

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica
Ministry Role Description
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our mission: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

Here at St Peters, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul holds tightly to our core value of serving and ministering to those in need, regardless of creed, ethnic, religious or social background, health, gender or political opinion. We meet people face-to-face at their home, often chatting for a bit to listen to their stories. Often, we may be the only visitor a person has in a given week, so making that connection is just as important as the food or clothing voucher we are there to provide. We know that we are not going to fix their situation. We are there to help them out.

Who calls our Parish looking for support?

Our homeless, refugees, newcomers, those recently incarcerated or living on fixed incomes, the unemployed and working poor, individuals and families encountering difficulties in their lives.

What is expected from our Vincentian members/volunteers

Rewards: To experience the pleasure and fulfillment of helping our neighbours in need and develop a greater sense of the meaning of living the Gospel message.

Responsibilities: To meet and assist the needy in our parish neighbourhood through home visits with the support of food vouchers and clothing/furniture vouchers and sharing information about resources available to them in our community.

Requirements: A desire to help others, good judgment, care and concern for our neighbours in need and good interpersonal skills. (A car is an asset although not a necessity as it is possible to arrange visits with a partner who has a car.)

Commitment: A couple of hours for weekly home visits and regularly attending meetings (from September to June). Home visits teams are volunteer and assigned weekly based on availability during the entire year (one month off after Christmas visits). Other opportunities to become involved include the Christmas Angel Tree campaign, Winter Welcome Luncheon, Bundle Sunday, yearly barbecues and volunteering at the Society stores.

Orientation: An initial interview followed by regular attendance to meetings, volunteering for home visits with a partner Vincentian, review of an information package "The Canadian Rule and Statutes for Society of Saint Vincent De Paul", requirements for High Risk Ministries from the Diocesan document, Called, Gifted and Sent and a Police Vulnerable Sector Check.

If you want to participate in this rewarding experience of putting your faith into action and helping people in our community, we invite you to email us at stpeters@ssvp.com and we will have someone reach out to you and share our Vincentian vision.

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