

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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***The Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer, and to help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering, themselves.***

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, one of the oldest charitable social and humanitarian organizations, is seen today as a huge international movement of the apostolate of charity and social action. Thanks to the spiritual bonding and human formation of its members, it wants to witness to the fraternal love of Christ among the poorest.*

*Founded in 1833 by six university students in Paris under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, today the Society includes almost 900,000 members spread among 46,000 confraternities in 130 countries on five continents.*

### **Core Values of the Society**

- **Truth** - Knowledge in accord with reality, behavior faithful to ethical standards
- **Love** - Extending minds and hearts to nurture one's own and another's good.
- **Respect** - Awareness of and esteem for all individuals.
- **Opportunity** - Occasions for serving others and preparing one's self for a fulfilling life.
- **Excellence** - Striving, growing, never being complacent.
- **Service** - Vincentian spirituality, a response to God's call to give of ourselves.

— from the website: [www.vincenter.org](http://www.vincenter.org)

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*The Society's presence at Our Lady of Grace has dwindled over the years. But there is much that **can** and **should** be done by new, active members of this noble Society.*

Examples of things that were done in the past to fill personal needs:

Drive someone to the doctor; help someone get a wheelchair; find some necessary furniture for a needy family; help with an emergency bill. If Vincentians saw a need, they helped.

Visit [www.vincenter.org](http://www.vincenter.org) for more information about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and consider being part of its resurgence in our parish.