

About us:



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul **Saint Maria Goretti Conference** is a volunteer-based charity group whose mission is to follow Jesus' commandment Matthew 37:39 "You should love your neighbor as yourself."

Saint Maria Goretti – SMG - Conference

SVdP SMG Conference assists those who have fallen upon times of hardship and personal crisis. We schedule home visits of two members to individuals and families that need necessities such as food, utility, and rental payments.

The role of the Vincentian is to provide financial assistance and be loving, supportive, and compassionate. It is through loving those in need that we meet Christ.

Our Conference is volunteer-based, and 100% of the donations received go to helping those in urgent need. We serve four zip codes in Arlington, TX: 76010, 76011, 76012, and 76013.

Who and how we help - Guidelines

As Vincentians, we have received the call to help and assist those in need. We are stewards of your financial gifts and contributions. We Pray to The Holy Spirit to be good administrators and to follow His guidance with all our decisions to help and assist our friends and neighbors.

When funds are available, we offer financial assistance to pay for rent, utilities, a limited amount for car repairs, and household storage (exceptions considered). We limit our help to each family to once per calendar year. We do not require filling up paperwork. We ask for a form of identification during the home visit. If the request is for rent, we need to see a copy of the lease agreement and obtain a copy of the Landlord's W-9, as mandated by the I.R.S. We require copies of the utility bills, or any other expense requested. We pay the service providers and will never hand money to our neighbors. We provide financial support to those families that have the means to support themselves in the months to come. We help those trying and showing interest in getting ahead of their present situation. We should always be considered the first step to self-sufficiency. **We are not to be guilty of enabling**, that is, aiding those not trying to help themselves.

We understand we are a bridge to a temporary and immediate solution, not a long-term assistance program. Please see our **local resources tab to find long-term solution providers**. All home visit reports get presented in our weekly scheduled meetings, and our members vote who to help based on the information gathered, the current balance in our bank account, and the number of pending cases for that week. We ask all our families requesting assistance to Pray for us so that we can provide them with the proper resolution to their current needs.

*"God will take care of things. You will be unable to make haste in this (choice) without, so to speak, grieving the heart of God, because He sees that you do not honor Him sufficiently with holy trust. Trust in Him, I beg you, and you will have the fulfillment of what your heart desires." **

***-St Vincent de Paul**

The SVDPSMG.ORG Online Resource Guide is a free tool to help individuals and families seeking assistance with existing resources that can help solve current needs. The page is similar to a springboard to re-direct towards the existing Non-Profit, Government, and well-being organizations and groups. Existing search engine tools provide information about a specific topic. The guide offers a holistic approach that lists resources that bridges families with multiple options. This guide is free to use, and the links exist in all search engines as free public domain entities. The website intends to bring benefits, relief, options, and alternatives to those seeking assistance.

***One candle at a time...Every day... One family in need...
Please pray for us, that we might bring Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors!***



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When Vincentians visit a family in need, The Holy Spirit is with them, therefore Jesus is present too!

Whether you hunger for food, love, friendship, or need housing, transportation, health insurance, or a job, we pray that the links and resources on this website offer guidance. We hope to make a difference to all our visitors, especially our friends and neighbors in dire need.