

## St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Bulletin Report – February 2021

St. Louise de Marillac was the co-founder, with St. Vincent de Paul, of the Daughters of Charity, an order which served the needs of the vulnerable within Parisian society during the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Here is one of her prayers from her spiritual writings: a guide for the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as we strive to imitate the way of Jesus:

### **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**

**Lord help me to imitate your way of loving and acting:**

**You said that you had come upon earth to serve not to be served.**

**Teach me to show great gentleness towards all,**

**To imitate your goodness in welcoming them.**

**Like you, I want to love tenderly to be respectful to all those I meet,**

**To be affable and gentle to those in the greatest need.**

**Lord, teach me to maintain always great esteem for my neighbour,**

**Your life on earth, your death and resurrection bear witness to your love for all.**

Throughout February, through our SSVP emergency phone line, we assisted 18 single adults and 14 families with food; three single adults and two families with rent; one single adult and two families with hydro; one senior with a bill for home assistance; and two single adults with medication not covered by OHIP.

We were able to return to the distribution of our Friendship Take-out Dinner in the church parking lot. On Feb. 24, we served 55 people and we look forward to two dinners in March.

During Lent, the members of SSVP reflect on our role of service to those in need – to everyone – as we strive to “love tenderly,” be “affable and gentle,” and show “great esteem” for all.

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