



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BULLETIN REPORT – JULY 2022



We certainly have been busy the last couple of months.

Throughout July, answering the requests on our emergency phone line, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assisted eight individuals and ten families with food; four individuals and one family with rent; one individual and one family with hydro; one family with their gas (utilities) bill; and one family with car fuel.

The above information provides a list of statistics. However, as members of this ministry, we are privileged to experience the occasions of service that the numbers represent: offering food to two ailing seniors; giving rent assistance to a single senior living in a single room and facing eviction; finding shelter for a young woman leaving an abusive relationship; supporting with groceries a single mom of two young children; paying hydro arrears for two grandparents, whose two full-time minimum wages don't cover the bills or provide food for their grandchildren whom they care for.

As the price of utilities and essentials such as milk and bread rise, so too, rise the needs of the vulnerable in our society and the busyness of our phone line. Our assistance is the meaning of our ministry and thus makes our ministry meaningful.

As God the Father spoke to St. Catherine of Siena, in *The Dialogues*: "I have placed you in the midst of your fellows, that you may do to them that which you cannot do to Me, that is to say, that you may love your neighbor of free grace, without expecting any return from him, and what you do to him, I count as done to Me."

Anne Stancek
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