

Bernard J Lengerman
Compassionate Hands Program
for the
St. Vincent DePaul Society

The “Bernard J Lengerman Compassionate Hands Program” was created to honor Catholic Fraternal Life’s Past Chairman of the Board and President Bernard Lengerman for his lifelong dedication to the St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Society at St. Teresa Parish in Belleville, Illinois. In May 2018, Bernard passed away at the age of 95. He volunteered for many organizations, but Bernard was very passionate about his work with SVDP. Not only did he make sure people had food on their table, but he spent a good portion of his time paying utility bills, medical bills and getting prescriptions filled for many. If they needed additional help, he put them in touch with resources to make sure they were taken care of.

Bernard’s commitment to his faith was strong and consequently so was his desire and willingness to help people in need any time of the day or night. During his retirement years, Bernard always stayed in touch with the Catholic Fraternal Life employees and stopped in for a weekly visit. Most of the time he was either on his way to or returning from assisting someone who had contacted him through SVDP. In fact, if someone was in need of assistance, and they called the SVDP phone number, the calls were forwarded to Bernard’s phone so they could get in touch with someone right away.

We felt it was only fitting to implement this program in memory of Bernard. He would be humbled and so appreciative to know his efforts were still be carried out through others. Therefore, CFL will award one \$500 grant to a St. Vincent DePaul Society each month in one of the 17 States in which we are licensed. Any CFL member may apply by completing an application and submitting it by the 15th of every month.

To apply, please complete the application and include a page describing your Parish’s SVDP Society. There are several points that you will need to address as outlined on the Application.

Catholic Fraternal Life’s Mission Statement has always been to provide families with financial security and to promote goodwill throughout our communities. We are grateful for your membership and also for your dedication to helping others in need.

For additional information, call **618-233-0286** or **800-240-2554**.

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Member Name: _____

Member Policy #: _____

Member Address: _____

City State Zip

Member Phone #: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Member Email Address: _____

Name of Church: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Church Address: _____

City State Zip

Church Phone #: _____

Does your Parish currently have a SVDP Society? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

How many years has the Society been in existence? _____

On a separate piece of paper, please explain the details of your SVDP Society.
Include the following in a paragraph or two:

How is this program funded?

How many people benefit from your program monthly/yearly?

What types of assistance do you provide?

Food

Financial Assistance

Transportation

Medical Financial Assistance

Assistance with Utility Bills

Veterans Assistance

How many volunteers from your parish belong to SVDP?

How would you use this grant, if you were to be selected?

What stands you apart from other SVDP Programs and why do you feel you should be chosen?

Mail to::

CFL B JL Program

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