## Newsletter

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### What's New

Food Pantry demand

**SVdP Donation Changes** 

How The Society of St Vincent de Paul made an impact

# St Vincent de Paul

# **Prince of Peace Conference**

#### Have you seen an increase in need at our SVDP Food Pantry?

Yes! In January 2024, we handed out meat, eggs, canned goods and more to 1,139 individuals. In January 2025 we distributed food to 2,151 individuals. That is an 89% increase! Thank you for your food donations to assist us in this mission.

#### Where did the SVDP second collection envelope go?

Sadly, our dedicated monthly second collection for SVDP, Prince of Peace (POP) ended at the end of 2024. The familiar envelope that you recognize solely for SVDP POP has been eliminated. We now share a monthly envelope with three other ministries.

While we prayerfully support the other three ministries, the donations we have depended on over the years drastically dropped off in January and February 2025 due to this change. As a result, we have had to decrease the financial support to our neighbors in need. We fear that more neighbors will be evicted because it'll be more difficult for us to pay overdue rent and other expenses for our neighbors.

The new envelope is a plain white envelope with purple trim and is labeled, *"Parish Outreach Ministries"*. If you wish to continue your support of SVDP-POP, please use the new monthly envelope and indicate your intended support by checking the box on the opposite side of the envelope. An example of the envelope is below. Please note that there are two monthly collections in March 2025, because there aren't any collections in April 2025 for the "Parish Outreach Ministries".

You can also set up a one-time or monthly on-line donation to SVDP POP via <u>Online Giving - Prince of Peace</u>. If you have contributed online before, we will receive your gift as we have always received it.

Please note that any loose cash placed in the collection basket will be placed into a general Parish charity account to be used by the parish.

Thank you for your support of SVDP-POP; where we follow Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

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#### Do our visits with neighbors in need make a spiritual impact?

Last month, two of our Vincentians met with a man who was a little short for his rent and was about to be evicted. He was back to work and will have enough money to make rent in the future. We paid the balance that was due and prayed with him. The following week, one of our Vincentians who had met with him, saw him at mass. He came across the aisle, hugged her and thanked her for not only preventing his eviction, but reminding him of God's love for him. This neighbor in need had fallen away from the church, but now he wants to return to mass and give thanks. St Vincent de Paul was there for him and he was grateful.

We not only help our neighbors financially, but spiritually too. We are called as Vincentians to grow in holiness together.