



In the Heart: Vincentian Friendship, Spirituality, Service

"...(our) hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor." Rule, Part 1, 1.9

Oftentimes, it is through the invitation to 'do' something that a person joins the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Volunteering time and talent to help others is a natural response for followers of Christ. Vincentians heed the invitation to volunteer and then embrace the vocation to grow in holiness using their God-given gifts to ease the suffering of others. From its beginning, the Society has been organized for lay people to put their faith into action applying three essential elements: spirituality, friendship and service.

Vincentian life is guided by a Rule and Manual which are inspired by the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul and example of Blessed Fredric Ozanam. At their meetings, Vincentians give priority to prayer as well as reflection and discussion of God's Word. In order to thrive, the bond of friendship and respect for Christ's presence amongst each other is foundational for the group. With strengthened spirituality and reliance on each other, Vincentians can provide person-to-person Christian love for our neighbors in need of hope and encouragement.

"The Society draws its inspiration, its justification, and its mission by providing living testimony of the charity of the Catholic Church (Member Handbook, p. 22, 2019)". Our faith's tradition of compassionate care and love for the most vulnerable is put into action with Vincentian charism. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee is dedicated to the elimination of hunger and poverty in our community. Learn more about our mission and what Vincentians do to fulfill that mission. Contact: