



## Mini Vinnies new starter meetings

### Meeting 6: Frédéric Ozanam: The man behind the SVP

#### Aim of session:

- To turn their concern into action with preparation for their first project.
- To learn about some of the other branches of the SVP.
- To prepare for linking with another branch of the SVP in some way.

#### What you will need for the meeting:

- *The Man Behind the Society* presentation
- Blessed Frédéric Ozanam worksheet
- Pens and pencils
- *Minutes of the Meeting* template for the Secretary (see website)
- A reading or reflection chosen by one of the children or the scripture for the forthcoming Sunday from the *MV Spiritual Reflection* guide

#### Procedure:

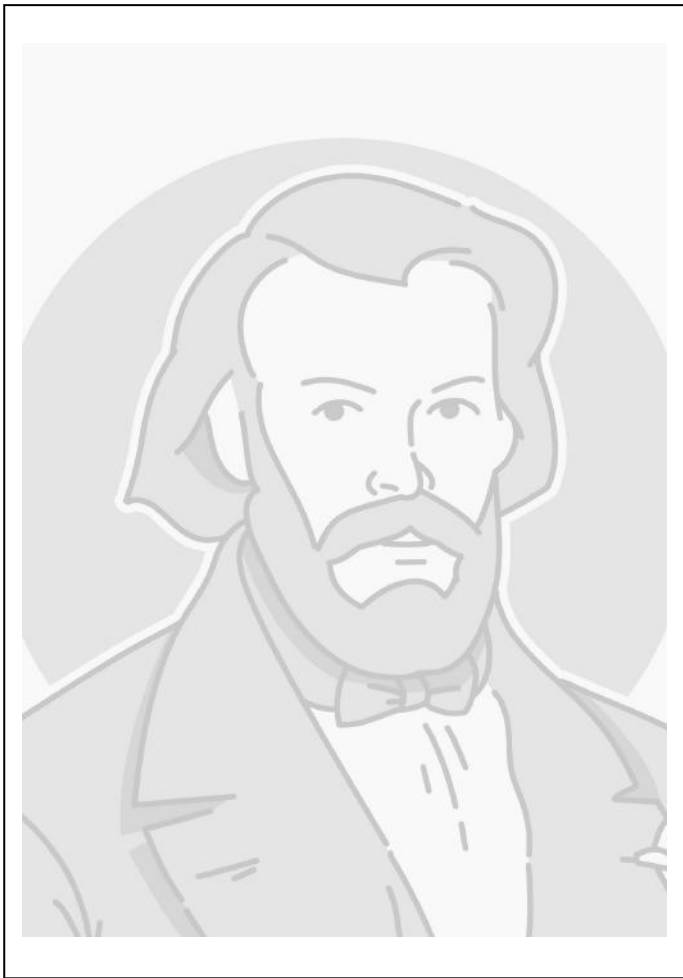
- The President starts the meeting with an opening prayer. This could be from the Mini Vinnies handbook or prayer book.
- One of the children shares the reflection chosen for this meeting. You could reflect on a quote from Blessed Frédéric Ozanam from the slides and gather some thoughts and feelings about it.
- The Mini Vinnies discuss what acts of kindness they have been doing since the last meeting. Ensure minutes are being taken by the Secretary.
- Explain to the children that during this meeting they are going to learn a little bit more about the the person who started the SVP and why he did it.
- Show the children the PPT and get them to comment on his life.
- The children can complete their worksheet, which they could display on the Mini Vinnies board, or stick into a scrap book for their time in the Mini Vinnies.
- We need to continue the great work of Frédéric. Get the children to make a list of the needs there might be in their school and how they could help. You could help by giving them a few examples to get them started:

Friendship bench- Is there a space that could be identified in the playground where Mini Vinnies can befriend children who are feeling lonely at playtime?

Calm boxes - what could you collect to put together to create calm boxes for children that want some quiet time at playtime?

- The President brings the meeting to an end with a closing prayer. Don't forget to schedule in the next meeting.





Blessed Frédéric  
Ozanam

Founder of

Feast day



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