

# **SVDP St. Vitus Conference Newsletter**

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Blessed Antoine Frederic Ozanam who placed the society's conferences under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, a saint of charity. The society's mission is to serve the poor with the utmost love, respect, and joy by dedicating time to feeding, clothing, housing, and healing our brothers and sisters. Members of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are constantly reminded that when we look upon the faces of the poor, we are looking upon the face of Christ Himself.

Our conference here at St. Vitus is recent in its inception yet has had many opportunities to be put to action. Extending a loving hand to those in need, our society has humbly taken upon several opportunities to be of financial assistance to our community. Some of these opportunities include meal trains to new mothers, covering utility bills and rent, and delivering groceries to residents' homes. Although our conference mainly ministers to St. Vitus parishioners, our service may extend past our region. For example, through this parish's generous donations, we were able to assist the St. Mary's conference in providing funds for a young boy's surgery. We are grateful for opportunities like this where we get to witness a different lens of pain and suffering—one where Jesus raises up those who suffer, and we, as servants of the Lord, can prostrate ourselves through acts of charity. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God" (Matthew 5:3)

St Vitus conference is found to be unique among the other conferences made up of a wide variety of charitable hands, ranging from all ages and diversified by members of different backgrounds. A good mix of conference members strengthens the group as we each can bring our unique perspectives to the table and can reach out to all demographics of our parish. As our conference continues to grow day by day, our ability to provide service to the poor extends further. We are all called to be servants to the poor by promoting the dignity of the person in the spirit of justice and charity. To contact us, email us at [SVDPstvitus@hotmail.com](mailto:SVDPstvitus@hotmail.com) or leave us a voice message at 818-217-0578.