

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE
4 Power Model

The 4 Power Model was developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The model is an attempt to better understand the concept of powerlessness as it relates to poverty. The components of the model include resources, information, relationships and decision making.

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DECISION MAKING	RELATIONSHIPS
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Background information about

The Brotherhood of St Laurence

Named after St Laurence, the patron saint of the poor, the Brotherhood of St Laurence was founded in 1930 by an Anglican priest, Fr Gerard Tucker. On 18 June 1933, Fr Tucker relocated the Brotherhood from Adamstown, NSW, to the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy, where the group began its work helping people in the city's inner urban slums.

Today, through research, social action and service delivery the Brotherhood is an advocate for social justice and offers direct assistance to people in need by providing employment programs, care for the aged and infirm, family support services and shelter for displaced people in our community.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence is a Christian organisation committed to a just society through the identification and involvement with the poor and disadvantaged.

We of the Brotherhood of St Laurence work for the well being of the poorest members of the Australian community to improve their economic, social and personal circumstances by:

- ◆ *offering friendship, support and advocacy;*
- ◆ *sharing goods, services and resources;*
- ◆ *contributing to their empowerment and to the prevention of further poverty;*
- ◆ *improving the structures, institutions and distribution of resources to establish their security of income, shelter and employment, and*
- ◆ *working towards achieving a sustainable Australian society within the global community.*

Adding Justice to Care

'Adding Justice to Care' was adopted by the Brotherhood of St Laurence as its slogan for its 60th anniversary in Victoria in 1993 and is intended to articulate the Brotherhood's dual purpose of providing care for people in need while also working to redress injustices in society which cause inequity and disadvantage.

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