

Our members deal directly with individuals in need. Our primary ministry is food assistance. In emergencies and when funds are available, we also help to prevent neighbors' utility cut-off or eviction.

Monthly, we visit Haven for Hope. Also, we monitor faculty and student volunteers from the University of the Incarnate Word.

Food Ministry: □ Our SVDP Food Pantry distributes nourishing bags of food, but more importantly, volunteers offer a warm and respectful welcoming to those who come to the SVDP Window and referring our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to additional sources of aid.

Also, Volunteers order from and report to the San Antonio Food Bank, oversee delivery and stocking of supplies, pick up food donations from local vendors, and purchase items locally when the Food Bank supplies are not available.

Additionally, Volunteers direct periodic food drives from *St. Peter's School* and from the *University of the Incarnate Word*.

A special Bread Ministry picks up donated breads and desserts from a local HEB store at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

Haven for Hope Ministry: We have two branches to our Haven for Hope Ministry -- parish volunteers and UIW student/staff volunteers

(1) Parishioners leave from the parish parking lot at 4:15 the fourth Friday of each month for *Haven for Hope* where we serve dinner to homeless persons at *St. Vinny's Bistro*.

For more information, please call 829-2494 and leave a message for Kathleen Foreman.

(2) Students and staff of the *University of the Incarnate Word* leave the UIW campus at 6 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of each month to serve breakfast at *Haven for Hope's St. Vinny's Bistro*. □

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This SVDP endeavor has its roots in food ministries undertaken by St. Peter's SVDP since the 1950's. Formerly known as the *St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room*, *St. Vinny's* is located at Haven for Hope, near the SVDP Council offices that reside at Haven for

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-- an extensive campus that also helps able homeless people to transition into trained job-holders.

Emergency Assistance: In emergencies and when funds are available, we help to prevent neighbors' utility cut-off or eviction. We also network with other conferences to meet particular needs