



# Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam

## Legacy Society

For almost two centuries, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has helped members grow in holiness by cultivating their love for those in need. Following the example set by our patron saint, the Society joins prayer with action in meeting the suffering of the world with compassion.

The ongoing support of true “servant leaders” like you allows SVdP to serve more than 4 million people annually in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the United States. From homelessness prevention to disaster relief to food pantries to Home Visits, your generosity has helped us make a difference on every level in the lives of those who need it most. Each new opportunity to serve our neighbor is an opportunity to serve Christ.

**You could make the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul part of your life's legacy** — and help ensure that SVdP continues to touch lives for many years to come — by becoming a member of our **Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam Legacy Society**.

# The Story of Frédéric & Amélie



In 1833, Antoine Frédéric Ozanam was a young academic living in Paris, troubled by the suffering of the poor he saw all around him. Inspired to help, Frédéric invited five of his peers to join him in a new endeavor — a Conference of Charity dedicated to serving those in need. Shortly after founding this group, which would

soon become the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frédéric met and married Amélie Soulacroix.

The young couple had only 12 happy years together before Frédéric's life was tragically cut short by illness. But the impact of Frédéric's ministry had just begun. His helpmate in life as well as in death, Amélie spent the next 40 years of her life collecting and publishing her husband's writings. Thus, the impact of Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the legacy of the young man who founded it continue to live on through those who, like Amélie, commit their lives to serving those in need.

The sincere partnership between Frédéric & Amélie lasted beyond their lifetimes. Their legacy continues to be felt today. By joining the Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam Legacy Society, you too can take part in this lasting legacy of service.

## How to Make the Society of St. Vincent de Paul a Part of Your Legacy

*"We are here today because of the Vincentians that came before us. We have served in the United States for more than 175 years and God-willing — and with your help, of course — we will still be here in 175 years."*

**Ralph Middlecamp,**  
Former President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to be "a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

**Christ told us that those in need will always be with us.** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wants to ensure that they encounter Christ's love through charity. If SVdP USA has touched your life, would you prayerfully consider making us a part of your enduring legacy by including SVdP USA in your estate plans and joining our Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam Legacy Society?

You can ensure that this ministry lives on — and that our legacy allows the next generation of Vincentians to continue this mission and develop a lifetime of spiritual growth through Christ-like service.



**There are many ways you can include SVdP USA in your legacy. Speak with your financial advisor to determine which best fits your family's situation and needs! They include:**

**1** Designating SVdP as a beneficiary of a financial account:

- Retirement Plan
- Life Insurance Policy
- Charitable Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Donor Advised Fund
- Other Account

**2** Including SVdP USA in your will or trust by inserting a provision containing our legal name and federal tax ID:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in Maryland Heights, MO, Tax ID # 13-5562362, or its successor organization (% of my estate/item/asset/amount or residual amount) to be used (choose one of the following):

- for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction.
- for (designated purpose). If at any time it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above designated purpose, National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc. shall use my gift for a purpose and in a manner that it determines most closely meets the above designated purpose."



# Benefits of Society Membership

Just as the legacy of St. Vincent de Paul's charitable spirit lived on long after his own time, shaping the lives of Frédéric, Amélie, and of all Vincentians, so too can **your generosity leave a legacy that lasts lifetimes**. Benefits include:

- Peace in the knowledge that you are continuing SVdP's mission of helping the poor.
- A legacy of supporting future generations of Vincentians serving neighbors in need in communities across the country.
- Belonging to a special community of benefactors united in prayer and faith.
- Generosity that does not reduce your income, nor diminish your savings.
- Setting an example of generosity and service for your heirs, while potentially minimizing their taxes as well.

If you decide to join your legacy with ours, please make sure to let us know so that we can personally welcome you and thank you for your generosity!

In the words of St. Vincent de Paul, "*Charity is infinitely inventive.*" The lasting generosity of members of the Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam Society ensures that SVdP will continue finding new ways to help those in need for decades to come.

To learn more about joining the Frédéric & Amélie Ozanam Legacy Society and making the Society of St. Vincent de Paul a part of your personal legacy, you can contact:

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