

St. Vincent de Paul Mission Statement

To develop community by providing services to our guests and by working to help all fulfill their potential. SVdP staff, volunteers, and those we serve accomplish this through the following actions and services:

- Offer emergency relief and the opportunity to build relationships in an environment of comfort, healing, faith, and hope.
- Advocate for the dignity of all by addressing the root causes of societal injustice.
- Promote the spiritual growth of everyone involved in the ministry.



How You Can Help

Pray: for those in need, our ministries, our city and our world.

Donate: funds to support our community members in need. Or donate new socks or hygiene items to support our neighbors.

Volunteer: get involved in any of our SVdP Ministries. We cannot do this work without your assistance. Contact the Christian Life office at 612.317.3419.



Inspiring Words from St. Vincent de Paul

"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."

"We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love."

"When you are called from your prayers or the Eucharistic celebration to serve the poor, you lose nothing since to serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor."

SVdP Ministries

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OF SAINT MARY



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The Continuum of Assistance

The Basilica St. Vincent de Paul Ministries realize needs in our community fall on a continuum. This continuum moves from direct service through assistance to support systemic change in one's life. With full understanding that transformation can happen at any time, and through any connection, we work to provide ministries that support both sides of this continuum.

Immediate Needs

We offer ministries that provide basic, one-time assistance. For example, we may give a sandwich to someone who is hungry. We may give a gas card to someone who needs transportation assistance.

Long Term Support

We offer ministries that accompany individuals over time to expand opportunities for stability. For example, we mentor students seeking to complete college education or re-enter society after prison.

The most important goal of all St. Vincent de Paul Ministries is to build relationships—this is the foundation of all we do.

SVdP Ministries:

Basilica Re-entry Mentoring Program

Mentor people returning to our community from prison. We accompany these returning neighbors to make the transition a successful one.

Hennepin Connections

Mentor students at Minneapolis College who have lived experience of homelessness or generation poverty. Program runs September through May.

Immigration Support Ministry

In partnership with other organizations, accompany families who are coming to Minnesota as refugees, those seeking asylum, and families who are facing detention and deportation in our community.

Outreach Ministry - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30am

Bus cards for those with verifiable new jobs, vouchers for state ID, driver's license, laundry vouchers, birth certificates, gas cards to licensed drivers and hygiene items given to residents of Minneapolis.

Senior Mondays - Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30am

Work with residents of Minneapolis who are 50 and over to complete applications for the Align Minneapolis Emergency Rental Assistance Program and other services provided.

Sandwich Ministry - Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:30am

Sandwiches are made to be given at the sandwich window of the Rectory along with water and/or coffee to our guests.

Side By Side Saturdays - Saturdays from 9:30 – 11:00am

Interactive events allow participants to focus on personal wellness and build connections within the community. Basilica Parishioners and guests of the SVdP ministries participate together, side by side.