

## What we do Nationally

Our main work is the person-to-person contact with people who need support and assistance – whoever they are, wherever they are from, whatever their religious beliefs. We are involved in a wide range of activities:

- 1 . Visiting (in homes, in hostels, in hospitals, in prisons)
- 2 . Providing support and advice to people who contact us
- 3 . Running Breakfast Clubs and Homework Clubs for school children
- 4 . Providing support for the cost of education including language classes
- 5 . Running family resource centres and youth clubs
- 6 . Providing short holiday breaks for families, older people and young people
- 7 . Running over 100 thrift shops for clothing, furniture & household goods in Ireland
- 8 . Helping people access a range of social services
- 9 . Providing Day Care services
- 10 . Providing hostel accommodation and social housing

## Contact details:

Regional Office:

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Greenlawn, Killarney, Co. Kerry.  
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Tralee Area Office:

**Eileen McCarthy**,  
Friary Lane, Tralee.  
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### How to Join SVP & become a member?

e-mail [svdpkillarney@eircom.net](mailto:svdpkillarney@eircom.net) or just telephone **064 6622668** and if you can't get through leave a message with your details on it.

An **application form** will be sent to you with a **garda vetting form** and some information, when this is returned to the office, you will then be contacted by local members in your area.

# The Society of ST. VINCENT DE PAUL KERRY REGION

## Our International Mission:

- **Support & Friendship**
- **Promoting Self-Sufficiency**
- **Working for Social Justice**

*How it all started.....*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started in Paris by a young Frederick Ozanam, a university student, when he saw the homeless on the streets. He asked friends and family to help give out soup and blankets and give comfort to the cold and hungry he saw. St. Vincent de Paul was a great French saint who helped the poor and homeless also and he was chosen as the patron to the Society, hence the name.... find out more on [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

## St. Vincent de Paul in Kerry

**Home Visitation** (Annascaul, Ardfert, Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Ballyferriter, Ballyheigue, Ballylongford, Cahersiveen, Castleisland, Castletownbere, Cloghane, Dingle, Kenmare, Killarney, Killorglin, Knocknagoshel, Listowel, Lixnaw, Millstreet, Milltown, Moyvane, Rathmore, Tralee, Castlemaine and Boherbue/Kiskeam).

**Hospital Visitation** (Tralee, Killarney, Castleisland, Killorglin, Lixnaw, Knocknagoshel, Listowel, and Ballyferriter)

**Holiday Home** (The Towers, Ballybunion);

**Social Housing** (Killarney, Killorglin, Ballybunion);

**Day Care Centres** (Killorglin, Lixnaw, Listowel)

**Meals on Wheels** (Killorglin, Castleisland, Listowel)

**Shower Service** (Lixnaw)

**Laundry Service** (Killorglin, Lixnaw)

**SHOPS** (Tralee, Killarney, Castleisland, Killorglin, Listowel)

**Meeting rooms** (Tralee, Killarney, Castleisland, Killorglin, Lixnaw, Listowel)

**Fundraising** (All conferences & Vinnie's Army)

**Breakfast/Homework Clubs** (Killarney, Castleisland)

## Who are we?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) is a Christian voluntary organisation working against poverty & social exclusion. Our main purpose is to ensure that everyone has a means to participate in the life of their local community. We are one of Ireland's best known and most widely supported organisations of social concern and action. The SVP is the largest charity in Ireland.

## How we Work?

When you contact us (see our list of contacts on the back of this leaflet), then within an agreed period of time, and only with your permission will two volunteers call to see you again where you are living. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your particular problems with friendly people who are there to work with you to solve the problems you are having.

## What we can provide?

By providing vouchers for groceries our volunteers can give you some help towards the costs of essential items such as food, clothing and furniture in emergency situations. You can use these vouchers in a range of shops to purchase the items you need. They can also provide help with the costs of education for Children and adults as your own money can be re-dispersed to cover these costs. The SVP can also provide grants for education and other costs; however these requests have to be made on an case by case basis.

## What do we do if clients are in severe debt?

We can provide you with the names & contact numbers of other people who can help if you are in severe long term debt/financial trouble such as MABS ( Money Advice & Budgeting Service) who will then set up a budgeting plan for you to work your way out of debt. We will always be there also to help you or advise you along the way.

## What is expected of our members?

All our members are unpaid volunteers, local people from all sections of Society who do the work of the SVP in their own time. When requested, and only when requested, they visit you where you are living to provide support and assistance. When our members call you can expect:

- **Kindness & Courtesy**
- **Respect and acceptance of you as a person**
- **Practical help & Advice (e.g. Vouchers, hampers of food, referral to MABS/social welfare)**
- **Confidentiality**