



World Day of the Poor - Tools for Members

November 17 is fast approaching! What is happening on November the 17th? It is the World Day of the Poor, an invitation by Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Mercy and Peace (Misericordia et misera)*.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in a perfect position to promote the World Day of the Poor. That special day is also a great opportunity for the Society to:

- increase the visibility of SSVP activities,
- make known the mission of the SSVP,
- foster closer ties between Vincentians and parishioners during Eucharistic celebrations, to live the message of the Gospel together by serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy,
- recruit new members and
- conduct campaigns to raise fund or collect non-perishable food items in support of Vincentian work.

You will find on this page the tools that you may use as is, or adapt according to your conference, store or outlet needs.

1. World Day of the Poor Campaign Guide for members: [World Day of the Poor Guide](#)

Available in this guide:

- Campaign blueprints, for a conference or store/outlet;
- Text for a parish speech;

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides material help (non-perishable food, clothes, accessories, furniture) to more than 350,000 persons in need on a yearly basis in Canada.

The Society also provides assistance to refugees, immigrants, and to northern communities. Help the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul assist people who are in a situation of poverty.

On November 17, **World Day of the Poor**, let your gift assist persons in need by visiting www.ssvp.ca/donation

For more information please visit our website: www.ssvp.ca or call: 1 866 997-SSVP

To make a donation please contact us:

1,600,000 volunteer hours from our 14,000 members

We help more than 100,000 children and more than 100,000 adults each year.

Food banks, soup kitchens, meals for homeless

Friendly visits: homes, hospitals, prisons

Every summer, we ship sea containers to 14 northern Canadian communities in need.

Text for a parish bulletin.

2. World Day of the Poor posters and prayer cards - [Click here to order online](#)

- [Letter format \(8 ½" x 11"\)](#)
- [Legal format \(8 ½" x 14"\)](#)
- [Tabloid format \(11" x 17"\)](#)
- [Prayer card 3"x5" \(to print double-sided\)](#)
- [Prayer card 3.5"x8.5" \(3 per sheet\)](#)

The files are in PDF format, you can print at home and add your contact information, or order online [here](#).

3. Presentation about the campaign:

- [PowerPoint presentation with animation in loop mode](#)
- [Video of the PowerPoint presentation \(MP4\)](#)