

# St Vincent de Paul Society

## A hand up, not just a hand out

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## SNAPSHOT

1. **WHY** – Why do we do what we do?
2. **HOW** – The Vinnies model of providing a “hand up”
3. **WHAT** – Practical ideas and evaluation of social justice initiatives

**Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.**

Pope Francis *Evangelli Gaudium*



Our role in the  
Vinnies Youth  
and Education  
team



Who's who in the zoo?

What brought you here today?



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What challenges do you face in making “faith in action” a reality in your school?



# Simon Sinek “The Golden Circle”

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## BRAINSTORM – What is our why?

Why is it important to engage students in meaningful “faith in action” initiatives at school?



# HOW: The Vinnies model of providing a “hand up”

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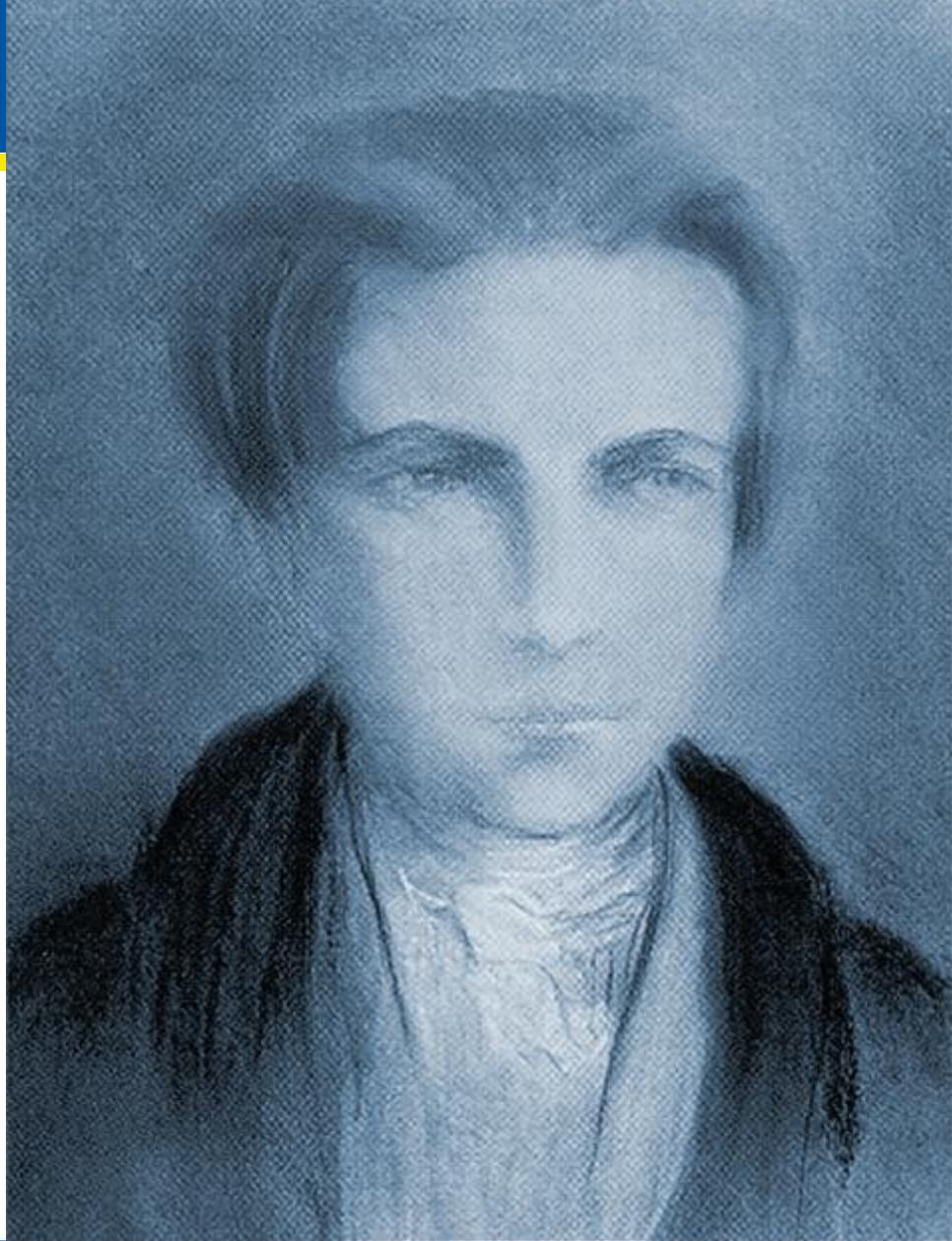
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## WHO IS FREDERIC?

‘Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves. The poor person is a unique person of God’s fashioning with an inalienable right to respect. You must not be content with tiding the poor over the poverty crisis; you must study their condition and the injustices which brought about such poverty, with the aim of long term improvement.’

**Bl. Frederic Ozanam**  
**1813 - 1853**



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- A hand up versus a hand out
- Charity and justice

**“Charity teaches us that when we visit the poor we gain much more than they do.”**

*Blessed Frederic Ozanam*



# Our Framework

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**SEE THINK DO!**



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# WHAT: Evaluation exercise

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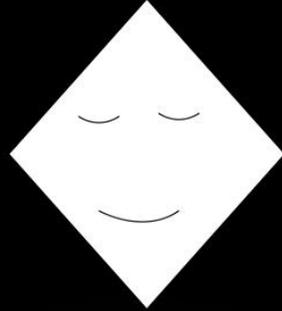


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# Dignity of the Human Person

Inside everyone, there is a diamond.



Sometimes it gets a bit dirty.



It can be hard to see under all the muck.

But it's always there.



If one just takes the time to look.

**CST Principles  
#3:  
Human dignity**



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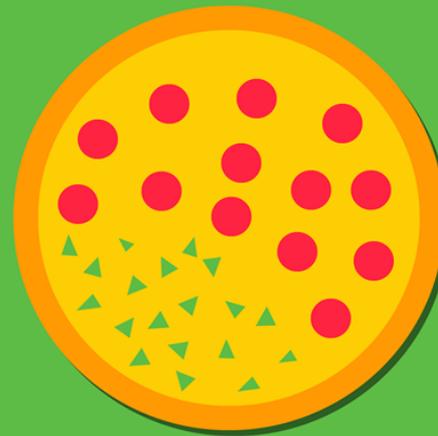
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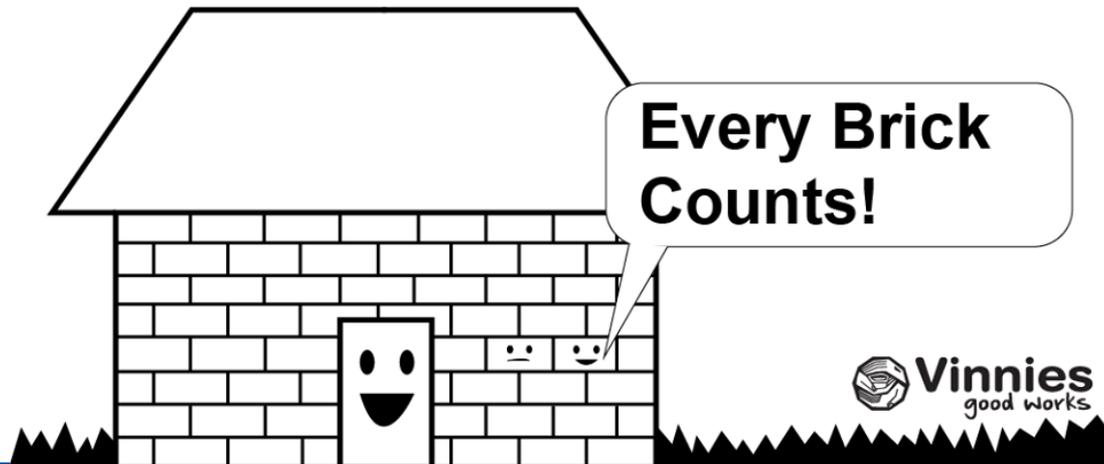
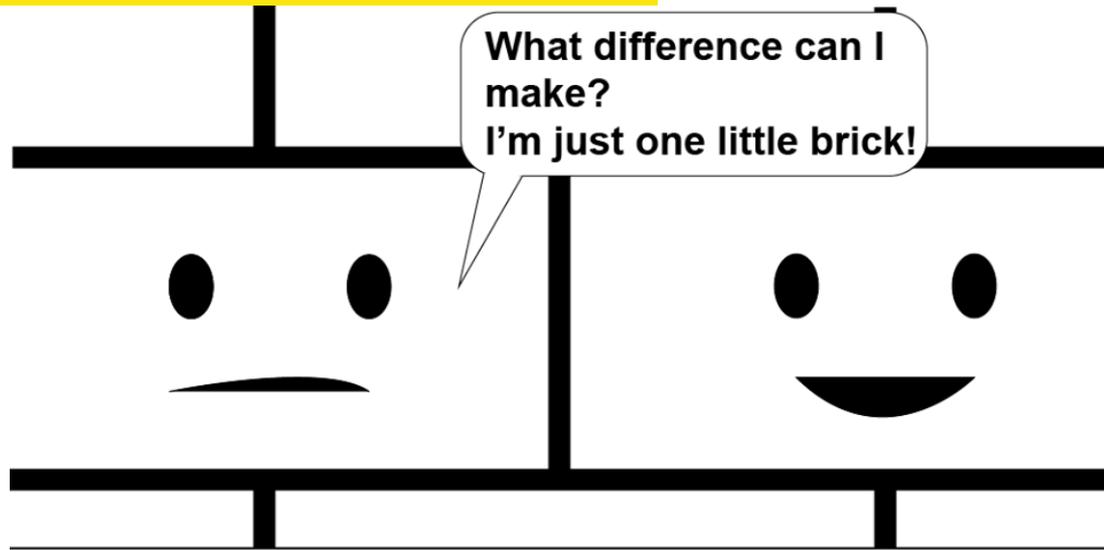
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COMMON  
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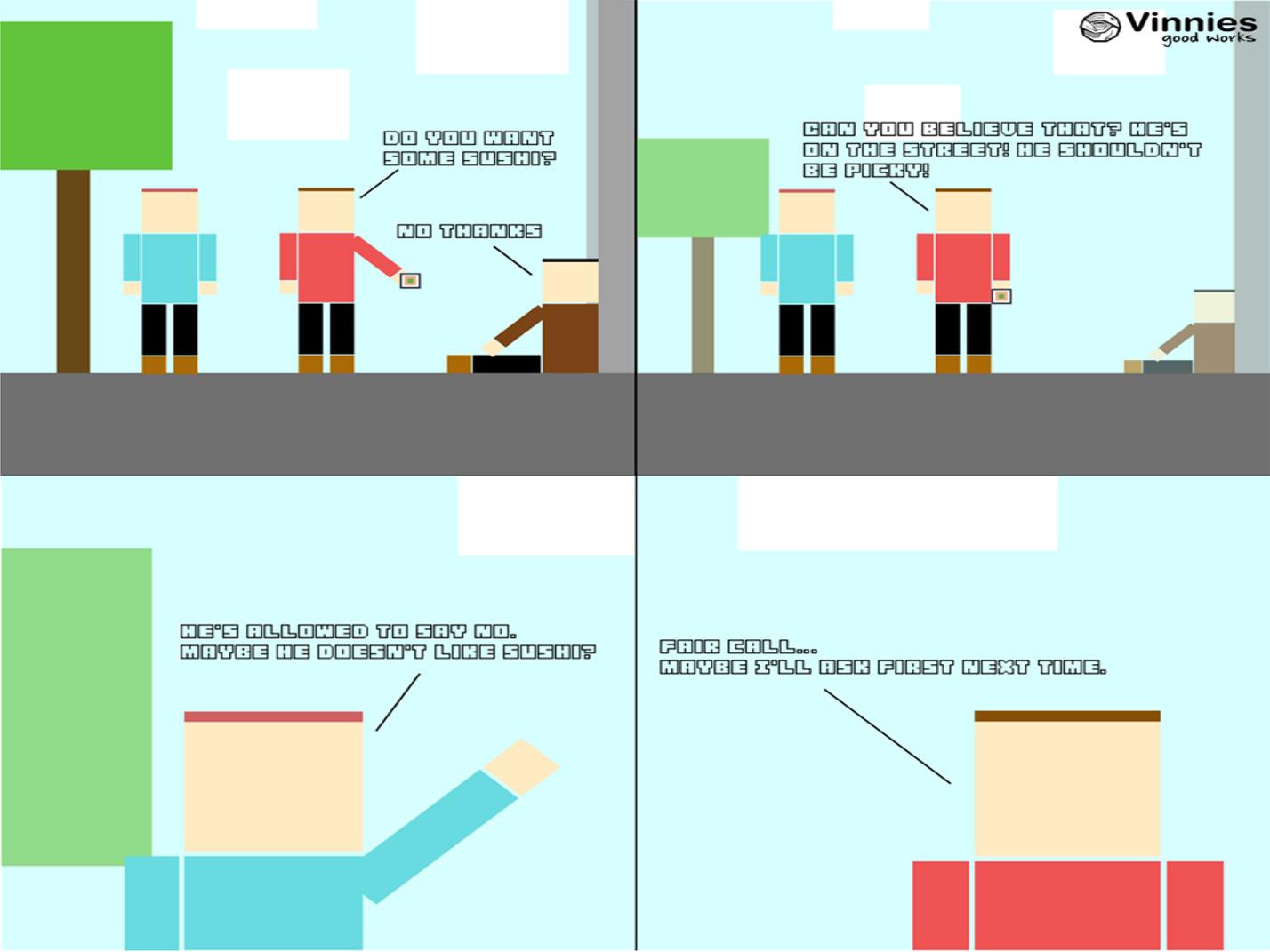
# Solidarity



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# Subsidiarity



- Soup Van Street Retreat program



# Case studies

## Berwick Soup Van and St Francis Xavier College



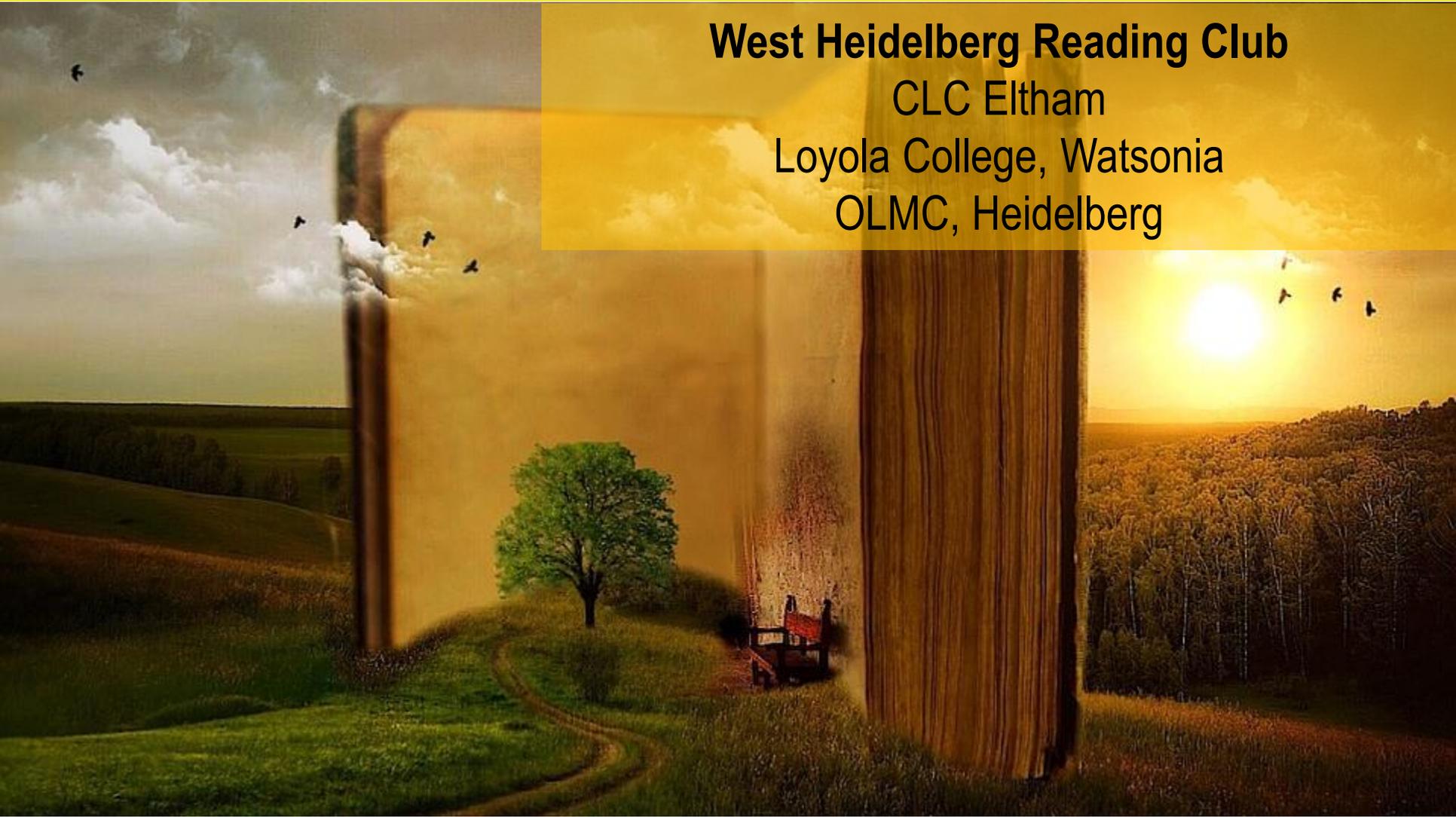
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## West Heidelberg Reading Club

CLC Eltham

Loyola College, Watsonia

OLMC, Heidelberg



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## Mini Vinnies Cluster

- Hosted by Nazareth College, Noble Park
  - St Elizabeth's, Dandenong North
  - St John Vianney's, Mulgrave
  - St Anthony's, Noble Park
  - St Justin's, Wheelers Hill
  - Resurrection, Keysborough



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Some things to consider...



# FOOTSTEPS OF FREDERIC

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



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## WHAT: “Faith in action” initiatives that work

In your groups, use the framework below to outline effective social justice initiatives for students to engage in. Aim for a mixture of short and long term & big and small projects.

**SEE: What is the issue?**

**THINK: How does it relate to Catholic Social Teaching?**

**DO: What actions can be taken? What are the steps?**



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Any questions?



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# Thank you



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