



The St. Peter Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul

St. Peter Catholic Church Society of St. Vincent de Paul partners with Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty and holds classes called "Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World." The 11-week class is designed to give the participants (they are called investigators in the class) the tools to improve their financial stability. If the participant completes the class they get a \$300 Visa card at the end. St. Peters provides the facility, meals and the books needed for the class. After hosting a few of these classes we have observed the investigators leave with hope and confidence that they can improve their state of life.

One portion of the class is designated to giving back to the community. One of the St. Peter SVdP Bridges Out of Poverty graduates, Charles Dutil found a way to do just that. Supermercado and Family Fare Grocery Stores have a program called Direct Your Dollars. For every \$10,000 in receipts collected, you can put in for a \$1000 check to be given to the charity of your choice. Charles faithfully goes up to the local Supermercado grocery store every evening collecting receipts that people have thrown away. He calls it "God's collection basket". He tallies all the receipts and has a very meticulous way

of organizing them. It takes a lot of time, but he enjoys it. He says, "It gives him something to do." St. Peter Society of St. Vincent Vincent de Paul helped Charles recently with his rent, when he fell behind during COVID. Charles decided to give back to St. Peter SVdP with his charity work. We were thrilled to get the \$1000 check. It will go a long way in helping others in the community financially. This is the 3rd time Charles has collected enough receipts to give back to his community.

Your donations to St. Peter Catholic Church Society of St. Vincent de Paul help us help those that need a lift up. https://stpeterchurch.net/st_vincent_de_paul_society



Walter Garcia - Program Specialist Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty, Les Watermeier - Manager of Family Fare Grocery Store in Bellevue, Cindy Engelkamp - President St. Peter Church Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Charles Dutil - Graduate of Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty. Photo taken by Samantha.Rae Photography.

You can help! Save your receipts and put them in the baskets located in the back of the church and in O'Brien Hall!