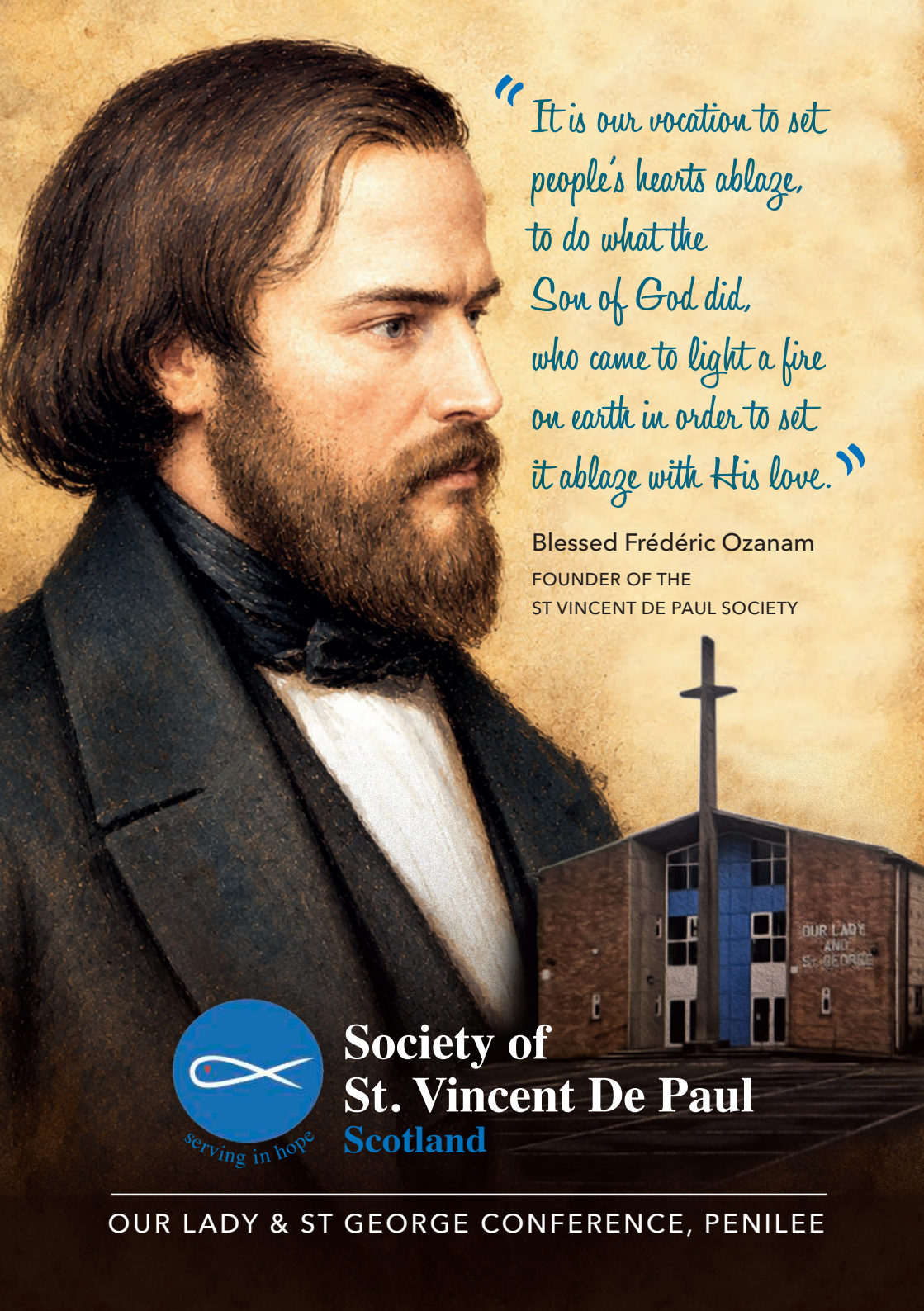

"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love."
Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
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Financial Summary of Our Lady & St George's SSVP Conference (April 2025 to March 2026)

INCOME	
Opening Balance 1April 2025	3,332.92
Box Collections	7,104.09
Donations	500.00
Secret Collections (at meetings)	357.00
Total	£11,294.01

EXPENDITURE	
Relief	4,231.83
Dues	808.00
Twinning	320.00
SSVP Donations	1000.00
Expenses	41.47
Payments outwith SSVP	260.49
Total	£6,661.79

Balance Carried Forward 31 March 2026	£4,632.22

VISITS	
Hospital Visits	8
School Visits	8
Outings (with 8 participants)	7
Families directly assisted with Clothing	2
People helped through Foodbank	365

In the past year our conference has engaged in the following:

PARISH INTERACTION – Outings for elderly/isolated parishioners to local attractions; re-institution of "Winter Warmer" in the Parish Hall; provision of first communicants' gifts.

SCHOOLS – Financial support aimed at families and children in need with educational and living costs, including provision of emergency clothing; provision of crucifixes for classrooms at St George's Primary.

WIDER COMMUNITY – Frequent provision and weekly help with manning the local foodbank; provision of emergency toiletries and clothing at QEUH (part of rota with other conferences in SW Glasgow); provision of gift boxes at Christmas for refugees (together with other conferences in SW Glasgow); financial and clothing donations to Ozanam Centre (Trongate) for homeless; provision of booklets for sick childrens' hospital.

SPECIAL PROJECTS - Financial support for Daughters of Charity at Govanhill (affiliated to SSVP); support for student fund for families in need in Glasgow (a wider SSVP project); financial support for twin conferences in India.

DUES – A percentage of our income provides help to run the national office and the Glasgow Diocesan Council.

Finally, we also respond to International Disaster Appeals through our national office.

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international organisation of Catholic lay people, men and women, who practice Christianity by helping those in need on a person to person basis.

The aim of the Society is to provide a means whereby members can practice Christianity by showing God's love to their neighbours who are in need.

SSVP members show this love, compassion and understanding by giving of themselves – their concern, their friendship, their time, their talents – to help people regardless of creed, colour, lifestyle or political belief.

Help is not confined to the needy close at hand. It may be given to people overseas through the partnership with SSVP members on the spot. This means that the help is never impersonal. Help may be in the form of counselling, moral support, relief from loneliness, or in referring people to other agencies or specialist organisations. It will vary according to the resources of the members and should be adapted to local requirements and changing conditions.

The type of help is not restricted, provided the element of personal involvement of the member is present.

BECOME A MEMBER

Being a full SSVP member appeals to people who wish to develop their spiritual life through personal service of people in need. Our members meet regularly and visit people in their local community. They share spiritually and practically with other SSVP branches in Scotland and worldwide.

It is a very rewarding experience.

PLEASE CONTACT US : Place your contact details in one of our collection boxes in the porch or speak to any SSVP member.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

SSVP members "never claim that our work springs from ourselves alone". Your prayers are a much-needed source of strength to us.

Whatever your faith, you can help us. We appreciate the prayers of people whose health prevents them from physical involvement in our work.

SAFEGUARDING

All SSVP members are trained in safeguarding procedures and our first thought is always to the safety and well-being of our members and those we seek to help. All members of our Conference are required to have the appropriate safeguarding arrangements in place prior to becoming active.

THANK YOU!

Our Lady & St George's Conference would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for your prayers and financial contributions throughout the past year. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated by us and all who receive your help.

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"Go to the poor, you will find God."

St. Vincent de Paul