

Team Formation

Trained by current ministry team before beginning service. Additional training is required via the Southern Maryland Conference and the Archdiocese.

We Are Local

We're local. We are efficient stewards of funds donated to us. We are compassionate, that is the core strength of our work in Calvert County.

We are an independent 501(c)(3) organization. Serving Calvert County. 100% of the money donated to us stays here, to help our community.

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Who Was St. Vincent de Paul?

Over 350 years ago, St. Vincent de Paul, a priest in France heard the call of Jesus. After he was ordained as a priest, he was intent on a life of professional and financial security. Born in 1580 in Paris, he believed each encounter with the poor gave him a glimpse of the face of Jesus, galley slaves, abandoned babies, widows, and the sick. Vincent de Paul directed his ministry until he died in 1660. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729, and canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737.

Origins of the Society

Just over 170 years after St. Vincent's death, a twenty-year old member of the privileged class of Paris, a university student named Frederic Ozanam, responded to his baptismal call to be the face of Jesus to the poor in the slums of Paris. Ozanam organized a group of young people to visit the poor in their homes, listening and responding to spiritual and physical needs. They distributed groceries, etc. and visited and listened to the lonely.



St. Katherine Drexel Conference

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Vincentine is
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Mission Statement

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), 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 doing this work, we enrich our lives spiritually.

The Vincentian CALLING

"The Society is open to all those who seek to live their faith loving and committing themselves to their neighbor in need." (Rule, Part I, 3.1)

Our calling is to help those in need. Our Vincentian volunteers, are the heart, soul and face of our organization. Without them, helping the needy would not be possible.

Why BE a Vincentian?

Are you looking for ways to experience God?

We need compassionate hearts, who want to respond to friends and neighbors who need help. Members of SVdP invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me."

How Can YOU Help!

You are invited to serve people in need in our Calvert County community by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your assistance to people in our area needing; food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other needs will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received?

Volunteer BENEFITS!

The benefits that a Vincentian will receive are:

- You will be serving God.
- You will be growing spiritually.
- You will be helping those in need.

Service COMMITMENT

This is a year commitment. Vincentians serve as often as one week per month, depending on the need and number of volunteers, this may slightly increase or decrease. Active participation is required, including fundraising activities.