MISSION & OUTREACH

ST. VICENT DE PAUL SOCIATY
St. John Eudes SVdP Conference

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) witnesses God's love by embracing works of charity and social justice, such as by assisting families with rent or utilities to prevent homelessness; providing free food, clothing and

> **"CHARITY IS THE CEMENT WHICH BINDS COMMUNITIES TO GOD AND PERSONS TO ONE ANOTHER . . ."**
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> **-- VINCENT DE PAUL**

furniture; referring families to other agencies and charitable organization for help; and assisting in many other ways. Assistance is offered to anyone in need on a person-to-person, confidential basis regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, social background or immigration status. Individuals in need help or individuals who are interested in becoming SVDP members may call the St. John Eudes SVDP Conference Help Line at 1.818.341.3513."
"Founded in 1833, SVDP is an international Catholic lay organization with over 900,000 volunteers in over 150 countries. SVDP helps people of all religions, ethnic and social backgrounds, genders, immigration statuses, etc. More information about SVDP can be found at www.svdpusa.org and www.svdpla.org.

OUTREACH PROJECTS
Help Wanted Opportunities

There are many ways in which you can help during (and even after) this pandemic:

- **Donate non-perishable food:** Our local food pantries need your help! They are experiencing 20 times their normal (pre-pandemic) volume of requests and are asking for non-perishable

REFLEXION

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

foods. We support the local food pantries at Catholic Charities, St. Joseph the Worker and the Chatsworth Congregational Church. If you can help, please drop off any food items at the Parish Office.

- **Answer calls of those in need:** Hearts to Serve helps people who are unable to or cannot go out to get food or who need financial assistance because of the pandemic. The Hearts to Serve Hotline (1.855.423.6780) needs people who are fluent in English and Spanish to serve as Hotline operators for at least one 2-hour shift each week. Please contact the Parish Office at 1.818.341.3680 if you are interested.
- **Become a Vincentian and help others:** Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference helps the poor and homeless in our community. They are in particular need of individuals who are fluent in English and Spanish and individuals who can assist in searching for affordable housing for the poor or homeless Please call the SVDP Conference Help Line at 1.818.341.3513 if you feel called to serve.
- **Sew COVID-19 face coverings:** Wearing face coverings (health masks) is the current "law of the land" to protect your health and that of others. When we are able to gather together for mass or other parish events, parishioners will be required to wear a face covering. We need help to sew about 1,000 face coverings to ensure that everybody will have a face covering if they did not bring their own. Instructions for sewing face coverings can be found at the CDC website. Please contact the Parish Office at 1.818.341.3680 if you would like to help.
- **Staying in touch with shut-ins:** We need help in writing letters and cards for people in the 14 assisted care facilities our parish has served. We want to remind them that they are loved, that we have not forgotten them and that we look forward to seeing them again in the future. Please contact the Parish Office at 1.818.341.3680 if you (and/or your children) would like to help.

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