

Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and **persons to one another...**



What Vincentian Volunteers Do to Help

- Confidentially answer calls for help, by phone and through home visits, to discern legitimate, qualified requests
- Document accountability when one-time financial assistance with basic necessities is provided
- Provide referrals to government and private support services
- Listen to and comfort the needy through prayer and encouragement

For more information, please contact the SHC SVDP conference via the church office at 813-229-1595, ext. 302.

How You Can Help

- Contribute to collections after Mass or send your checks to Sacred Heart, referencing SVDP.
- Donate non-perishable food on the **fourth weekend** each month to the Food Pantry Drive
- Join the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Contact the SHC SVDP conference via the church office at **813-229-1595 ext. 302** and leave a message for Ralph Stoddard or Susan Coppin.
- Support/volunteer at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store and Food Pantry at:
 - **12310 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa, FL 33612**
 - Leave a message for Suzanne Collins at **813-229-1595 ext. 302** for volunteer info.



Contact Us

We are here to serve those in the Tampa and Hillsborough communities, as SVDP has since 1932. Find us the following ways:



shfla.org/svdp



(813) 229-1595 ext. 302



P.O. Box 1524, Tampa FL, 33601



518 N. Marion St., Tampa FL, 33602

Sacred Heart Church Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Our Vision:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me... | **Matthew 25:35-36**

Our Mission:

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.



Our Inspiration **St. Vincent de Paul**

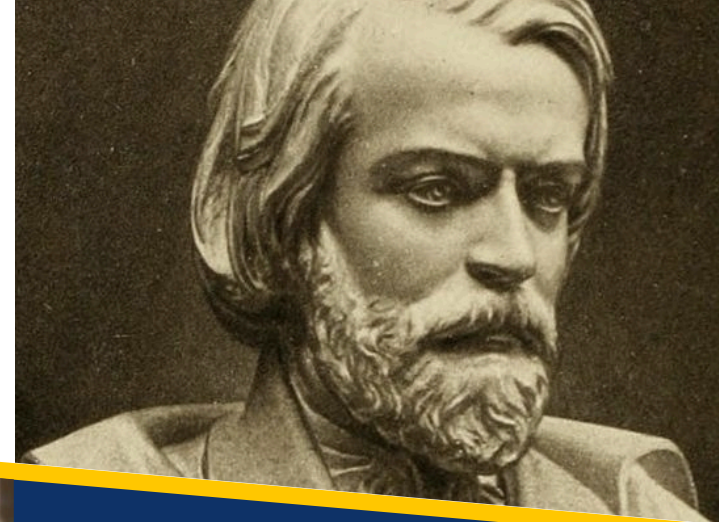
(1581 - 1660) Founder of the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, Confraternities of Charity, and Ladies of Charity.

A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, St. Vincent de Paul has become known as the **"The Apostle of Charity"** and **"Father of the Poor."** His contributions to the training of priests and organizing parish missions and other services for the poor shaped the Church's role in the modern world.



How Sacred Heart's Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Helps Those In Need:**

Thanks to the blessed generosity of Sacred Heart Church parishioners last year, St. Vincent DePaul at Sacred Heart Church provided **over \$63,000** of assistance to the needy in our parish community.



Origins of the Society **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

(1813 - 1853) Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frédéric was a husband, father, professor, and servant of the poor.

He founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a young student with others of the Sorbonne in Paris in response to taunts for Catholics to "practice what they preach." Ozanam and his fellow students began to seek out and visit with the poor and marginalized in their homes, providing them with food and clothing, in addition to their friendship and concern.

His group later took St. Vincent de Paul as their patron. Frédéric's writings on social justice anticipated the first social encyclical of our modern times, *Rerum Novarum*, published by Pope Leo XIII in 1891.

Sacred Heart's Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

2024 By The Numbers:

325	Individuals assisted
176	Children assisted
132	Families assisted

62% Allocated to Housing

37% Allocated to Utilities

1% Allocated to Dues, Insurance,
Administrative Costs, Etc.