

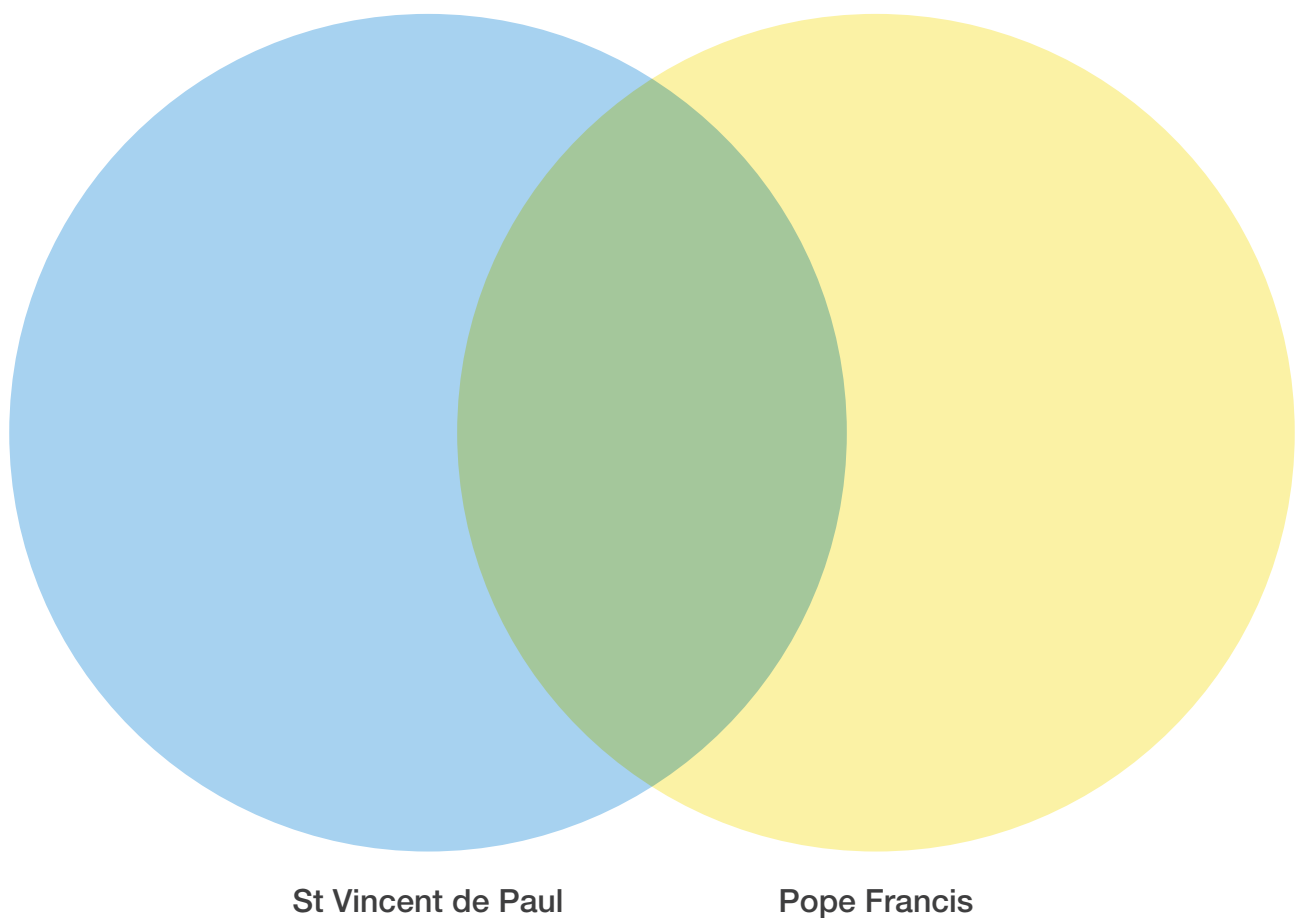
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# The St Vincent de Paul Society

## ACTIVITY 1 – ST VINCENT DE PAUL THE REFORMER

Read the 'short biography of St Vincent de Paul' in the 'St Vincent de Paul Society fact book'. Using information from the fact book, as well as your own research, explain how St Vincent de Paul reformed the church. In your response, consider St Vincent de Paul's motivations and actions.

Using the venn diagram below, compare the motivations and actions of St Vincent de Paul to Pope Francis, a modern-day reformer. You will need to complete your own research for this task.



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## ACTIVITY 2 – MESSAGES OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Choose a St Vincent de Paul quote from the fact book or find one here:

<http://vincentians.com/en/quotes-collection/vincent-paul-quotes/>

Write the quote you have chosen below.

Explain the meaning of this quote and how it may be relevant today.

Create a logo, bookmark, poster or another visual item for the St Vincent de Paul Society, using your chosen quote as an essential element.

## ACTIVITY 3 – ‘FAKEBOOK’ PROFILE

Go to <https://www.classtools.net/FB/home-page> and create a ‘fakebook’ profile for St Vincent de Paul. Your profile should include biographical information, friends, pictures, likes and posts.

## ACTIVITY 4 – ENCYCLICAL

1. Research one of the topics of homelessness, poverty, asylum seekers/refugees, Indigenous Australians or environmental sustainability using the fact books. Alternatively, you may wish to address a different social issue, but you will need to complete your own research for this.
2. You are going to take on the role of the Pope and write an encyclical on the topic you have researched. An encyclical is a Church document written by the Pope, usually in response to a significant societal issue. Encyclicals are often addressed to all Catholic faithful.
3. Your encyclical will have a different audience, as instead of addressing all Catholic faithful, you will be addressing your school community.
4. Your encyclical must include the following elements:
  - a. A brief introduction to the issue
  - b. Analysis of the causes and effects of the issue
  - c. How we should respond to the issue (mention at least two Catholic Social Teachings)
  - d. Quotations from scripture, Popes or Saints which support your view
  - e. A call to action for the school community
5. Your encyclical can be typed up or written in your book.



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St Vincent de Paul was one of the Church’s great reformers in the 17th century. In 1625, he established the Congregation of Priests of the Mission to evangelise rural populations as well as to train priests to combat a priest shortage. He also, along with St Louise de Marillac, established the Daughters of Charity, the first congregation of religious women who worked among the poor, the sick and prisoners. During his time, St Vincent de Paul was also a strong opponent of Jansenism, a belief that was threatening the traditional Catholic Church at the time.

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