



# Vincentian Family Profile

**Organization:** Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Louis Archdiocesan Council  
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In the space below, please answer the following questions: Who are we? What is/are our mission and goals? What are the primary activities in the St. Louis region? Also, please list available publications and resources.

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 Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, 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 spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

The St. Louis Archdiocesan Council has over 2,400 members serving in 142 parishes in 13 counties. Vincentians use privately raised funds to assist with utility bills, rent and mortgages, food, furniture, clothing, and other material assistance. The Council office operates 26 special works programs and services to address the needs of specific at risk populations including the homeless, veterans, senior citizens, and ex-offenders. The Council Office also develops and maintains community partnerships with private and government funders to provide Vincentians with additional resources, such as car transfer and repair programs, free prescription drugs, and utility assistance funds.

The St. Louis Council publishes its works in a yearly annual report and a spring, summer, and fall newsletter.