



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

“Dignitas Florentis”

The Dignity of Flourishing

“... through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us...”

Canticle of Creation. St Francis of Assisi

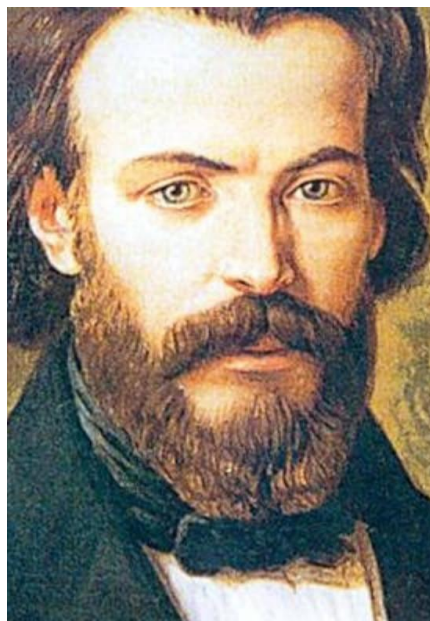
“This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.”

Laudato Si. Pope Francis

The Vincentian spirituality is the hallmark of what leads our mission in caring for the most vulnerable in society, and this calls us to be servant leaders which embraces the founding story of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Social Teaching Principles and a call to action for social justice.

With human flourishing at the core of the Vincentian mission it is imperative for us to ensure our commitment to our common home is prioritised and that we recognise that those who are the most vulnerable are those who are most impacted by the cry of the earth.

This is to align with the global Catholic vision to care for our common home, to live out our mission for a more just and compassionate society and to honour Pope Francis’s life and legacy, to carry forward the values he lived by - embracing the vulnerable, caring for our shared planet, and standing for the dignity of every person.



**“IN MY LIFE I WANT TO
BECOME BETTER, AND
DO A LITTLE GOOD.”**

– Blessed Frederic Ozanam
Founder, St Vincent de Paul Society

 **Vinnies**

The Society in NSW has always been connected to recycling and reuse environmental practices since its first Centre of Charity in 1922 and the retail arm of the Society that we see today in our Vinnies Shops and broader commercial enterprise. Today we have many active functions for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) responsibilities organisational wide.

Our commitment to sustainability is etched within our very DNA, guided by our principles in Catholic Social Teaching and our core mission to care for the most vulnerable we are bringing our sustainability practices together to be **intentional** on our progress, make **visible** our commitments and **measure** our impact in sustainability, caring for our common home, and its links to the core work of the Society.