

# St. Vincent de Paul Picture Person Program

*bringing visual fine art into the classroom...*

Picture Person is a volunteer-based art appreciation program that involves presenting a featured artist and related project on a monthly basis in your child's classroom (grades K through 5). Everything a volunteer needs is organized in folders specifically marked for each artist and classroom along with a storage room filled with supplies, prints, project ideas and other supplemental material.

The PP program began in 1966 at Northmoor School in Peoria as funding for the arts began to dwindle. Picture Person has been in existence at St. Vincent's many years, dating back to Monsignor Livingston's time as pastor. He was a great supporter of the arts and an accomplished artist himself. Lakeview Museum currently helps to facilitate the program at many area schools. We are fortunate at St. Vincent's to have our own print library and supply budget provided by the Women's Guild.

Once the volunteer pool is established at the beginning of the school year, the PP coordinator will provide an orientation and forward all pertinent information. The volunteers are then responsible for arranging presentation times with the given teacher.

Please consider volunteering to be your child's classroom picture person. **No art experience or talent required!** – just the desire to foster an appreciation for the visual arts and creative expression in a fun relaxed atmosphere...no pressure. It is also a fantastic way to get better acquainted with your child's classmates and teacher. Everybody loves Picture Person!

In order for your child to receive this wonderful program, **each classroom needs at least one volunteer.** You can sign up on the Women's Guild Volunteer Opportunity Sheet or by contacting the coordinator directly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Standard school volunteer requirements apply. Thank you!

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*Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.  
Every child is an artist...*

**Pablo Picasso**

