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St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia

Read the 'St Vincent de Paul' section of the 'St Vincent de Paul Society fact book' and complete the following activities.

ACTIVITY 1 – TIMELINE

Using the timeline below, identify the key events in the life of St Vincent de Paul, paying particular attention to his practical responses to needs of the faithful.



ACTIVITY 2 – PRESENTATION

Choose one of the five individuals profiled in the 'St Vincent de Paul Society fact book'. Once you have chosen an individual, you are going to create a visual presentation (using PowerPoint, Prezi, Sway or another program approved by your teacher) that includes the following information:

- Basic biographical information (birth, death, family etc.)
- Significant achievements
- Identify two quotes from this person and explain their relevance to society today
- Identify this person's role in the creation of the St Vincent de Paul Society
- Identify two of the Catholic Social Teachings that this person demonstrated in their life and works. Explain how they demonstrated these teachings.
- Identify one spiritual work of mercy and one corporal work of mercy that this person demonstrated in their life and works. Explain how they demonstrated these works of mercy.
- Explain how the St Vincent de Paul Society today reflects the mission and values of this person.
- Relevant pictures/visuals

You can use the St Vincent de Paul Society fact book to help with your research, but you should also complete your own research to ensure you gather all the necessary information.



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ACTIVITY 3 – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND THE COMMUNITY

Use information from the 'St Vincent de Paul Society fact book' and from the 'Vinnies' website https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/ to complete the following activities.

What are some of the key ways that Vinnies contributes to the Australian community?

Why does Vinnies contribute to the Australian community in these ways?
(Hint: look at the mission and values sections of the fact book).

Choose one of the founders of the St Vincent de Paul Society and explain how their key values and messages are reflected in the mission, vision and values of the Society.

Brainstorm a list of needs that exist in your local community. They could be social, economic or environmental needs. List everything that you can think of and remember to focus on your local community.

SOCIAL	ECONOMIC	ENVIRONMENTAL

Rank the community needs you have listed above from most important to least important.



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Which need have you ranked as the most important in your community and why?

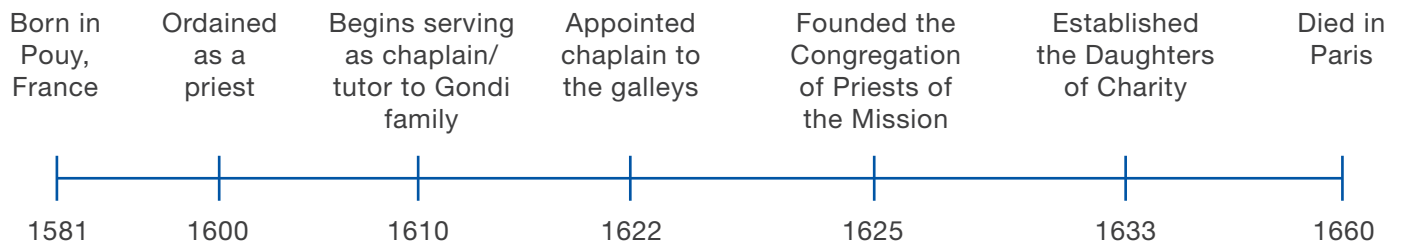
Read through the services provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society in the fact book. Identify how the St Vincent de Paul Society could help to meet some of the needs in your community.



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The St Vincent de Paul Society contributes to Australian society in a multitude of ways. The Society aims to give voice to those who are voiceless, standing with them and advocating for them.

By assisting those who are experiencing disadvantage in life, the St Vincent de Paul Society is contributing to a more cohesive society, decreasing the gap between those who are prosperous and those who are not.

Why does Vinnies contribute to the Australian community in these ways?

(Hint: look at the mission and values sections of the fact book)

The St Vincent de Paul Society contributes to the Australian community in these ways as it is an organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Vincentians are called to feed, clothe, house and assist those who are forced to the margins of society.

Choose one of the founders of the St Vincent de Paul Society and explain how their key values and messages are reflected in the mission, vision and values of the Society.

Student responses will vary depending on which founder is chosen.

