SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

Our founder 1818-1853

In 1833, a brilliant young law student, **Frederick Ozanam**, was so appalled by the condition of the poor in Paris, especially during the plague of 1832, that he organized 6 other students into a society dedicated to serving those in need. They visited in their homes, providing emergency food, clothing, comfort, and spiritual guidance. He worked with the society his entire life. When he died in 1853, the society had expanded into France, Ireland, England, US, Mexico, and Canada. Today, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international lay organization in 153 countries.

Who we are in Hamilton-Hamilton West 1865 to present day

We are volunteer members, grouped into conferences located within parish boundaries across Hamilton and Hamilton West. Conferences are the grass roots of the society. We have deep roots and conferences that have provided care for more than 150 years. We have a proud tradition of providing services needed as much now, as in Ozanam's time in the 1800's. Hamilton-Hamilton West serve our local, national, and international neighbours-in-need. We provide food, clothing, support for shelters/homes, and assist with education for youth and adults to break the cycle of poverty. We provide food to Coral Harbour, an Inuit community in the far North, and share prayers and financial resources with our "Twin" conferences in South and Central America.

We serve all in need with love, respect, justice and joy, irrespective of faith, culture, gender or political views.

This is what we do

We met F&B on a path in a park. They had been there close to three months. Rain or shine, they had no place to live, no place to sleep and collected bottles to buy food. Vincentians worked to find a place. It wasn't much and it cost a lot. We patched the holes, washed the floors, repaired the toilet, filled the cupboards and paid first and last month's rent. We sheltered them.

Please follow us on Facebook and consider signing up on our email to keep you informed of our activities. Click on the red FB logo on our website at ssvphamiltonpc.org/

Click on **"Sign up**…" image and join our email list. Be assured you will only receive our important updates and events



HAMILTON CONFERENCES

Annunciation of Our Lord
280 Limeridge Rd. West
Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2
(905) 388-2078

Incarnation of Our Blessed Lord
400 Pottruff Rd. North
Hamilton, ON L8H 2M4
(905) 561-7777

Most Blessed Sacrament
305 East 37th St
Hamilton, ON L8V 4B5
(905) 385-3570

Our Lady of the Assumption
63 Highway 20 East
Stoney Creek, ON L8J 2W9
(905) 664-7651

Regina Mundi
631 Mohawk Rd. West
Hamilton, ON L9C 1X7
(905) 385-3297

St. Ann
120 Sherman Ave. North
Hamilton, ON L8L 6M6
(905) 544-0488

St. Catherine of Siena
416 Mohawk Rd. East
Hamilton, ON L8V 2H7
(905) 383-4850

St. Eugene
232 Queenston Rd.
Hamilton ON, L8K 1G6
(905) 549-2694

St. Francis Xavier
304 Highway 8,
Stoney Creek, ON L8G1E6
(905) 662-8593

St. John the Baptist
128 Edgemont St. South
Hamilton ON, L8K 2H8
(905) 544-2100

St. Luke
200 Albion Rd.
Hamilton, ON L8K 5S9
(905) 560-1551

Sts. Peter and Paul
50 Brucedale Ave East
Hamilton, ON L9A 1M8
(905) 387-3550

Immaculate Heart of Mary
934 Highway 8,
Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5H7
(905) 643-1637

HAMILTON WEST CONFERENCES

St. Ann
11 Wilson St. West
Ancaster, ON L9G 1N1
(905) 648-6874

St. Augustine
58 Sydenham St. ·
Dundas, ON· L9H 2T9
(905) 628-2880

St. Joseph
135 Livingston Ave.
Grimsby, ON L3M 5J6
(905) 945-2661

St. Michael the Archangel
201 Alder St. West
Dunnville, ON, N1A 1R3
(905) 774-6972

St. Patrick
107 Orkney St. East,
Caledonia, ON, N3W 1C5
(905) 765-2729

St. Patrick
440 King St. East
Hamilton, ON L8N 1C6
(905) 522-9828

St. Thomas the Apostle
715 Centre Rd,
Waterdown, ON, L0R 2H0
(905) 689-4857

St. Mary
23 Sheaffe St.
Hamilton, ON L8R 2N7
(905) 525-9295

Our Next-to-New Stores

Vinnies Feel Good Shopping
200 Parkdale Ave. North
Hamilton, ON L8H 5X2
(905) 549-3902
Open Tue-Fri 10-4:30, Sat 10-4pm
Donations accepted Wed & Sat 10-2pm
Delivery and pickup available

St. Vincent de Paul Value Store
429 Barton St. East
Hamilton ON L8L 2Y5
(905) 522-7045
Open Wed-Fri 11-5pm
Donation by appointment: Call 289-639-3533

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
116 Lock St. East
Dunnville, ON N1A 1J7
(905) 701-9999
Store hours subject to change
Currently hours are Tuesday to Friday 11-3pm
Sat from 10-2pm

Volunteers

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to help in the community?
We are looking for volunteers for various positions at Vinnie's Feel Good Shopping. Whether you are looking to interact with customers, sort donations behind the scenes, or put your cleaning skills to good use…we would love to have you.
Shifts run Tuesday – Saturday between 10-4pm. For more information, please call the store and leave a brief message at (905) 549-3902. Anyone interested will be asked to fill out an application.

You can find us on Facebook
ssvphamiltonpc.org/store

Donations can be made through…

> Your monthly church envelope
> The society's donation page at https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/givetossvp
> Remembering us through your will
> Donating in memory of a loved one
> A gift of a donation for a special celebration such as a birthday or anniversary.

The leaves on our Tree

Visits- Home visits and food vouchers are the hallmark of our society as is encouragement and listening to understand their stories.

Volunteers-Compassionate giving people without whom the society could not exist.

Hope- Hope and prayer is what a Vincentian brings at each encounter with our neighbours.

Education encompasses the Ozanam fund and RESP/Canada Learning Bond both designed for qualifying students and adults to help them attain an education.

North of 60 is how our higher councils refer to communities like Coral Harbour located above 60 degrees parallel.

Twinning is sharing, when we can, our monetary resources with sister conferences in other countries.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Hamilton/Hamilton West Councils



Help us grow our stores, our conferences and our programs to help more people in need.

HelpUsGrow.ca