

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - NEWSLETTER

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society is run entirely by lay Catholic volunteers and is a worldwide organisation. The Society's mission is to express their faith through service to the poor. The Society has been operating in SA since 1856 and started at St Joseph's in 1907.



At the core of our work are over 200 parish committees, we call them "conferences". Our conference at St Joseph's is called the St Patrick Conference and members from all walks of life join together to relieve suffering and promote human dignity amongst the less privileged amongst our community.

We visit people in their homes, meeting them face to face and getting to know them personally. We see their circumstances, meet their families and gain an understanding of their problems and how best we can help them.

We rely totally on contributions and use these funds to help people in difficult times. Our aim is not only to provide immediate support, but to enable those we assist to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Our total collection from October 2014 to September 2015 was R 58 327.30. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contribute faithfully.

We do not have the resources or expertise to meet every need but we do what we can.

We have become very aware that a lot of our children go to school on an empty stomach. This is not only detrimental to their health but also their ability to learn at school. We have begun an initiative in conjunction with Spar to provide a 250 ml milk bottle to 750 pupils at an underprivileged school on a monthly basis during school term. A second project we have is to collect the expired or "sell by date" food from a Woolworth's outlet on a daily basis, 52 weeks a year which is distributed to the poor within our community.

We need members. Don't be shy. If anyone would like to join our Conference please contact us through the church or via sms Clive 082 44 69735 or Maureen 071 361 6276.