

Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Patrick's Conference.

September 2012.

Dear Parishioners:

We thought we would like to give you an update of what is happening in our conference here at St. Patrick's. At all SSVP meetings all conference and council members are praying for the Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, who founded our society in 1883. You will find that prayer on the reverse of this page.

Did you know: one out of three children lack nutrition due to family finances, often go to school without breakfast, and one in six children lives below the poverty line where meals are skipped regularly? Many families in our community face these struggles on a daily basis. So far this year we have served an average of 43 people per month with food, and vouchers for Food Basics, made possible only through your assistance.

We are always grateful for your donations of money and food. Please keep in mind that we always need *peanut butter, juice, cereal, canned pastas, tuna and chicken, tinned potatoes, pasta and sauce, tea bags, cookies and coffee*. In fact, any non-perishable food item is welcome. We can also use *shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, razors and other toiletries*. When people are struggling, these 'luxuries' are the first things they give up.

This year again we will be announcing our fundraiser where you can sponsor a basket for a family at Christmas for \$50. As you know, we usually supply about 60 baskets. Look for news of this in an upcoming bulletin.

*We hope that we will be able to hold a coffee Sunday soon to meet and socialise with you, our fellow parishioners.

As always, thank you for your kindness.

SSVP Volunteers.

Pat Bartley, Veronica Cassidy, Marie McColgan, Paul Dillon, Lula and Frank Costantini, Anna Smyth, Clyde Head, Chris Esposito, Chris Porco and Lois Press our Spiritual Advisor.

*Sunday November 18th, 2012 after 10 a.m. mass

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

(In the hope of obtaining a miracle through his intercession)

Lord,

You made Blessed Frederic Ozanam a witness of the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church.

You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service of all who were suffering.

In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband and father.

In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching.

His vision for our society was a network of charity encircling the world and he instilled St. Vincent de Paul's spirit of love, boldness and humility.

His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his short life, together with the radiance of his virtues.

We thank you Lord, for those many gifts and we ask, if it is your will, the grace of a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world!

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.