

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Quarterly Newsletter

Vincentians at our Ozanam Sunday Party



Based in the offices of St. Thomas Church, the Ann Arbor SVdP conference collaborates closely with local social workers to pinpoint individuals and families requiring assistance. Once identified, SVdP members assess the most effective aid, be it financial assistance, home visits, resource referrals, or other forms of support. Our members live out their vocation by providing companionship, encouragement, and prayers during challenging times for those in need.



## President's Note

from Sara Carriere, SVdP President

Dear Friends,

Our Advent Season was truly beautiful this year. Your very generous donations through the Canisters and the Advent donation envelopes are so encouraging. As one of our members stated "your donations affirm what we are doing". What we do is help single mothers go from living in their cars to an apartment or help families get their power turned back on.

We have been blessed with four new members: Linda Westervelt, Janet Riggs, Jesse Kauffman and Tom Mussio. We also commissioned Faith Hopp as a full Vincentian member.

Please read Victor's testimonial and one of our Home Visit stories on page 2.

The above picture is the whole gang at our Christmas party.

Sara, Vincentian



## Home Visit

The Home Visit is the core of Vincentian work. Here is one story: Faith and Jesse paid a visit to Patricia who shared with them her sad experiences with domestic violence and some mental health challenges. Besides delivering a Blessing Bag to Patricia they were able to share information about online peer support groups the Washtenaw chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of which she was unaware.

The visit ended with a prayer for Patricia's future well being.

**We could really use your help:  
PLEASE DONATE TODAY**

St. Thomas the Apostle  
Church website:

[www.sta2.org/church/giving](http://www.sta2.org/church/giving)

or by mail:

530 Elizabeth St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104.



## Why I'm a Vincentian

“Bl. Frederic Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul had a crisis of faith. I lived in hope and faith in God, but neither in fullness. I would not cooperate for the perfection of charity when uncertain, He is there to receive me. He confirmed me in faith through a sign of providence, fashioned for my heart. There is nothing lost when He receives my everything: I want to work in my Father's vineyard, because He called me. His glory is my glory His house is my house, His vineyard is my vineyard. I love Him. And love has made all the difference.”

God called me in my vocation to serve him by serving the poor. That is the case now, and will be for a long time. God will call me to serve him in other ways, and I will gladly do so when the time comes.

by Victor, a Vincentian

## By the Numbers

In the past quarter, October, November & December we assisted 122 households, 142 adults and 147 children spending \$25,853. We also visited 32 Neighbors in Need in their homes.