



# Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

St. James Parish

231 Morden Road, Oakville ON L6K 2S2

## 2020 Annual Report

I am pleased to report that SSVP revenues reached \$28,591 in 2020, an increase of 43% over the same period the previous year. Throughout this past year, we have operated with strong and active volunteers engaged in the ministry of supporting families in our community.

### Our members at the end of 2020:

*Emmanuelle Ritson (President)*

*Marilyn Crowley (Treasurer)*

*Ash Alles*

*Raquel Flug*

*Brian Cavanaugh*

*Christina Rodriguez*

*Ann Schneider*

*Jacinta Pieterse*

*Lina Sakkab*

*Adrian Ratelle*

*Deacon Patrick Crowley (Spiritual Advisor)*

I wish to take this opportunity to thank them all for their generous contributions of time, talents and care. I also wish to thank Julie Buelow, Shirley Picard and Denise Brennan-Rieder who helped earlier in 2020.

As parishioners of St. James Parish, you have generously supported us and the families we serve. We are most grateful for your prayers and financial support. As you can imagine, we had to find new ways to support our neighbours in need this year, and the following summary of the help provided during 2020 reflect this:

- 31 families(58 adults and 31 children) were served;
- 160 home visits for assistance were performed;
- Over 50 wellness phone calls were made to support families;
- 1 family was supported to keep them from being evicted from their home;
- 20 children were provided with monies to purchase supplies before going back to school;
- 9 families were provided with gift certificates for Christmas shopping and food;
- We educated families on how to receive free food i.e. food banks, Food for Life sites;
- We assisted individuals with securing employment;
- We delivered prepared meals that were donated to us for families;
- Through the Ozanam Education Fund, we supported a student's dream of going to college;
- We provided funds for one child's major dental surgery;
- We provided support in completing government forms to apply for assistance;
- We directed people to community agencies to get help with whatever need they had; and
- We started the process of providing free computers to youth and adults, so they can keep studying, training, getting informed and getting help while confined to their houses;

Oakville is known as a wealthy community, yet we continue to be in touch with many people who are truly facing all kinds of financial and other hardships. On behalf of St James Parish, our volunteers' job is to do what we can to alleviate the stress on these families by sharing resources and assisting them in identifying and meeting their needs.

We thank you for believing in our ministry at SSVP. A copy of the financial report is attached. Please know we are always looking for new members to join our SSVP conference. Reach out to us, and we will welcome you.

Blessings!

Emmanuelle Ritson, President

**Saint Vincent De Paul  
St. James Conference  
For the Year Ended December 31**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
St. James Benevolent Fund - Cash	\$17,632	\$13,390
St. James Benevolent Fund - Gift Cards		525
SSVP Halton Particular Council	5,391	
SSVP Ontario	3,000	
Oakville Italian Club		2,000
Knights of Columbus	1,500	1,000
St. Thomas Aquinas High School	500	1,861
Halton Catholic District School Board	300	1,000
Individual Donations	268	194
Total Revenue	<u>\$28,591</u>	<u>\$19,970</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Gift Cards/Food Issued	\$12,454	\$9,200
Education Bursary	3,000	
Rent Payment Supplement	2,385	209
Household-Goods and Repairs		2,804
Christmas Program	1,900	2,400
Blood Work, Medication and Dental Assistance	1,500	933
Backpack Program	1,000	1,200
Cable, Utilities and Shopping Cart	456	1,543
Clothes	150	596
Office Supplies	122	70
Bank Charges and Other	13	174
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,980</u>	<u>\$19,129</u>
<b>Revenue in Excess of Expenses</b>	<u>\$5,611</u>	<u>\$841</u>