

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Due to the large volume of requests received by the Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Conference, requests for assistance must be directed through the St. Vincent de Paul Atlanta Council office at 770-458-9607. These requests will be forwarded to the Sacred Heart conference with all others. No requests can be taken directly.

"No form of charity is foreign to the Society"

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a person-to-person lay ministry whose motto is quoted above. Vincentians, as volunteer members are called, are best known for their quiet work with individuals and families of all faiths in "the visitation of the poor in their homes." A twenty-year-old college student, Frederic Ozanam, founded the Society in Paris, France, in 1833. Frederic and his student friends were challenged, and challenged themselves "to practice what they preach." In response, they initiated the Society in the streets of Paris. Today, the Society is an international organization of Christians of all ages and backgrounds serving in some 47,000 conferences (or chapters) throughout the world.

The Sacred Heart Conference was formed in 1909, and is the oldest, continually-operating conference in north Georgia. Their principal works include visits to the poor and personal assistance to individuals and families; the organization of evenings at Central Presbyterian Night Shelter; food and clothing collections for the poor; and twinning financial assistance with our sister conference at San Pierre de Grand Bois Parish in Haiti. Currently, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Sacred Heart has 55 members and is supported by donations from all parishioners.

For information about becoming a Vincentian, please contact Jack Stenger at infosvdp@sacredheartatlanta.org

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