

## Activity: SSVP Quiz

### Round 1:

1. St Vincent de Paul is the patron of the SSVP. He inspired Frederic Ozanam and his friends to start the SSVP. St Vincent de Paul is also the patron of charity.
2. Up until the 1970's, this was the case. Now, over 50% of SSVP members (volunteers) are women.
3. The SSVP is worldwide!
4. It started in 1833 in France, and came to Scotland in 1845.
5. Definitely! There are Mini Vinnies in primary schools, Youth SSVP in secondary schools and lots of young people involved in parishes and projects across the country.
6. There are roughly 800,000 members.
7. The SSVP exists in 155 countries (as of July 2019). That is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all countries in the world where people can themselves SSVP members. In 2018 the CGI announced to the worldwide Vincentian community that two Conferences had been founded in Cyprus. The Conference St. Joseph of the Apparition was created in the city of Larnaka, and the Conference Holy Mary was founded in the town of Nicosia. At the start of 2019, CGI were able to announce that the Society has an active presence in 155 territories with the formation of a Conference in the Cayman Islands. The CGI intends to reach new areas like Gabon, Morocco, Cape Verde and Greece to mention just a few countries.

### Round 2:

1. A.
  - The fish is the symbol of Christianity and, in this case, represents the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.
  - The eye of the fish is the watchful eye of God seeking to help the poor among us.
  - The crossing at the tail or the tie-knot represents unity and oneness among members and also the union with the poor.
  - The circle around the logo signifies the worldwide nature of the SSVP.
  - The words *serviens in spe* mean *to serve in hope*, the hope that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. B.

Frederic Ozanam started the SSVP with 5 friends at the University of Sorbonne in Paris. They were challenged by some students who did not believe that Frederic and his friends' Catholic faith was relevant. They challenged them 'Show us your works'. This led the group to help a small number of families by taking them firewood. When they were delivering the firewood though, they realised that the families did not just need the firewood, they also needed a friend; a listening ear. The need to help people materially is still necessary now, but the need for social and spiritual support is just as important.



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### Round 3: Video Round

- 1) Person to person
- 2) Vincentian – this is everyone who is inspired by or founded by St Vincent de Paul. This includes the SSVV, the Daughters of Charity, Vincentian parishes, and Vincentian universities to name a few.
- 3) a) Continuing prayer (deepening faith)  
b) Meeting with Christ through the poor
4. No! Members always strive to get people to a point where they can help themselves, or to get through a difficult time.
5. False! Examples from around the world- health, agriculture, education, housing, employment support, help for the elderly and disabled.

