



## ABOUT US

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor, with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

The people we serve are at the heart of everything we do. The St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria has more than 10,000 members and volunteers in Victoria providing help to people whose daily struggles include putting food on the table, paying energy bills and ensuring their children remain at school to obtain an education. Each person is treated with deep compassion and provided with assistance tailored to their situation.



“In my life I want to become better and do a little good.”

*Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Founder  
St Vincent de Paul Society*

WHEN  
GOOD WORKS  
LIVES ARE  
CHANGED

## CONTACT US



Whether it is a couple of hours a week or a day each month, every moment you can spare can make a real difference to the lives of Victorians.

Follow us on:



Member Liaison & Conference Support  
Call: 03 9895 5911  
Email: [memberliaison@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:memberliaison@svdp-vic.org.au)



# BECOME A MEMBER

**Give a hand up**



## MEMBERS SERVE IN HOPE

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society members who are passionate about helping people in need in their local area.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

**Individually and together as members we offer and use our gifts to:**

- Support, walk alongside and empower people who experience disadvantage and injustice, so that they may fulfil their potential, be witness to the restoration of their dignity, and help in the alleviation of pain and suffering.
- Provide practical assistance to address the immediate needs for the people we serve.
- Bring them unconditional love, serving without discrimination.
- Respect other faith beliefs at all times.
- Work with other organisations to help continue the Society's mission.
- Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society meet regularly to share their experiences, reflect on their service and monitor and discuss local needs.

## WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to people in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person to person contact.

### WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

Members carry out their work guided by the Mission and Vision of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Society embraces and accepts members from all backgrounds, include people from other faiths who are drawn to the work of the Society and who are happy to abide by its ethos and standards.

**We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining.**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

### MEMBER INTEREST FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the best method of contact:

Phone

Email

Preferred day: \_\_\_\_\_

### THREE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

#### CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Belong to the grassroots groups within the Society known as conferences. They live their faith in action through the spirit of Christian charity. All conference members must be 18+.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Are committed to the ethos, mission, aims and objectives of the Society and assist its good works but do not attend conference meetings.

#### VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

Respect the ethos, mission, aims and objectives of the Society and volunteer in any of the Society's works.



## THE GOOD WORKS

### BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

Society members are passionate about helping people in need in their local community or in regional areas.

Members work together in groups known as 'conferences'. These are usually attached to parishes, schools, universities, social groups, workplaces or groups of individuals from a local area.

The Society members live their faith in action by visiting people in their homes or assisting in a St Vincent de Paul Society Conference Assistance Centre, providing friendship and helping people.



**WELCOME**