

- ***ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY***

The Gospel 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!*



The St. Vincent De Paul Society provides to the least of our brothers and sisters in their times of need. St. Vincent DePaul is an international society founded by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in Paris in 1833.

The work of the Society is primarily centered on food deliveries to the needy throughout the year. A food pantry is maintained in the parish building. Organized food distribution occurs at Easter and Christmas. During the Christmas season, the entire parish participates in the Giving Tree. Members also participate actively with St. Paul's Clothing Center where donated clothing and household items are provided for those in need.

Our regular parish envelopes include one designated for the society's work. These funds help to pay for rent, mortgages or rent payments, utilities, prescription drugs, auto repairs, food, temporary motels, gas cards, clothing and miscellaneous items needed by the poor.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society's goal is to help the less fortunate to be self-sufficient.

There are approximately 20 active members and numerous volunteers. The membership is open to all who seek to live their faith by loving and committing themselves to their neighbor in need. The purpose of the St. Vincent De Paul Society is to fulfill the two greatest commandments: Love of God and Love of Neighbor.

Vincentians are not professionally trained social workers; they are people with the desire to serve as Jesus served:

There are three types of membership:

Active: participants in meetings and activities

Associate: "on call" to help

Contributing: regularly or in a substantial way provide financial support but do not engage directly in the work of the Society

Any member of the parish community who wishes to help the poor and the distressed through visits to homes and institutions is encouraged to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society as an Active or Associate member. The group meets every-other Monday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in Seton Hall.