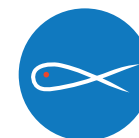


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as  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### WHY WOULD I GO TO WINDSOR ON JUNE 19-23, 2019?



This will be the 48th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Canada. It will also be a time to recharge our batteries, meet Vincentians from across the country, share with others and see the good work accomplished on a daily basis in all areas of Canada. It is important to remember that every

year, close to 15,000 Vincentians in Canada bring assistance to more than 325,000 people in need.

Thursday, June 20th, will be dedicated to member education and enhancing Vincentian spirituality, through friendly exchanges in workshops addressing various topics, from social justice to governance. That is an integral part of the Society's evolving training curriculum, as described in the December 2018 Vincenpaul that outlines four areas of interest: i) Vincentian Life; ii) Leadership; iii) Spirituality; iv) Special Works/Stores.

Education is ongoing throughout our lives and we should seize every opportunity. We can always learn more.

This edition of Vincenpaul includes details of the activities and events taking place during the AGA. We encourage voting members to be present, and all members of our Society are welcome to participate in this very rewarding meeting. In line with the social teaching of the Church, these days offer an educational experience that allows us to expand the spiritual aspect of the Society's work, respecting human dignity and our preferential option for the poor. This year, we want to follow the path of natural environment stewardship, as reflected in Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and remember how important it is to keep this in mind in all of our actions.

We remind you that the statutory meeting of the AGA, a legal requirement, is taking place on Saturday afternoon, June 22nd. As noted in the Rule, Article 2.6.2, the national council must convene a meeting annually to:

- present the minutes of the previous Annual General Assembly;
- present the reports of the National President, of the Board of Directors and of the various committees;
- present the annual audited financial statements for approval;
- present the operating budget of the National Council for approval;
- vote on the appointment of financial auditors;
- discuss and vote on the adoption of all motions presented by the Board;
- proceed with the installation of the new national president, if it is an election year; (*2019 being an election year, we will proceed with the installation of Claude Bédard, President elect.*)
- present executive officers for approval;
- present, for approval, the amount of the annual financial contribution that every council must send to the national office, to cover administrative expenses as well as expenses related to the development of the Society, redistribution and international obligations.

Participation in the AGA keeps the movement alive, a movement that was started in 1833 in Paris, and is present today all over the world. Your participation helps solidify everything we have learned, and transform it into plans and actions to help people in a situation of poverty.

Looking forward to welcoming many of you at the University of Windsor, June 19 to 23.

*Richard Pommerville*  
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[WWW.SSVP.CA/2019-AGA](http://WWW.SSVP.CA/2019-AGA)**

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## AGA 2019 - PROGRAM

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Registration & hospitality
- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm National Council committee meetings
- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm National Council Board meeting
- 9:30 am Windsor River Cruises**
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Supper on your own
- 7:15 pm Regional meetings
- Evening on your own

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Registration, hospitality with National's sales table
- 9:00 am - 10:15 am Workshops
- 10:15 am - 10:45 am Coffee break
- 10:45 am - 12:00 pm Workshops
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Workshops
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Coffee break
- 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Workshops
- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rosary, memorial service Mass
- 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Supper & welcoming ceremony



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## AGA 2018 - PROGRAM...continued

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Registration, hospitality, National's sales table
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am Parade of banners – Official opening
- 9:30 am - 10:15 am Keynote speaker, Dcn. Paul Bezaire  
*The Secrets of Every Happy Vincentian Family*
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am Coffee break
- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm International and national presidents round table
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Plenary - Shelley Gilbert & Amanda Pierce,  
*Human Trafficking in Canada*
- 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm Coffee break
- 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm Plenary - Claire Roque, *Struggles of refugees and painful reality of family separation*
- 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm International President presentation
- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rosary and mass
- 6:15 Supper



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### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration, hospitality, National's sales table
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am Spiritual reflection on the theme  
*Together as Family*
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am Plenary - Sophia Mutuc, *World Youth Days 2019*
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am Coffee break
- 10:15 am - 11:00 am National President presentation
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am Incoming President presentation
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 2020 AGA host presentation
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Workshops  
Denise Ouelette, *Les quatre piliers de l'engagement*  
St. Louise de Marillac Youth, *Fast Fashion and Catholic Social Teaching*
- 1:15 pm - 4:00 pm Statutory meeting with voting members
- 4:15 pm Buses leave for Mass
- 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm Mass, President installation and  
SSVP commissioning ceremony
- 6:30 pm Buses return to campus
- 7:00 pm Closing banquet and entertainment

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

## AGA 2019 - WEDNESDAY TOUR - RIVER CRUISE WITH GOURMET LUNCH

### Windsor River Cruises - \$55 per person

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 11am to 1pm - Shuttle services from the university at 9:30 am - Gourmet lunch included.

Learn about Hiram Walker, Prohibition days, see the Peace Fountain and Peche Island.

Coming back cruise the American side of the river. See Belle Isle, Joe Louis Arena and historical sites.

Cross back under the Ambassador Bridge, see the Windsor Sculpture Park, and Windsor's historical connection to Dieppe.

*Limited to 80 persons - Book early - Don't be disappointed - Must be prepaid with registration*



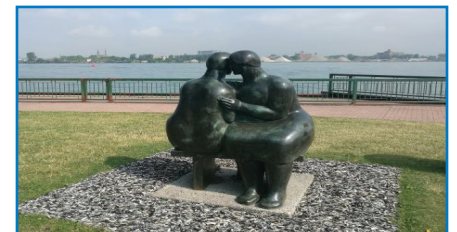
[www.windsorrivercruises.com/cruises---prices.html](http://www.windsorrivercruises.com/cruises---prices.html)



**Coventry Gardens - Peace Fountain**  
[www.visitwindsorsex.com/places/peace-fountain-coventry-gardens](http://www.visitwindsorsex.com/places/peace-fountain-coventry-gardens)



**Windsor Train Dieppe Gardens**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/City-Parks/Pages/Dieppe-Gardens-.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/City-Parks/Pages/Dieppe-Gardens-.aspx)



**Windsor Sculpture Park**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/windsor-sculpture-park/pages/windsor-sculpture-park.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/windsor-sculpture-park/pages/windsor-sculpture-park.aspx)

## AGA 2019 - MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT! SOME POINTS OF INTEREST



**Art Gallery of Windsor**  
[www.agw.ca](http://www.agw.ca)



**St. Alphonsus Church**  
[www.knowyourkin.com/churchstories/stalphonsushistory.php](http://www.knowyourkin.com/churchstories/stalphonsushistory.php)



**Ceasars Windsor Casino**  
[www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor](http://www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor)



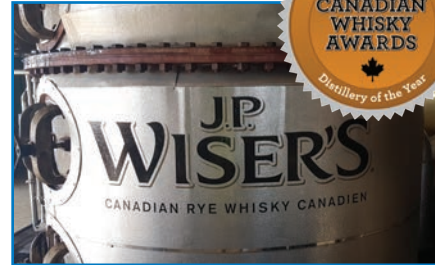
**Devonshire Mall**  
[devonshiremall.com/stores](http://devonshiremall.com/stores)



**Dieppe Gardens**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/City-Parks/Pages/Dieppe-Gardens-.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/City-Parks/Pages/Dieppe-Gardens-.aspx)



**Fireworks**  
 June 24, 2019  
[www.windsorite.ca/festivals](http://www.windsorite.ca/festivals)



**J.P. Wiser's**  
 2018 Canadian Whisky Awards  
[www.jpwiserstour.ca](http://www.jpwiserstour.ca)



**Jackson Park**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/city-parks/pages/jackson-park-.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/parksandforestry/city-parks/pages/jackson-park-.aspx)



**MacKenzie Hall**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/mackenzie-hall/pages/mackenzie-hall-history-.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/mackenzie-hall/pages/mackenzie-hall-history-.aspx)



**Reaume Park-Coventry Gardens**  
[visitwindsorsex.com/places/peace-fountain-coventry-gardens](http://visitwindsorsex.com/places/peace-fountain-coventry-gardens)



**Windsors' good Pizzeria**  
[www.vitospizzeria.net](http://www.vitospizzeria.net)  
[www.originalpizza.ca](http://www.originalpizza.ca)  
[www.capripizza.ca](http://www.capripizza.ca)  
[www.naplespizza.com](http://www.naplespizza.com)  
[www.armandospizza.com](http://www.armandospizza.com)



**Willistead Manor**  
[www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Culture/Willistead-Manor/Pages/History%20and%20Architecture.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Culture/Willistead-Manor/Pages/History%20and%20Architecture.aspx)

## AGA 2019 - ACCOMODATIONS ON CAMPUS



**BOOK EARLY!**

[www.ssvp.ca/2019-aga-lodging](http://www.ssvp.ca/2019-aga-lodging)

Alumni Hall offers a single private suite consisting of two separate bedrooms with one double bed in each room and a three piece washroom and kitchenette with fridge. Rooms are available from June 18 to June 23, 2019



## WORKSHOPS - AGA - JUNE 19-23, 2019

NAME	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
<b>The Big Experience - Basic Income</b>	Jim Paddon, Corry Wink	The longest running Basic Income project happened in Manitoba from 1970-1975. It involved the entire community of Dauphin, Manitoba plus a few people in Winnipeg. The workshop will present a short film in which participants of the MinCome project look back on their experience and how it changed their lives. The workshop will also include activities in which participants reflect on their social values and their values about the economy.
<b>Universal Basic Income - The Canadian Version</b>	Stephen Dufresne, Maria Lupul	A brief introduction to what a general UBI program is and then what a Canadian edition of a UBI program may look like and whom it would assist.
<b>Moving Forward Towards Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples</b>	Sr. Priscilla, Jim Paddon	As an extension of the work accomplished by Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, of which the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an active member, this workshop focuses on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The presentation will include sharing on what reconciliation is and steps we can take in the process of reconciliation. It will also include an update on the work of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle.
<b>I'm a Social Justice Rep, so What Do I Do Now?</b>	Corry Wink	This is a hands-on workshop for social justice reps; the presenter will model a social justice moment. Afterwards, participants will have an opportunity to work together to develop and try out a discussion topic for their conferences. There will be an introduction to materials that are widely available and tips on how to develop their own discussion topics to get them started on building social justice discussion into their meetings.
<b>Create a Social Justice Movement in Your Council</b>	Linda Alexander, Judith Nunn	Members from Halton Particular Council will share their journey of imbedding a social justice focus into the fabric of their interaction with the families, becoming informed navigators and walking alongside the families to a healthier and more sustainable condition. Learn how to activate key projects such as the Canada Learning Bond, recreational, dental projects and more to stretch towards a relational social justice focused ministry.
<b>Luke 10:2</b>	Theo van Besouw	The workshop will address the chronic need for volunteers within conferences and councils.
<b>Prison Ministry</b>	Neil Van Velzen, Peter Wozney	A true history by a person on parole, and activities of the society in the Windsor Detention Center.
<b>The Power of the Home Visit</b>	Dcn. Paul Bezaire	A home visit is much more than a delivery of food. When we visit people in their homes, we are visiting family. In addition, the home visit is an important characteristic and powerful tool of the Society. How does a home visit bring us "together as family? This workshop will be examining such things as the lives of Frederic Ozanam, Sr. Rosalie Rendu and Emmanuel Baily, as well as excerpts from the SSVF rule. We will look at the importance of the home visit.



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NAME	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
<b>Successfully Connecting With Community Collaboration</b>	Kerri Abbott	Community Collaboration is like a puzzle. We all envision that finished product; however, it takes time, patience, clarity, focus, and teamwork to complete. A key step is self-knowledge: what is our organization, what do we have to offer, what do we need, what resources do we have to ensure success of collaboration. This workshop will include a toolkit for attendees to take home. The session will include a self-checklist, plus interactive exercises to engage and share the challenges and solutions. Shared experiences of successful and bumpy collaborations will be given with a focus on how it helped strengthen community collaboration.
<b>Gjoa Haven Community: the Partnership with Windsor-Essex</b>	Fr. Lukasz Zajac	Fr. Lukasz, from the Gjoa Haven community in Nunavut, will provide a view of the life in the community, the pastoral work, the challenges and needs, the interactions with the group in Windsor-Essex and the handling of the sea container and the goods received, and future projects.
<b>Information Management for Conferences and Councils by Laws and in Practice</b>	Robert Graham, Mary Dunnigan	The information management of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, at all levels, is driven by requirements established by government, industry best practices and the Society. The Society's principles leverage the Canadian Government Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), and parallel provincial statutes and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requirements. Come and hear what new requirements are in play.
<b>History of the Society in Canada: 1846 to Today</b>	Jean-Noël Cormier	From 1846 in Québec City to today, this session provides more than just an introduction to the Society in Canada.
<b>Parliamentary Procedures - Robert's Rule of Order</b>	Richard Pommainville	Point of Order! How do I get out of this procedural situation? What is the difference between a motion and a resolution? Should this be a "friendly" amendment? This workshop will assist to demystify Robert's Rule of Order.
<b>Treasurer: a Questions &amp; Answers Session</b>	Solange Fortin, Dave O'Connor	Financial questions for your functions within a conference or council (financial reports, Revenue Canada Agency, T3010, issuing tax receipts, etc.)? This session would be of interest not just to treasurers but anyone who is interested in the financial requirements we need to adhere to.



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## MISSION

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:

To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

## VALUES

The mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians we:

- see Christ in anyone who suffers
- come together as a family
- have personal contact with the poor
- help in all possible ways

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