



**YOUNG
VINCENTIAN
MEMBER**

BELONGS TO

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WE ARE VINCENTIANS

"No work of charity is foreign to the Society."

WE ARE MORE THAN VOLUNTEERS.

WE ARE LIVING OUT OUR VOCATION.

WE ARE VINCENTIANS.

OUR MISSION

We are 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 VISION

We are young members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul changing the world through our spirituality, friendship, and service through an international network of charity.

We strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. We are one Society; our members represent all ages, races, incomes, and all are gifted with the awareness that the blessings of our time, talent, and treasure are to be shared with neighbors in need.

WHAT WE DO

- Make a difference in the lives of people in our community
- Put our faith into action
- Participate in fun activities
- Develop leadership skills and become role models for others
- Learn about Catholic social teachings, justice, and advocacy
- Take part in various service projects and earn service hours
- Grow closer to God by seeing and being the face of Christ for others
- Participate in events, trainings, and webinars with other young Vincencians locally, nationally, and internationally

I AM COMMITTED TO

- Meeting regularly to discuss and plan activities in my local community
- Helping people in need, especially through my conference
- Playing a leading role in organizing charity and fundraising
- Growing spiritually through prayer, reflections, and encounters with neighbors in need

SIGNATURE

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OUR MEETING

THE RULE PART 1 3.3, 3.3.1

“The members meet as brothers and sisters with Christ in the midst of them, in Conferences that are genuine communities of faith and love, of prayer and action. The Conferences meet regularly and consistently...”

THE RULE PART 111, STATUTE 7

“A conference meeting shall incorporate Spirituality, Friendship, Service, and our Cultural Beliefs...”

CONFERENCE MEETING

- 1 Opening prayer**
- 2 Spiritual reading or reflection**
- 3 Talk about activities since last meeting**
- 4 Discuss or plan future projects**
- 5 Closing Prayer**

YOUTH CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

A Conference President is elected by the group to lead the meeting and organize the conference's activities. They can appoint Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Spiritual Advisor or have the group elect these officers or positions.

Every youth conference should have at least one adult Vincentian conference coordinator to help with logistics, advising, and supporting the young Vincentians, just like Emmanuel Bailly did with the first conference.



DID YOU KNOW SVDP WAS STARTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started in Paris, France in the year 1833 by a small group of college students. Challenged to show how they live their faith, they began gathering to pray and serve their community. 200 years later, you can join in their tradition.

OPENING PRAYER

OPTION 1

L: Come Holy Spirit, live in our hearts.

All: Help us to be strong in love.

L: Send forth Your Spirit and new life will be created.

All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

L: Our Father...etc.

All: Give us this day our daily bread...

L: Let us quiet ourselves and remember that we are gathered together in the presence of our Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

(Short silence.)

All: Lord Jesus, help strengthen our spirit of friendship during this meeting. Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his friends were young when they founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that changed the lives of so many people. Although we are young, we are strong and courageous in You. May we be an example to others through our love and service just as Blessed Frederic, Blessed Rosalie, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Louise are for us. May we seek to, find and serve the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so we may bring them Your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in this mission of charity. Fill us with Your love and grace as we continue to grow in our faith and live out our call to works of mercy.

L: St. Vincent de Paul, **All:** Pray for us

L: St. Louise de Marillac, **All:** Pray for us

L: Blessed Frederic Ozanam, **All:** Pray for us

L: Blessed Rosalie Rendu, **All:** Pray for us

OPTION 2

L: Come, Holy Spirit, live within our lives.

R: And strengthen us by your love.

L: Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.

R: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

L: Lord Jesus, you said that where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are. (moment of silence)

All: Help us to grow in friendship during this meeting, seeking to serve others well and to love you more. May we be generous and kind, providing hope to those who need it. Grant us wisdom as we serve others in your name. Put our willing hands and hearts to good use.

L: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **All:** Have mercy on us

L: Immaculate Heart of Mary, **All:** Pray for us

OPTION 1

L: God, Our Father, strengthen us, your children, so we may recognize the needs and suffering of others, that we will be excited to serve our friends and neighbors in love. Help us in the times of disappointment or sadness to persevere and remember that You always walk with us. May we remember that all of our work is done with You and for You. We are not alone. Together through our prayers and actions, may we be a sign of Jesus and His boundless love for all of His children. May those we meet and serve meet Jesus and experience His love through our words and actions. We thank You, Lord, for the many blessings we receive from following You. Help us to love and respect all of Your people, even when they are different from us. Give us the courage to help them with their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ.

L: That Frederic Ozanam's Canonization come. May he who was an example of Christ's love and virtue be an example and inspiration for us.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That all departed Vincentians, and those we serve, be welcomed into Heaven and joined in love.

All: Lord hear us.

OPTION 2

Lord, we thank you for this time together. May our plans and efforts lead to the alleviation of suffering and provide hope. Thank you for this group of friends and help us grow in kindness and compassion toward one another. Take care of us as we leave this place. Hear our prayers for the sick, for those who don't have a home, for those who have died and for all those in need. Hear the prayers we especially lift to you today (members share individual prayer requests): Bless the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with unity and a renewed spirit of service. Bless the leaders of the Church, that they have the strength they need and guide us well. May Frederic Ozanam and his friends continue to inspire us by their example, and if it is your will, may Frederic be canonized.

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OUR FRIENDS



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Born April 24, 1581 in France

Died September 27, 1660

Patron saint of all works of charity

He established the Ladies of Charity, Congregation of the Mission, and co-founded the Daughters of Charity.



ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

Born August 12, 1591 in France

Died March 15, 1660

Patron saint of all social workers

Co-founded Daughters of Charity, and cared for the poor through the guidance of her spiritual director, St. Vincent.

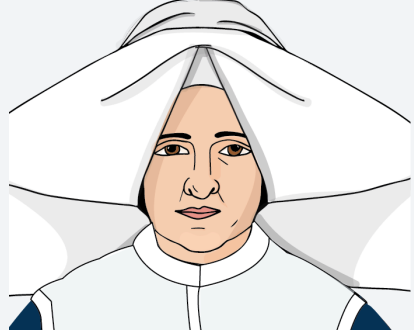


BL. FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

Born April 23, 1813 in Italy

Died September 8, 1853

Was educated in law, literature, and philosophy and taught at universities. Challenged to demonstrate the social good the Church was doing, he founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with 6 friends.



BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU

Born September 9, 1786 in France

Died February 7, 1856

As a Daughter of Charity, she worked with Frédéric. Her zeal for helping the poor drove her to educate poor children, care for infants, support the elderly, and supervise young working girls.

THE FACTS



INTERNATIONALLY
150+ countries
5 continents
800,000+ members
30,000,000 served



NATIONALLY
90,000 members
4,000+ communities
\$4B in assistance

THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

SVdP is part of a larger organization called the Vincentian Family made up of other organizations and religious orders.

MY CONFERENCE NAME

MY DISTRICT

MY (ARCH) DIOCESE

MY REGION

NOTES

OUR FOCUS



SPIRITUALITY

Putting our faith into action. Sharing, Reflecting, and Praying. Seeing and being the face of Christ.



SERVICE

Personal encounters with friends in need. Empowering the voices of the poor. Pursuing a more just world.



FRIENDSHIP

Making meaningful, life-long friendships. Encouraging and supporting one another on our journeys in faith.



IN MY LIFE
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BL. FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

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