



Service to those who are poor!

WHO ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY? Sr. Judy Dusellier D.C.

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul were founded in Paris, France, in 1633. It was during that time that all religious communities were cloistered nuns (religious women who voluntarily chose to leave the mainstream society and live their life in prayer and contemplation often in a convent or monastery). **St. Vincent's vision was to have Daughters of Charity** visibly out in the streets ministering to those in need, carrying soup pots and bread to the hungry, visiting the sick in their homes, caring for the foundlings and ministering to the dying. The Daughters of Charity trace our American roots to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She began the work St. Vincent de Paul envisioned in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

As Daughters of Charity we consecrate ourselves to the Lord in order to serve the poorest and most vulnerable. We live in community for the sake of the mission. We share in common tasks of daily living placing our diverse gifts at the service of one another. We praise and thank God together at morning and evening prayer and we participate and are nourished daily by the Eucharist, meditation, rosary, common prayer and spiritual sharing.

We serve in 95 countries around the world, especially where there are no other Sisters to be of service to those in need. There are more than 600 Daughters of Charity ministering to the poor in the United States and Montreal; worldwide we are about 17,000. Our ministries include education, advocacy for persons living in poverty, immigration services, health care, foreign missions, pastoral and social ministry, projects for systemic change, the United Nations, NGOs, and other areas where we are needed.

Locally, the Daughters serve at Nativity Parish teaching ESL and serving on the pastoral staff, **St. Anthony's Parish ministering to the homeless in the soup kitchen, and preparing children** for First Communion, Ozanam Shelter, the SVDP Food Pantry and the SVDP Thrift store. **There are a couple of Sisters at St. Mary's Medical Center and St. Mary's Warrick Hospital. St. Vincent's Center for Children and Families has three Sisters working in "Betty's Boutique",** the on-campus Thrift Store. At Mater Dei High School a Sister accompanies junior high school students on their spiritual journey by offering a course on Spiritual Direction. Several Sisters work in various ministries on the west-side of Evansville on the Mater Dei /Seton campus in the areas of Administration, Vocations, Spiritual Direction, Art, Ladies of Charity and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our retirement home, Seton Residence, and our Retreat and Spirituality Center are also located at the Mater Dei/Seton Campus on New Harmony Road.

St. Louise de Marillac



On March 15th, the Daughters of Charity celebrated the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac. St. Louise was the co-foundress of the Daughters of Charity with St. Vincent de Paul. St. Louise engaged rich women to help assist with the foundlings, the sick and the destitute of her time. The women wore simple dresses and often walked to the homes of those in need. 381 years later, the same spirit of service remains throughout the Daughters of Charity. St. Louise is the Patroness of Social Workers.

St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance & Food Pantry
809 N Lafayette
Evansville, Indiana 47711
(812) 425-3485



Office of Emergency Assistance:
Open Monday – Friday
8:15 a.m. to Noon &
1:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
767 Walnut Street
Evansville, Indiana 47713
(812) 425-3148
Hours: Monday –Friday 9:00 AM–7:00PM
Saturday 9:00 AM –5:00 PM

Food Pantry:
Open Tuesday–Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Note: Referrals are issued Tuesday–Friday
from 8:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

Some Notes from the SVDP Food Pantry

During calendar year 2013 the SVDP Food Pantry served a **monthly** average of 2,800 persons in 1,130 different households. This much needed service in our local community is possible only because of many generous and caring people -- individuals who make donations; parishes and schools who have food drives and collections; gardeners who share their produce, etc. And then there are the volunteers -- over 100 of them -- who help in so many ways!

We are now “up and running” with our new food pantry computer program which links the six pantries in the Evansville Emergency Food Pantry Consortium. *(This service was formerly provided by United Way.)* This “linking” of pantries is important so that we can continue to have enough food to provide several days of groceries *(focusing on nutritious food items)* to low-income households who have need of food assistance. *(Eligibility is every 30 days.)* Over 20 capable people responded to our request in parish bulletins for volunteers for the new Consortium Call Center.

We are again participating in the Feinstein Challenge! The Feinstein Foundation gives away \$1,000,000 each year to anti-hunger agencies. It works this way: The donations we receive during the months of March/April *(including cash, checks and food/personal hygiene items -- which count as \$1 per item)* are tallied and the numbers sent to Feinstein. The Foundation will then divide the \$1,000,000 **proportionately** among all agencies responding. The higher our tally -- the higher our share! Special thanks to all who are donating during these two months -- more will be added!

For all who plan to attend the United Leasing Championship at Victoria National -- an official event of the PGA Tour -- (June 23-29) there is a way you can help out SVDP. Beginning April 1 and continuing through June 22, we will have the opportunity to raise money through the innovative **Old National Bank Golf Gives Back** program. All you need to do is visit www.ulcgolf.com to purchase your full-week pass and select **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** from the drop down menu of charitable options. The entire price of the ticket will be donated back to the pantry. You print your own ticket and head to Victoria National to watch some great golf! It's that simple!

Thank you for the many ways you support the food pantry ministry at SVDP! In the words of Dorothy Day: ***“If we all carry a little of the burden, it will be lightened. If we share in the suffering of the world, then some will not have to endure so heavy an affliction. We are children of God together.”***

Sr. Donna Marie Herr, OSB
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