food

Income

Education

A support
network

Water



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What happens when we don't have the things we need?



POVERTY

When people are unable to meet their everyday needs for food, water, clothing and shelter, they are living in poverty.

SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Social exclusion occurs when members of the community can't take part in certain activities such as taking holidays or visiting a doctor or dentist.



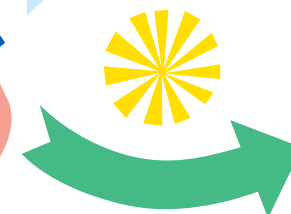
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Vinnies Youth are a Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) group in a school who get together to help people in need within their school and local community.



Who has heard of
SVDP?



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Who is Saint Vincent de Paul?



Born: 24 April 1581

Died: 27 September 1660

Vincent de Paul, was a French Catholic Priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was reknown for his compassion, humility and generosity.

The Society was named after Saint Vincent de Paul and follows his teachings and compassion for people in need. Saint Vincent de Paul is the international patron of the Society.

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“Love the poor. Honour them, my children, as you would honour Christ himself.”



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Frédéric Ozanam – the Founder of SVDP



Born: 23 April 1813

Died: 8 September 1853

In 1833, as a 20 year old student in Paris and a devout Christian, Frédéric was questioned on what he was doing to help the marginalised in society apart from preaching to others. His response was to gather a group of friends to help him deliver fire wood and clothing to people on the streets. The small group decided to adopt the name The Society of St Vincent de Paul. One group turned into many throughout France and then the world, becoming what are known as ‘Conferences’ today.

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*“I would like to embrace the whole world
in a network of charity.”*



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Across the world today

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is present in over 150 countries, with 800,000 members and 1,500,000 volunteers. Every day, it helps over 30 million people.



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SVDP in New Zealand

22

Area
Councils

124

Conferences

58

Vinnies
Shops



A 2022 Snapshot



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Our Mission

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is the largest Catholic lay organisation in the Church. Our members take seriously the commands of the Gospel to serve others and work for justice.

We work in a caring and practical manner to promote human dignity and justice through personal contact with those in need.



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Our Vision

We strive to provide person-to-person practical and effective help to those in need – sharing their burdens and joys, sowing seeds of hope and promoting self-sufficiency.



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Our Values

Generosity

Giving of one's self and one's time.

Integrity

Living by the Society's values, vision and mission.

Compassion

Opening our hearts to all in need with understanding and without judgement.

Empathy

Establishing relationships with those in need by actively listening to them and striving to understand how they are feeling.

Responsiveness

Responding to the needs of the poor, the lonely, the marginalised and the dispossessed.

Advocacy

Helping those in need to get the support they need and secure their rightful entitlements to welfare. Working alongside like-minded organisations to address the causes of poverty and injustice.

Respect for people

Serving all in need regardless of creed, ethnicity, or social background.

Respect for the environment

Taking action, and supporting others to take action, to reduce our carbon footprint and live sustainably.

Innovation

Embracing new ways of doing things so we can strengthen the Society and respond more effectively to the disadvantaged in our communities.

Courage

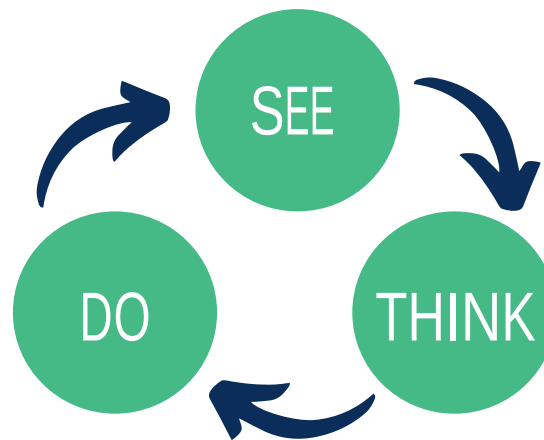
Finding the courage to be close to those who are vulnerable and lonely, and act on their behalf.



Vinnies Youth NZ

Vinnies Youth meet as a group
– say prayers, talk about how
we can help others and plan
our work.

We help people
in the best way
that we can.



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What we do

Volunteer
at a local
Vinnies Shop



Food
Drives



Visit Hospice
and Care
Homes



Learn about
community
social issues



Cook
meals for
others in the
community



Street and
beach
cleanups



Make cards
for the
elderly



Winter
Clothing
Appeals



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With just our hands and our hearts.



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Prayer

Lord Jesus, you made yourself poor, so help us give our hearts to the poor and help us to see God in their eyes. Help us to see that they are just like you; hungry, lonely and going through hard times.

Please help the family of St Vincent de Paul to not be boastful, to live simply and to be united. Help us to have the fire of love that burned in St Vincent de Paul.

Make us strong so that we can serve You by serving the poor.

Amen

V. St Joseph patron of families. Pray for us.

V. St Vincent de Paul. Pray for us.

