

Activity: Vincentian Values PowerPoint

Curriculum for Excellence (Linking to the four capacities):

Successful Learners:	Confident Individuals:	Responsible Citizens:	Effective Contributors:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn independently and as part of a group Make reasoned evaluations Link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relate to others and manage themselves Develop and communicate their own beliefs and view of the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand different beliefs and cultures Make informed choices and decisions Develop informed, ethical views 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate in different ways and in different settings Apply critical thinking in new contexts

Learning Objectives:

- 1) To identify the Vincentian values
- 2) To explain how we live out Vincentian values

Notes:

This Is Our Faith:

In the image of God:

- I can describe how the Christian vision of the dignity of the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, is grounded in humanity being relational, rational, creative and having free-will.

Son of God:

- I have developed my knowledge of Jesus as our Saviour (unique mediator of salvation) and I have reflected upon, and can describe, how this has affected my own, and others' belief in Jesus.

Signs of God:

- I have explored the understanding that the Sacraments are uniquely significant and efficacious encounters with Jesus and I have reflected upon the application of the term "sacrament" to the church.
- I can describe how the Holy Spirit unites the Church to the life and mission of Christ and how the gift of communication can bear fruit in the world through the Church.

Hours of God:

- I have explored how prayer, ritual and worship are a part of the human response to life and can explain their importance within the life of a Christian in building a relationship with the living God.

Reign of God:

- I have reflected on Church Teaching and I can describe how this has affected my understanding of my value as a person, my awareness of the needs of others and my willingness to contribute to the service of the common good.

Slide	Notes	Possible Questions?
1	Have the question 'why did you choose to join SSVP youth?' displayed on the board as young people enter. Encourage them to think quietly on their own to begin with and then share their ideas with each other before feeding back as a group.	
2	Introduce topic of the PowerPoint- Vincentian Values	
3	Read the scenario 'It is Monday morning, you are sat on a busy bus and see an old lady getting on board looking for a seat.' Question the group on what they would do and why. This could be done individually, in pairs or as a collective group.	
4	Explain to the group that how we act and what we do comes from what is important to us and that this is part of our values.	What do we mean by the word values? What values are important to you?
5	Introduction of Vincentian values. Just as we as individuals, as a friendship group, as a school or as a community have values. The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) also has values. These values underpin the work we do as a Society. By joining SSVP Youth, you have joined a large family called the Vincentian Family, because the person who started it was St Vincent de Paul. He was helped by woman called Louise de Marillac.	Can you think of any potential Vincentian values? What values do you express in the work you do for SSVP?
6	<p>In order to understand the Vincentain values fully, it is crucial we are aware of the story behind SSVP. SSVP was started in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam who along with his friends identified a need to help the poor people in Paris. They chose the name "The Society of St Vincent de Paul" because they were inspired by Saint Vincent, who had devoted himself to helping the poor people of France about 200 years earlier.</p> <p>The story began in Chatillon in Eastern France. St. Vincent was preparing for the Sunday service when he was told of a family dying of starvation because they were too ill to work. During the service, moved by compassion, he asked the congregation to respond. Later, on the way to visit the family he met many others who had already taken them food. He realised, "there is great charity but no organisation". So he set up a local parish based Charity to ensure continuity and quality of care, giving clear instructions about the values and attitudes necessary for good care. This became a model for similar groups which spread throughout France. Louise de Marillac who lived in Paris set up a group there. St. Vincent recognised her skills and later</p>	



	sought her help in monitoring the quality of the many charities springing up. This led to the development of a great variety of works to help poor people.	
7	The work that Vincent and Louise de Marillac conducted expanded to all areas of society. The elderly, children, prisoners, poor families and people with learning disabilities to name but a few. Within SSVP it is well known that No poverty was alien to Vincent and Louise, they worked with the poor and for them, making sure their cries echoed in the corridors of power...	
8	Throughout their lives Vincent and Louise de Marillac modelled a range of key values and acted in these ways. Go through the different values and acts.	<p>Do any of these values and actions resonate with you?</p> <p>Can you think of an example of when you or someone you know has acted in any of these ways?</p>
9	SSVP is part of the Vincentian Family- these are related groups which have been founded by followers of St. Vincent. More information can be found at famvin.org	
10	Introduction of Vincentian values- the 5 values we live out in the work we do for SSVP.	Ask for definitions of words to ensure fully understanding e.g. compassionate, solidarity dignity.
11	<p>We believe that all people should be free to live full and dignified lives. We also believe that the people who are the poorest in our society are our priority. As a Vincentian organisation, we are committed to playing our part in changing the negative ways in which society views people who are living in poverty. Our aim is to create opportunities to enable the least privileged people to thrive and for each to have the opportunity to fulfil his or her potential.</p> <p>In Scotland 20% of people are living in relative poverty after housing costs. This is on the rise as can be seen from the graph. In 2018 there were 230,000 children and 140,000 pensioners living in poverty.</p> <p>For those 230,000 children these are just some of the effects of poverty and how it feels to them. Adults experience very similar feelings and issues. It has been reported that the personal cost of living in poverty can have the following impacts: (Employability in Scotland, 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • becoming isolated from family and friends • lacking hope and feeling powerless and excluded with little control over the decisions that affect your day to day life • lacking information about the supports and services available to you 	What do you think are the effects of living in poverty?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having problems in getting your basic needs met and accessing decent housing, health services and schools and life long learning opportunities • living in an unsafe neighbourhood with higher levels of crime and violence and poor environmental conditions or in a remote and isolated rural area • going without basic necessities because you may not be able to afford essential utilities like heat and electricity or to buy healthy food or new clothing or to use public transport • living from day to day with no savings or reserves for times of crisis such as losing a job or falling ill and thus falling into debt • being exploited and forced into illegal situations • experiencing racism and discrimination • being unable to participate in normal social and recreational life such as going to the cinema or sports events or visiting friends or buying birthday presents for family members <p>Information: Impacts of Poverty (2019) Available at: http://www.employabilityinscotland.com/barriers/poverty/what-you-should-know-about-tackling-poverty/impacts-of-poverty/ [Accessed on: 29th May 2019].</p>	
12	We believe that each person has incalculable worth, and must be treated by others accordingly. We are born equal and are all part of the same human family. As people, our manner, our attitude and our enthusiasm and commitment are some of the best ways to show dignity towards others. Showing others dignity and respect is about ensuring people feel their identify and value as a human being is respected. Showing dignity could be shown as simply as addressing the person properly or through enabling choice and handling situations carefully.	
13	We believe that kindness and compassion are fundamental attitudes that enable us to carry out our service.	How can we show kindness and compassion?
14	<p>St. Vincent and Louise practiced a leadership style that respected people's capabilities and strengths, and equipped them to find their own solutions- not "doing for", but enabling them to do for themselves.</p> <p>We work with people to facilitate change and to use their potential to transform their lives and society.</p> <p>Vincentians endeavor to help the poor to help themselves whenever possible, and to be aware that they can forge and change their own destinies and that of their local community.</p> <p>Conferences do not wish poverty to exist. For this reason, it is implied that they fight against this</p>	Why is "not doing for" an important aspect of Vincentian values?

	<p>unjust situation. Nevertheless, the poor should be the ones to find their own path. We, Vincentians, will accompany them wherever they wish to go. Promoting self- sufficiency and the awareness by those who suffer, that they have the ability to overcome suffering, is a basic task which can never be given up by Vincentians.</p>	
15	<p>We aspire to a society in which poverty is eradicated and the voices of poor people are heard and acted on. We want to ensure that people are not deprived of the conditions they need to be able to choose to live well, according to their own beliefs, values and aspirations.</p> <p>SSVP Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a member of the Poverty Alliance • Supports the 'Give Me Five' campaign to increase child benefit by £5 • Is a Living Wage Employer • Is a member of Scottish Fair Trade Forum 	
16	<p>As Vincentians, we focus on these key areas: Charity, Empathy, Simplicity, Justice and Spirituality.</p> <p>These values and the Vincentian mission underpin the work we do as a Society here in Scotland and internationally. They also connect us to other Vincentian organisations around the world.</p>	
17	<p>At SSVP here in Scotland our young people live out these Vincentian values through Mini Vinnies, SSVP Youth and 1833 groups.</p> <p>Young members keep the Society young. Your experience in your community of faith and love and your exposure to poverty deepens your spirituality and spurs you into action, which helps you to grow as human beings.</p>	
18	Prayer	

