

St Vincent De Paul Society

The Tranmere Parish Conference was established on January 14, 1935

Current Tranmere Conference Membership

President.....Chris Gillen

Mission

“The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that inspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, hope, justice and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.”

Our Actions

Understanding the Gospel message of serving those in need.

Striving to resolve the causes of poverty and disadvantage.

How do we do this?

Spiritual Refection

Whenever we meet, we begin with prayer and spiritual reflection.

We learn by reflecting on Gospel values and from sharing our faith experiences.

We try to bring Gospel values into our actions in helping the needy.

Community Action

This depends on the gifts, talents and circumstances of the individual members.

The central focus of Vincentians is to help people on a personal basis. Home visitation is an integral part of this.

We visit people who are homebound or in nursing homes and can provide transport.

We promote social justice issues in the Parish.

Corresponding with twinning parishes overseas.

We assist with Norwood and Campbelltown Vinnies Shops

Local Action

A person in need contacts the Society's head office. We are then provided with the person's details and we contact them to arrange a home visit. We assess the immediate needs and provide appropriate support. The emergency relief may be the provision of food for the family, clothing from the local Vinnies shop, or basic furniture items such as beds and chairs.

We encourage people to seek professional help to resolve the causes of their problems.

Sometimes the most valuable help we give is a listening ear and spending time with someone.

International Action

The Society is an international network of groups, called conferences.

The Society in Australia cooperates with the Society in the Asia/Pacific region to fight poverty.

The key programs are:

* Twinning Partnerships

Our Tranmere conference has **3** twinning partners in southern India.

* Self Help Projects

Our conferences support Self Help Projects that have been planned by our twinning partners.

These projects may involve water supply, micro-credit, farming projects, etc.

The key factor is that these projects are sustainable in the longer term.

* 'Assist a Student' scholarships

Annual scholarships valued at \$70 are provided to students in the Asia/Pacific region based on need. The students may be primary, secondary or tertiary.