

## Who are the people?

So, who are Frédéric Ozanam, St Vincent de Paul and St Frances of Rome??

### Frédéric Ozanam (1813-1853)

Frédéric Ozanam was a French scholar, lawyer, journalist and equal rights advocate. He founded the Society of St Vincent de Paul when he was a 20-year-old university student in Paris, in 1833. He chose to name his new group after St Vincent de Paul (below), in recognition of the latter's beliefs and activities. Ozanam was beatified in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.



Wikipedia link:

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### St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)

Vincent de Paul was a Parisian priest, ordained in 1600. He pursued charitable works over a wide area, setting up missions and colleges, and established the Confraternities of Charity in 1617 to attend the poor and sick. He was also instrumental in establishing, with Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity, a non-cloistered order of women, to minister to the poor. He was canonized in 1737. In so many ways, his organization was the fore-runner of Ozanam's, and the use of his name by Ozanam seems only fitting.



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