

**OFFICERS and MEMBERS:**

The officers consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of the President and his/her board is for three years. The President may succeed him/herself in office twice (for a total of 6 years), after which he/she must step down. We also have a spiritual advisor, who assists us in our spiritual development, and we have several other active members. New members are always welcomed. YES, I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF MY PARISH,

My name is .....

You can contact me by .....

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Bring this brochure to the Parish Office or leave it in the basket collection during Mass.

**MEETINGS:**

Conference meetings are held at the Religious Education Building once every 4th Monday of the month, and whenever there is a need for a special meeting. (See church bulletin for actual dates)



**FUNDS:**

The primary source of income to help the needy in our Parish is from previous donations at the masses at Holy Family Parish and by individual donations the parishioners wish to make to this ministry.

**DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS:**

- To provide direct assistance to those in need within the conference area.
- To respond to requests for help from other conferences or higher level councils of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- To pay for administrative expenses of the conference and annual fees.
- This conference renders an annual report to the Parish summarizing the funds received and the help provided to the poor.
- We render a financial report on an annual basis to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Chimayo**



**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

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.

This Conference is a lay organization of the Roman Catholic Church and is established to provide emergency assistance to families who reside within the boundaries of the Parish. Also, to conduct such other charitable activities as agreed upon by the conference members.

## THE VINCENTIAN VOCATION:

It's not for everyone, nor for just anyone, but being a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul—being a Vincentian is for some. It is a special calling by God. St. Vincent de Paul said over and over again, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

As members of the Society, **we put our faith into action.** We help the needy **by personal and direct contact**, doing so in a communal spirit of a conference of lay persons each inspired by the same vocation.

## COMPOSITION AND MINISTRY

The **conference** consists of the active, associate and contributing members of the Society within the parish who volunteer to join the conference.

Members, who are known as "**Vincentians**", are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level.



Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their poverty, humility, and sharing and adherence to a Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (our manual/guidelines).

**Vincentians are called to holiness by striving to conform to Jesus, doing God's will, and devoting to the service of God's suffering and poor.**

Serving those who are poor is what we are called to do, because, when we attend to them in the spirit of St. Vincent, we minister to Jesus Christ himself.

## HOW DO WE HELP THE POOR IN OUR PARISH?

When a request for assistance comes in, it is assigned to 2 conference members **to conduct a home visit** and a report is filled out listing all the information needed to make a decision as to what assistance will be provided.

- We help pay for such things as utilities, purchase wood, make lease payments and with food.
- We also give out baskets of food during Thanksgiving Day.
- We also visit our elderly and pray with them.
- We have on occasion cooked for some of the sick in our area.
- We also help with referrals to other agencies that can help them based on needs.