



## LOCAL HISTORY

The Frederic Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy project was initiated under the leadership of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Mobile and the Service Center of Catholic Social Services' director, Sister Judith VanderGrinten, CSA (*Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes*).

The Board of Directors of the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy held its first meeting in April 1997 to begin the formal planning process of opening a free pharmacy for the poor in Mobile County. Articles of incorporation and by-laws were drawn up and approval of 501(c)(3) status was granted.

Start up funds were contributed by the Area Agency on Aging, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Mobile, Providence Hospital, Mobile Infirmary Medical Center, the Daughters of Charity, Alabama Power Company Foundation, the United Way Venture Grant Program and The Catholic Service Center. The Service Center of Catholic Social Services agreed to screen applicants and provide receptionist services. Doors for the state-licensed pharmacy officially opened in 1998.

Today, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is located at 571 Dauphin St. (at Dauphin & Warren Streets), in downtown Mobile, AL.