

## **STELLA MARIS CHURCH MINISTRIES**

### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is an international organization with headquarters in Paris, France. Inspired by St. Vincent DePaul (a Roman Catholic Priest who dedicated his life to serving the poor), Blessed Frederick Ozanam, a French University student, along with other students, founded this charitable organization in 1833. Today, the Society exists in 132 countries.

Our Ministry is to provide care and assistance to the poor, sick and needy in our Parish. Over the years we have been providing grocery packages and cash grants to approximately forty families monthly. We also assist students with school fees, books, uniforms and lunch money. Medicine, assistance with transportation for medical services, funeral grants and housing material are also provided. There is a "Start in Life" programme, through which a nominal amount is provided to enable the individual to start a self-help project. We also support and assist the Ozanam Home on Mannings Hill Road.

Our present membership is Twenty (24) with 1 donor member and one honorary member. Anyone interested in being a part of the Ministry is invited to contact the Parish office for further details. We look forward to you being a part of our Ministry.