

SVDP-USA YOUNG ADULTS

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- Blessed Frederic Ozanam

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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.



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WHY SVDP

What sets the Society of St. Vincent de Paul apart?

We are one of the oldest charitable organizations

We are a Catholic organization
The ability to strengthen our faith through community and service work.

We are an international organization
Active in 150+ countries worldwide, we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

We are committed to the poor
Personal encounters and advocacy.



Get Started

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen
- Collections/Drives
- Home visits
- Homeless outreach
- Volunteer Days
- Social events & fundraisers
- Education & advocacy
- Local & National formation and leadership trainings
- National & Regional events
- National webinars
- International events

"They [the poor] will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you bring them."

- Blessed Rosalie Rendu

TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

- Identify a Vincentian Conference Coordinator
- Get permission from your parish, school, or council
- Connect with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul locally, regionally, and nationally
- Connect with SVDP Young Adults on social media
- It is okay to start off with a small group of young adults
- Pick a day and time, and meet consistently
- Word of mouth is the key to getting more members
- Pray and have fun

"I want all young people with both head and heart to assemble for some charitable work."

- Blessed Frederic Ozanam

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Do you have a young adult conference?
Are you looking to start one?

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SVDP FACTS



INTERNATIONALLY

153 countries
5 continents
800,000 members
30,000,000 served



NATIONALLY

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

SVDP PROVIDES

- **Hope & Friendship**
home visits, personal encounters, program/resource centers, shelters
- **Basic Necessities**
food, medicine, clothes, toiletries
- **Housing & Assistance**
rent, security deposit, utilities
- **Disaster Recovery**

CONNECT WITH US