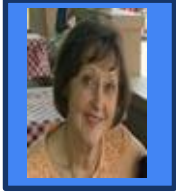


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Note

Sara Carriere, SVdP President

Dear Friends,

Seek always the Face of the Lord." We often hear these words at Mass, and we should seek Him as if our lives depend on it—because they do. Reflecting on the many home visits I have made with my fellow Vincentians, I am struck by how each neighbor we serve remains faith-filled, trusting, and courageous despite their trials. My partners in these visits consistently show such compassion and gentleness. In these moments, I realize I am seeing the face of Jesus in each precious neighbor, an experience that both humbles and enriches me.

When our next Quarterly Newsletter is issued in October. I will no longer be president of this great charitable organization. I have learned much from my blessed Vincentian fellows AND from the Holy Spirit. You will still see me in church as a servant of Christ.

As you read the articles in this newsletter, I invite you to listen for God's gentle and persistent voice. Please pray for our mission, consider donating your time or resources, and perhaps even make SVdP your new vocation. Come, seek the face of the Lord with us; He will not disappoint you!

See you in church,
Sara

THANK YOU, SARA

Our wonderful President, Sara Carriere, is nearing the end of her stint as President. In the Vincentian world one serves as President for two terms which Sara has done. She will be stepping down on October 1st after 6 years as President. She has been a strong leader, combining her love of Christ, love of our Neighbors in Need and love of her fellow Vincentians.

Sara, we thank you for your leadership and inspiration over these past years. We are so happy you are not going away but continuing your role as a Vincentian and working with our Neighbors in Need. A new President will be elected by October 1st and introduced in our next newsletter.

Service to our Neighbors – Prayer Requests

During our visits to Neighbors in Need many ask us to pray for them and their intentions. We'd like to share some of them with you and ask you to join us by adding them to your prayer list:

- Sarah lost her 6 week old to RSV and asked for prayers for healing and her special needs 2 year old
- Erie to find a permanent job and for her daughter's health after a car accident
- Alexis for stolen funds to be restored to her bank account
- Aaliyah for a job and an apartment
- LaShell for a job considering she has a baby and a 3 year old
- Holly and her 9 year old autistic child want strength and faith in Jesus
- Alice needs prayers to help her heal from trauma and to be kinder to herself
- Sher asked for prayers for God's guidance and discernment
- Mrs. C. has financial needs, especially relating to repair due to broken water pipes
- Lisa was grateful for our visit and wants prayers for her family, friends and her enemies!
- Gayla wants us to pray she finds a job as a social worker so she can become financially independent.



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.



Our Vincentians Go Above & Beyond....

Home Visits to our Neighbors in Need are an important part of our Vincentian mission. We visit, gift things the NIN can't buy with a SNAP card - paper products, cleaning materials and hygiene supplies. Once the conversation warms up we often find the family has other needs. Many of our Vincentians step into the breach on their own time and their own dime to help our our families. Here are a few examples:

Tom supplied a Bible to a family who wanted one

Miguel bought 5 pairs of shoes for a family who were to fly to their home country to join their Dad

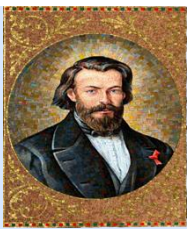
Dennis has a small portable refrigerator that he's going to gift to our neighbor so he has storage for his medications

Barb shopped for a lift chair for a Neighbor who couldn't physically get to the store

Tom always brings our Neighbors homemade soup when he makes a home visit and if you're lucky enough to partner with Tom on a visit, you usually get soup too!

Quote of the Quarter

It is not a fragile stem what we need to serve as support in our earthly journey. It will be before the two wings of these angels: faith and charity.



Frédéric Ozanam

Fellowship

- Aug 15 - Home Visit Training in Canton
- Sep 14 - Vote for new President
- Sep 26 - Lansing Council Ozanam Dinner
- Sep 27 - Feast of St. Vincent de Paul with Mass and brunch
- Oct 1 - New President's term begins

Be a G.E.M. (Gives Every Month)

Every day families in our area and our Parish need help. Every day families turn to Vincentian volunteers for aid - aid that you can help deliver by giving monthly. When you become a GEM (Gives Every Month) you extend a hand of hope directly into the homes of those in need.

A GEM is committed to helping each and every day by making an online donation once a month. If you'd like to become an SVDP GEM please see the link below:

sta2.org/church/.giving

If you'd like to discuss becoming a GEM with a Vincentian, please contact:

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By the Numbers

ASSISTED	4 th QTR 2025	1 st QTR 2026	2 nd QTR 2026
Households	106	105	117
Adults	131	135	138
Children	141	122	107
Home Visits	37	45	38
\$ Provided	\$33,033	\$28,792	\$24,291

We could really use your help: PLEASE DONATE TODAY

We are experiencing a surge in requests for assistance and are currently running low on funds and are appealing, once again, to your generosity. Please prayerfully consider a donation to SVDP so we can continue to help our Neighbors in Need. The link below will take you to our Parish website area for donations or use the QR code to donate.

www.sta2.org/church/giving

or by mail:

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Are you being called to serve Christ as a volunteer for St. Vincent DePaul Society?

Contact us at barbleenorman@gmail.com or 734 761-8606 extension #8."

