Mini Vinnies is a program designed for groups of primary school students who are interested in social justice. Mini Vinnies students get together within their school to help those in need within their school, local or international community. Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, The St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. The group is supported by a teacher and by the local St Vincent de Paul parish conference and St Vincent de Paul staff. At Mary Help of Christians children can join Mini Vinnies from Years 3-6.

Mini Vinnies is about doing good works in the community that benefit people facing social injustice. It is also about young people meeting to talk, share ideas and concerns, to have fun and support each other. The Mini Vinnies model of “See, Think, Do” is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality and to connect their faith with issues affecting their community through volunteering, advocacy and fundraising.

In our Coffs Harbour area there is an opportunity to meet annually with representatives from other schools to celebrate our faith, share ideas and explore options raise awareness of social justice. If any students would like to join Mini Vinnies they can contact Mrs Barnes or Mrs Tumminello.