



Mini Vinnies new starter Meetings

Meeting 7: Strong women of the SVP

Aim of session:

- To share with the Mini Vinnies a bit more about the women of the SVP who supported both St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.
- Plan a call to action to celebrate inspiring women in the lives of the Mini Vinnies.

What you will need for the meeting:

- *Strong Women of the SVP presentation*. Print facts about the women double-sided for a jigsaw reading activity
- St Louise de Marillac and Blessed Rosalie Rendu worksheets
- *Celebrating Inspiring Women* worksheet
- Pens and pencils
- *Minutes of the Meeting* template for the Secretary (see website)
- A reading or reflection chosen by one of the children. This could be related to the theme of the session

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 quotes from St Louise and Blessed Rosalie Rendu on the slides and gather some thoughts and feelings about those.
- 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 two women who have inspired the SVP.
- Give pairs of children the printouts about the two women and tell them to focus on one each in their pair. Once they've read about the women, they can share what they have learned with each other about them and make some notes on their fact sheets.
- A great call to action in this meeting is to make a card for a woman they know who inspires them. These can be decorated and taken away to give to those people. An alternative action could be to get the children to bring in some pictures of inspiring women to create a collage in school around the quotes of our influential women in the SVP. This would be a great activity to do in class around the time of International Women's Day (March).
- The President brings the meeting to an end with a closing prayer. Don't forget to schedule in the next meeting.



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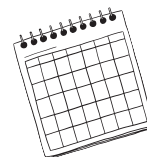
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St Louise de Marillac

Patron saint of

Feast day



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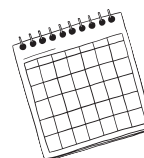
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Blessed Rosalie Rendu

Link to the SVP

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Celebrating inspiring women

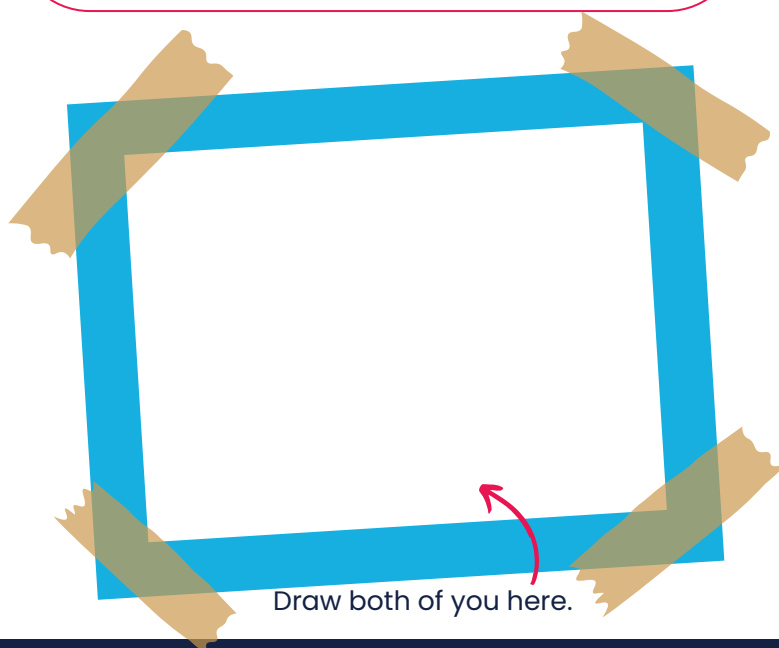
Today in our Mini Vinnies meeting we learned about two inspiring women who have been a big part of the SVP,

St Louise de Marillac and **Blessed Rosalie Rendu**.

The award below is just for you as you are an inspiration to me.

You inspire me because...

Award for...



Draw both of you here.



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