

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### **Mission Statement**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

## **Our Lady of Grace Conference**

There has been a Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference at Our Lady of Grace parish since 1964. We operate as a registered charity, and we are funded by generous donations from parishioners as well as from our local Catholic schools. We provide emergency assistance to low-income individuals and families in Aurora, primarily in the form of grocery gift cards and through home visits. We also provide information on other community resources and sports available for individuals and families in need. Additional assistance that our conference provides included the Good Food Box (a monthly box of fresh produce), Christmas program and summer camp referrals.

We also partner with Welcoming Arms, the ecumenical organization that provides assistance to low-income individuals and families in Aurora. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides monthly financial support to Welcoming Arms as part of our parish partnership.

Our conference currently has 11 members, and we welcome new volunteers. Contact the parish office if you would like additional information. Our conference meets on the second Monday of each month, September through June.

#### **Donations:**

- Donations of Cash or Cheques can be placed in the SSVP donation boxes at the back of the church.
- Donations by Credit Card can be made via <u>CanadaHelps.org</u>. Tax receipts will be issued directly to you by Canada Helps.

# Donations by Interact e-Transfer can be made as follows:

- 1. Log into your online banking or mobile banking app and select your account
- 2. Select 'INTERACT e-Transfer'
- 3. Enter the email for Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Grace Conference:

### olgssvp@gmail.com

- 4. Enter the amount you would like to donate and a security question:
- 5. Use the security question: Town
- 6. Use the security answer: Aurora
- \*Income Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year directly from Our Lady of Grace SSVP.