



St Vincent de Paul St Mark Conference



OVERVIEW



October 15, 2013



Who We Are – What We Do

Mission Statement

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 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 the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



Essential Elements

Spirituality – To bear witness to Christ and his Church by showing that our faith inspires us to work for the good of humanity.

We must make an effort to grow spiritually in order to keep the spark of inspiration alive. We must encourage others to do so. This includes Conference members and those we serve.

Fellowship – To bring together men and women of good will to love God in the person of others.



Saint Vincent de Paul

St Mark Conference

Helping Those in Need in Our Local Community



Our History

1581 – Saint Vincent de Paul was Born

1633 – Founded Daughters of Charity

1833 – SVDP founded in Paris : Frederic Ozanam

1842 – Rome

1844 – England

1845 – **United States, Belgium, Scotland**



Organization

Headquarters in Paris, France

US Headquarters in St Louis

Dallas Council

4 Districts

33 Conferences

– District 4

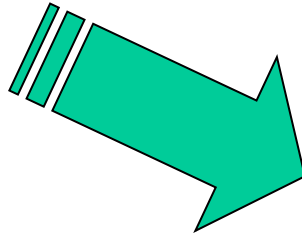
- St Mark Conference-Plano
- St Mary Conference -Sherman
- St Francis Conference – Frisco
- St Michael Conference – McKinney
- St Gabriel Conference – McKinney

– Over 800,000 members worldwide

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Serving Those in Desperate Need

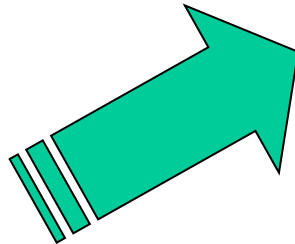
*Loss Of Job
Health Problems
Family Abuse
Personal Problems*



**This Past Year
Over 733 Families**

Providing for Basic Financial Assistance

*Rent
Food
Water & Electricity
Special Needs*



**Plus 2285 people (mostly children)
with food from our food bank**

We Provide Prayers and Spiritual Support to “Get Back On Your Feet”

Why Do We Make Home Visits?



From the beginning of the Society, the central and most basic activity of Conferences has been the visitation of the needy in the home.

It is consistent with our Mission Statement which calls for “person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Guidelines/Rules

1. Safe Environment
2. Home visits pairing
3. Confidentiality
4. Parish geographic boundaries
 1. North of Campbell, South of Parker, East of Coit, West of Murphey Road
5. ALL people in need are eligible
6. ALL needs are eligible (primarily rent, utilities, food)
7. ALL members participate in decisions



How Are We Funded?

- *Black Bag Second Collections*
- *Private Donations*
- *Credit Card Monthly Donations*
- *Grocery Store Donation Program*
- *Poor Box Donations (Located In Back Of Church)*
- *Misc Fundraisers*



We Partner with our Community

- *Coordination with Local Churches and Charity Organizations*
- *Samaritan Inn Shelter – Monthly Dinner Sponsor*
- *Elementary School Start up Program*
- *Adult Clinic*
- *SVdP Thrift Store*
- *Thanksgiving / Christmas Programs*
- *New Initiatives and teamwork anticipated*

Unique Cases and Success Stories



Vanessa & Audrey

- Living on their own in Allen
- Vanessa is working as a CNA (certified nurses assistant) in a hospital (better than nursing home)
- She has been accepted into nursing school at the community college.
- Does part-time work braiding hair
- Audrey has adjusted well to school and makes good grades
- She is looking forward to The Pines Camp

Eugene, Christy and Eugene Jr.

- Both parents are working as CNA in nursing homes
- Eugene Sr. would like to start college as soon as possible and work his way into what he did in his home country -- accounting
- Eugene Jr. is doing very well in school, he is looking at trying to get into Richland Collegiate School next year (his junior year of high school)
- He is looking forward the The Pines Camp

Paul & Family

- Tortured Immigrant Achieving USA Asylum Status
- Coordinated \$ Support – Legal - Congressional - Kenya Bishops, Etc.
- Currently working at Perot Systems.

Sylvia

- Client for over two years
- Two young children, husband walked out
- SVdP has been a source of initial crisis support (financial and emotional)
- She and her children are doing well -- she does very important volunteer work in Plano & is working and making ends meet

Making Smiles a Reality





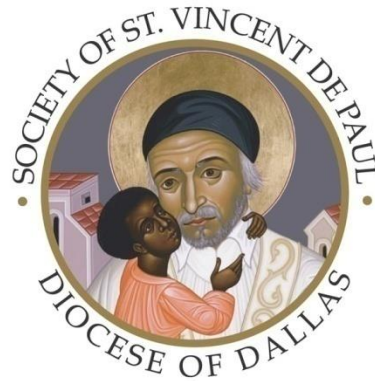
What Can You Do To Help ??

- *Support our Team with Your Skills and Talent*
 - *Case Worker – Home Visits*
 - *Food Pantry Volunteer*
 - *Fundraisers*
 - *Collections - Black Bag*
 - *New Initiatives*
 - *Data Base Management - Administrative Support*
 - *Financial Record Keeping*
 - *Special Services and Expertise*
 - *Social Programs -Research and Guidance*
 - *Outreach: Counseling - Meals - ETC*
 - *Finding Jobs*
 - *Be a Friend - Simply Listen – and Share God’s Love*

We Meet on Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM

Room 202 – Smyth Pastoral Center

Questions ???



Help Us To Help Others