



St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica  
**Ministry Role Description**  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Peter's Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides outreach services to the poor and the marginalized in our parish neighbourhood. Members travel in pairs to visit our neighbours in need, providing vouchers for various necessities. We also provide an attentive ear when the need is shown and share information about community services which may be of benefit. Vincentians must show an ability to receive people in all life circumstances in charity and without judgment. Opportunities also exist to become involved in a variety of Society activities.

**Our Mission is to act as Christ would have us do, in service as Vincentians  
with a focus of *Serviens in Spe* or *Service in Hope*.**

- Responsibilities:** to meet and assist the needy in our parish neighbourhood through home visits with the support of food vouchers and clothing/furniture vouchers and sharing information about resources available in our community.
- Benefits:** experience the pleasure and fulfillment of helping our neighbours in need and develop a greater sense of the meaning of living the Gospel message.
- Requirements:** a sense of goodwill, good judgment, care and concern for our friends in need and good interpersonal skills. (A car is an asset although not a necessity as it is possible to arrange visits with a partner who has a car.)
- Commitment:** generally one visitation session per month (year round) and one meeting per month from September to June.
- Time Involved:** from 1 ½ hours to 2 hours for home visits and meetings which are generally 1 ½ - 2 hours also. Home visits begin from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays during the entire year (one month off after Christmas visits). Other opportunities to become involved include the Christmas Angel Tree campaign, Winter Welcome Luncheon, Bundle Sunday, yearly barbecues and volunteering at the Society stores.
- Orientation:** an initial interview followed by attendance at meetings, home visits with a partner Vincentian, review of an information package which includes background information about the Society, operational procedures, requirements for High Risk Ministries from the Diocesan document, *Called, Gifted and Sent* and a Police Vulnerable Sector Check.

***The Society is open to all those who look to live their faith  
loving and committing themselves to their neighbours in need.***

***Perhaps you would consider becoming a Vincentian?***

***Please call 519.434.3475 for further information, if you are interested.***

**2017 Ministry Executive**

Deacon Rudy Pflanzner, Spiritual Advisor; Matthew Oliphant, President;  
Past President, Stella Mikitiuk; Elaine Pevcevicius, Treasurer; Gerry Mc Keon, Secretary.