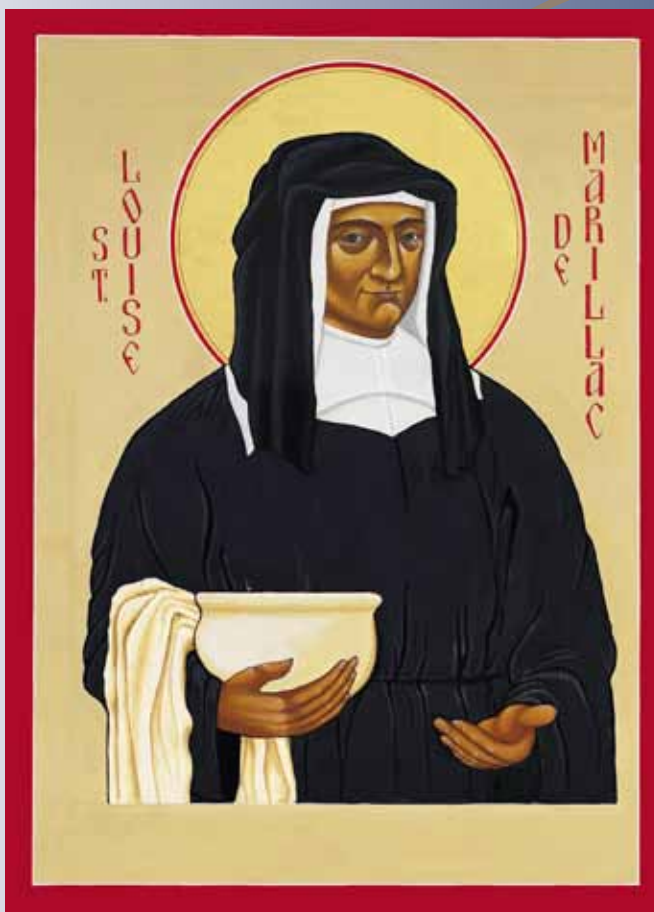


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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organisation whose mission is:

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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Penny's Piece

GREETINGS TO ALL!

I do hope that everyone has enjoyed a very life-giving summer. I especially want to thank the Ontario Regional Council and the Toronto Central Council for an excellent 2010 Annual General Assembly in June. Great reviews – workshops were plentiful and most enjoyable.

Both of our guests from the USA, Terry Wilson VP of the National Council of the United States, representing President Joe Flannigan, and our dear friend, the International Council representative Ed Keane, were very welcome and most interesting to listen to. This was Terry's first visit to a Canadian AGA, and as he pointed out – he came to learn and bring home ideas, of which he stated he had many, for the folks back home. As well, for us, it was very informative to hear about the activities in the USA and around the world. We are indeed brothers and sisters in Christ's work right around the world, facing poverty at many different levels.

As well, we were pleased to have Madam Marlene Armand, Secretary of the National Council of Haiti bring greetings and update us regarding the situation in Haiti. She was representing Lesly Elismé, the National President of the Council of Haiti. Canada remains committed to helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti in the best ways possible. We have been forwarding funds to assist the National Council itself and the regions of Haiti are experiencing a growth in people coming to them attempting to escape the devastation in Port au Prince.

During the AGA, at the President's Roundtable, the new Annual Report was introduced to all present. The Roundtable is a forum for discussion. All presidents are invited to attend this forum. It provides for free flowing discussion regarding issues or concerns; developing ways to make the work of the Society in Canada better known; it provides for discussion and teachable moments. It came as a result of many presidents wanting to have discussions with the national president. Two things emerged from that. One that there is not enough time to sit with each president in turn, and secondly, that many of the discussion topics were shared by all. Therefore, it was much easier to group everyone at a specific time and have a shared discussion. I will continue to do this during my term as president. Many have appreciated the time together.

New Annual Reporting Format

As for the new Annual Report, the comment was made, "it is about time!" While the report may seem "large", it is indeed comprehensive. It will provide a true picture of the activities of the Society in Canada. There is a preamble written in the opening pages that explains the need for such a comprehensive report. The annual report is comprised of a) the general statistical report, b) financial report and c) regional council report, and finally Growth and Development section.

Generally, the statistical and financial reporting is not much different from what is already reported. There are guidelines to follow that spell out what should be entered in each line of the report. As well, for those areas that a Conference or Council is not engaged, a simple "not applicable" (NA) is all that is entered in that section.

If we are to be serious about addressing advocacy issues, we really need to know who we are and what we are doing across Canada. We cannot sell ourselves by replying to questions with "I think there are XX stores across Canada" or, I guess we have provided \$XXX,XXX to assist the poor, etc.

The new Annual Report will be available on the website for downloading. The entire report must be submitted to the next higher Council, do not send only certain pages. This report will be used to report on 2010 activities. I am sure that this type of report will provide useful information to all levels of the Society in Canada.

National Council of Canada – By Laws

These revised by laws were circulated and approved at the statutory meeting.

National Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Week – September (Quebec Model)

Jean Claude Bienvenue presented a report of the efforts that Quebec has made to raise the profile of the Society in Quebec, along with the hope of recruiting new mem-

Penny's Piece

bers. They have hired a Public Relations company to assist in the endeavour. The members in Quebec were pleased with the outcome, and have also offered to assist the National Council if there is interest in developing this program right across Canada. An enthusiastic motion was made for the executive and board members to investigate the feasibility of working with Quebec Regional Council to conduct a National Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Week. More to come as we talk about the idea.

Finally, the time spent at the AGA seems to go by so very quickly, yet we accomplish so much. Everyone enjoyed the workshops; found them relevant and inspiring. AGA's are successful only because of your participation and interest, again Great Job Everyone!

FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Aggregations and Institutions

In an effort to maintain accurate records of our Conferences and Councils, we are developing a new administrative process for everyone to follow regarding renaming Conferences and Councils. This new administrative will involve sending all communications through the lines of communications established by the National Council which includes moving through Particular Councils, Central Councils and Regional Councils. All requests must be stamped with the regional stamp before being sent to the National Office for processing. It is imperative that everyone knows what is what in their locale. As you can see, the new AGA reporting forms are requesting accounting of changes related to aggregations/institutions. As well it will also enable the national office to respond to requests for certification/authentication of each Conference or Council by the National Council regarding applications for charity numbers etc, and reporting to the International Council General.

Kudos to Nicole for her diligence and assistance in establishing a final recording system to maintain our records; thanks Nicole.

Advocacy

The Voice of the Poor Committee is now moving forward with education and identification of issues of

concerns locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. With the new Annual Report, the development of Public Relations/Communications, the education of members etc., the National Council can now prepare itself to move forward with certainty. Clermont Fortin will report in more detail regarding the activities that will become part of the National Council Voice of the Poor agenda.

In preparation for this great work, an educational meeting is being held in November in Belleville, Illinois, USA, which will bring together members from all over the United States and Canada. This is a Train the Trainer model.

As well, coupled with the intent to establish a National Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Week, we will need to consider hiring help to get us off on the right foot. We will not get a second chance to make a good first impression.

Several things will be asked of each region. First, to have a representative at the national level speaking for the region, secondly, identify pressing issues both at the local and , regional levels and assist with identifying the issues at the national level. We will have our Voice of the Poor Committee at the table internationally.

Education

Our education committee, under the leadership of Carol Horne has rolled out the new member Orientation program. This short program gives prospective members a bird's eye view of the Society and its works. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done.

The next part of their work will focus on a couple of areas. These include, a) Train the Trainer model. The focus of which will be on how to train trainers in regional areas, b) Formation of Vincentians, a more intensive program focusing on the spirituality and functions of the Society. Again, A great job by a devoted team that has fun doing their work.

Strategic Planning

When I was Vice President, Strategic Planning was under my purview. At that time, you the Council had identified three new issues that were important to the efficient operation of the National Council. These were:

a) Streamline the efficiency of the administration of the National Council office, b) develop nationally produced educational materials for all to use and c) prepare official materials for Public Relations for all regions to use.

As you can see we have accomplished this and continue to develop these areas of the strategic plan. We will always continue to refine these issues. We are now on the cusp of the final area of Public Relations. Based on our mandate to :

a) look at establishing a National Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Week, b) embarking on Advocacy and c) developing official educational programs, it is imperative that we review our Council priorities and budget.

Staff

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the contributions of our staff: Sandra Melo has been off for the year having a baby. Congratulations to her. Nicole Schryburt has added more hours to assist us from the Montreal Office, thanks Nicole! We must also acknowledge Clermont Fortin and his wife Nicole who have been tending to things at the Ottawa office as volunteers. Ghislaine Du Nord, our translator needs a big hug from all of us. What a lady! She has been inundated with translations and has been so gracious in her turn around time. We are so thankful for all she does.

In summary, thanks to all of you for what you do in the name of the Society. I do pray that your spirit and peacefulness is enhanced and the poor are given a wonderful measure of hope! Let us all continue to “Servien in spe!”

I know this issue of the fall VincenPaul will be the last before Christmas. So I also wish all of you a very happy and blessed Christmas season.

“all one in truth and charity!”

Penny Craig, President



*Penny Craig, President
National Council of Canada*

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE

It is with great pleasure that I announce the hiring of Mrs Josée LEMIEUX as the new Administrative Assistant at the National Office in Ottawa. Josée started work as a part-time employee on September 7, 2010.

Josée is married and mother of 3 children. She is a member of the Sainte Marie Parish in Orléans (East of Ottawa). She is a graduate of the University of Ottawa and has a Teaching Diploma. She exercised her teaching profession in Oshawa and Peterborough, Ontario before moving to Ottawa and opening a Daycare and tutorship program at her residence. She volunteered in the education and social sectors for many years.

Josée is fully bilingual and will be serving membership, performing administrative duties at the National Office from **10AM to 1PM Monday to Friday**.

Lets welcome her to our great Vincentian family.

Penny Craig, President

International

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News from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul around the world...

Nb 25 – 10th July, 2010

Special Edition – Election of the President General

Michael THIO elected XVth President General of the SSVV

M. Michael Thio, from Singapore, was elected XVth President General on May 29th, 2010, in Salamanca, Spain, with 87% of the votes. He will take up his post on 27th September, 2010. Here is his message to the Vincentians of the World:

My dear fellow Vincentians,

Thank you very much for your confidence in electing me as your new and 15th President General. I will need your prayers and also your support to work together with me and the Board of the Council General International in continuing the great work of our early founders. We are called to this Vincentian vocation and mission to serve Christ in the poor and we have a shared responsibility to ensure that we keep our promise and commitment to the Lord and to Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his companions.

The Society today is one of the most respected, well-known, flourishing and inspiring apostolate of Charity worldwide. Through the holiness, ingenuity and inspiration of Blessed Frederic and his friends, millions of poor, whom we call our “friends-in-need”, around the world are being respected and cared for by the Society.

We are part of this legacy that you and I will continue to maintain, improve and carry on as our vocation in the service of the poor as well as bringing about systemic change and restoring the dignity of the human person. Blessed Frederic said “Let us go to the poor. We must not only speak but act and affirm by our actions the vitality of our Faith”.

Your generosity and commitment in giving your time and efforts in caring for the poor is indeed praiseworthy. However, we must ensure our service to the poor is meaningful and assuring. Our work must reflect and



*Michael THIO, XVth President General
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*

radiate our Christian way of life as apostles of Christ - we are an apostolate working within the mystical Body of Christ.

We must continue to be an effective working and praying community and having Christ in the centre of our lives and all that we do. We must grow in this discipleship of Christ and be a better person, a better Vincentian and a better Christian. “The Love of Christ impels us” as the Lord spoke to us in 2Cor5:14.

I would summarise some of the key areas that we need to consider and develop as given in my manifesto:-

Spiritual, Leadership and Members formation

The spiritual formation of members is absolutely fundamental and necessary to grow in our Vincentian Spirituality and Apostolate. The Leadership and members’ formation, training and development are key to the quality of good and enlightened leaders and members.

Internationalisation

We will continue to pursue and enhance the internationalisation of the Society as a global Catholic Charity and with various nationalities serving on the Council General Board.

Extension of the Society

This embraces both the extension to new countries and also expansion of the scope of our services. The International Structure division will lead in this thrust with the supporting services of International Twinning and VinPaz.

Communication

Effective communications form an essential element in the transmission of information and provide for better understanding and knowledge of situations and things particularly within and without the Society.

Youth/Young Adults

It is essential to focus on Youth and Young Adults membership and their development and to give them every encouragement and opportunity to participate actively in the growth, leadership and well-being of the Society.

Vincentian Family

Work towards greater collaboration with various branches of the Family particularly in mutually beneficial projects and programs sharing our knowledge, experience, expertise and resources in the spirit of Solidarity and Mission.

Relationship with the Hierarchy

We will continue to maintain a close and strong relationship with the Hierarchy as one mystical Body of Christ in the Church.

Interfaith Collaboration

To collaborate with other Catholic and Christian organizations in works of Charity and Justice in the spirit of the Church's ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and activities.

People's Republic of China

We shall work towards the development of activities in China with prudence and care.

Financials

We thank the 16 Concordat countries for their commitment in sending their Solidarity Contributions regularly which have helped tremendously with the finances of the Council General. We request all other countries to continue with their contribution too which is essential and a requirement under the Statutes.

This list is by no means exhaustive but it will give you the indications of our focus. We will review our priorities while changing with the times. Let us collaborate and work together as a global Team in the spirit of our early Founders in continuing to realize Blessed Frederic's vision "to encircle the whole world in a network of Charity".

"Happy is he who has regard for the lowly and the poor the Lord will keep and preserve him." (Psalm 41:2-3)

Let us keep one another in our prayers and seek the intercession of our Mother Mary, St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic in the pursuit of our Vincentian vocation for the greater glory of God.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Michael Thio
XV President General



Both Presidents and their wives.

International

XIV President General: Looking back at the Extraordinary General Assembly

Following the Extraordinary General Assembly of the International Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, held recently with the explicit purpose of electing the 15th President General in Salamanca, Spain last May/June with senior representatives of Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences around the world I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the conference members and participants from all over the world who made the effort to come.

The Assembly was filled with the Vincentian spirit as taught by the founders of the first Conference gathered around Blessed Frédéric Ozanam in Paris in 1833.

I rejoice to see the unanimity of my fellow members during the election of the 15th President of the Council General of our beloved Society, who is going to succeed me. To start with there were 5 candidates of whom 4 eventually came forward for the presidential elections. Along with senior representatives of the Vincentian Family, such as Father Gregory Gay, Superior General C.M., Father Robert Maloney C.M., Sr. Rosa María H.C., General Adviser, and Yasmine Cajuste, President of JMV (Vincentian Marian Youth), to whom my heartfelt thanks, the members of the SSVP around the world selected and voted for Michael Thio from Singapore, by a huge majority of 85%. He combines broad experience in Conferences and Council General with the spiritual and practical qualities needed for this service.

The first hymn of the Society, "The light", was introduced at the time of the election. It is presently available in 3 languages (English, French and Spanish) and CDs were distributed to all those present at the Assembly. The Superior and Assimilated Councils who could not send a representative will receive a copy of the hymn on CD by post in the next few days, and it can also be downloaded from www.ssvpglobal.org.

I was also very pleased with the various meetings that took place every morning, covering key topics in the daily work of the Society, such as social justice, practical charity, systemic change, young people in the Society,



José Ramón Díaz-Torremocha XIVth President General, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

etc. Notable among these was the speech by Jean Cherville on the very important topic of formation for Vincentians, also fundamental to the future of Conferences.

The workshops held by the participants from all continents met in the afternoons to discuss the subject of the speeches. They carried out excellent work, which will reap benefits for the future of the Society around the world. I cannot end without emphasising how honoured we were by the presence of Monsignor Cardinal P. J. Cordes, President of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, whom we were delighted to join in celebrating Solemn Mass on Sunday 30 May 2010, and who also gave a talk that you will receive along with the other documents from the Assembly.

**José Ramón Díaz-Torremocha XIV President General
International Confederation of the Society of Saint
Vincent de Paul.**

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A NEW INTERNATIONAL BOARD

During the General Assembly, President General Elect presented the first members of his new Board.

Vice-President General: Brian O'Reilly (Ireland)



Brian who is from Ireland has been in the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul for almost 25 years. He has held all senior positions in the Society in Ireland including the position of National President. In Ireland he was directly responsible for the construction and production of Training/Formation Programmes in a number of formats for Society members at all levels. He produced and delivered with the National Training Team a 'Training the Trainers Programme'.

At the international level he has held the positions of Coordinator, International Territorial Vice President (ITVP) and currently he is the Vice President General for Structure. Along with the President-General elect they have produced a revised Structure for the Confederation which was accepted by Co-ordinators/ITVPs at the General Assembly in Salamanca. With some adjustments it is hoped that this Structure would begin to be implemented in the coming months. Brian is a retired University lecturer in Education who is married to Rosemary for 40 years; they have 4 grown up children.

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Secretary General: Bruno Ménard (France)



Since he joined the Society of St Vincent de Paul in 1961, Bruno Ménard has kept up his Vincen-tian commitment, either in a Conference or as President of an association specializing in human, social and professional care and reinsertion of excluded people. He is currently president

of the Union of French Works of St Vincent de Paul

(UOF) which manages donations and legacies done to our movement and participates in the funding of Vincen-tian actions.

By accepting the position of Secretary General, he wishes to contribute, collaborating fully with the new President General, Michael Thio and his Board, to the continued development of our Society, concentrating on its rejuvenation, always aware of the many and varied forms of poverty and loneliness. He intends to ensure that the work of the General Secretariat eases the relations between the different countries and encourages international exchange of good practice.

Treasurer General: Liam Fitzpatrick (Ireland)



Liam Fitzpatrick is a retired banker. He has been in the SVP since 1962 and has served in many different works as a Conference volunteer, including family visitation, hospital visitation, holiday home, SVP shop, men's hostel, all in the Cork area. He has also served as Area President and Regional President and

spent 10 years as a member of the Irish National Board and national Management Committee.

At the moment, he is a member of a Conference which manages a men's hostel providing full board and accommodation for 75 men. He is also a member of a local SVP Committee promoting job creation. He is on two National Committees - one is an Audit Committee and the other deals with the protection of children and vulnerable adults. He has 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren who are the "joys of his personal life". For leisure, he plays a lot of golf which he claims to be "mainly of poor quality"!

Spirituality

DO WHAT YOU SAY

Several months ago the Temporal Affairs Committee of my parish made a very important decision; they decided that our parking lot should be repaved. Looking at the parking lot, it was far from a disaster area; there were a few holes and a fair amount of roughness, but was a complete repaving called-for?

However, once the work was undertaken, the wisdom of the decision was apparent. The old pavement at one spot had been laid over a tree trunk, which over the years, had decayed and resulted in a great depression. At other spots the pavement rested on a scant few inches of gravel laid directly on the Leda Clay that covers most of the region.

Now we have a parking lot with a solid foundation. Moreover the old pavement was recycled by being broken into small components and mixed with crushed stone to provide the parking lot foundation.

What can all this teach us?

Sometimes our habits and our way of life are a liveable status quo, but more or less mediocre. We make good resolutions to improve the situation, but the courage to move from intention to action is absent.

Coming back to my example, the parishioners proudly showed their appreciation for the well done project, repaving the parking lot and as a result the Temporal Affairs Committee is encouraged as it tackles the task of replacing the \$120,000 paid from our Reserve Funds.

Yes major changes do not come easy, but are often so important for future growth and progress.

In the silence of prayer let us ask God to grant us the wisdom to discern any changes that should be made in our overall way of living. Along with this wisdom may we also be granted the courage to undertake the needed action.

Our life lived as God wills it is ever so much more important than a well paved parking lot! Our great Vincentian vocation deserves such a well lived life.

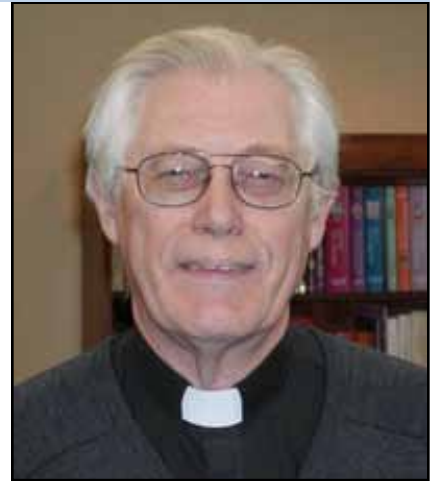
So as to orient our reflection on changes I wish to revisit the slogan that guided the life of the great Jesuit teacher François Varillon:

One hand on the beauty of the world

One hand on the suffering of mankind

Both feet in the duty of the present moment

Msgr Peter Schonenbach
Spiritual Advisor



Msgr Peter Schonenbach



Maureen MacIsaac

VINCENTIAN DISCIPLESHIP - HE HAS ANOINTED ME

When we are baptized, we are called to enter into a very special relationship with the Father, the Holy Spirit and with Christ. We are called to be Christ's disciples. It is a blessed and unique relationship that does not make us any better than others- it just makes us more responsible. Responsible to do what?

In John we are told "And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." (Jn 13 34-35) . To be a disciple of Jesus, we are called to try and love as He loved. Our humanity prevents us from fully loving the way He loves, but we must try to emulate that love.

All Christians are called to love. Christians, knowing we are loved by God, and that He lives within each of us, must be constantly open to hearing God's voice so that we may carry out His work and spread the Good News to others. This requires that we respond to people and situations with compassion, empathy, patience, justice and love.

Vincentians are Christians with a very special vocation as we are called to be servants to His poor. We cannot see Christ in human form, but we believe that the suffering Christ is most visible in the poor He wants us to serve. Our call to love and service is no different than that of all other Christians, but it is whom we are called to serve that makes our vocation a unique and special gift from Him.

In this massive world of ours, there are a variety of excellent organizations who respond to the needs of the poor and work tirelessly to provide help to those in need. A good friend once said: "Vincentians don't have a monopoly on serving the poor" and the friend is correct- we don't- but the driving force behind that service to the poor is different than that of other organizations.

There is no doubt that the call to serve as a Vincentian is a vocation. Not all Christians are called to serve His poor; His poor who are so hurt and broken. We, as Vincentians, understand that brokenness because we all have been there ourselves. He has healed us or is currently healing us and He wants us to bring that healing to the poor in

the same way that He is healing us. He reaches out and touches us with His love and He wants us to do the same to His poor.

The task He has chosen for us is not always easy. There are times when it is difficult to see Christ in those we serve, but He is there in that person; we sometimes just have to look a little harder to find Him. To do this, we must ground ourselves in prayer and the Eucharist so that we are open to seeing the face of Christ in those we serve. Solitary prayer is helpful but we must also pray together so that we can build up the Body of Christ to better enable us to do His work.

He has anointed us to carry out His work and He will provide us with what we require to carry out this service to those in need. All Vincentians can share their stories showing how Christ "found" the money or food or shelter just when we thought there was no way we could provide the help. This providing, my dear Vincentians, is no accident. If we are open to His voice, He will show us the way and lead us to a solution that will enable us to respond to a request for help.

When we knock on that door, it is the Christ in us that is responding to the Christ who needs our help.

If we are able to remember that, we will be better able to serve with love and compassion. We must always remember that our face may be the only face of Christ the poor see. Some time ago, two Vincentians were making a home visit and a little boy told them, "Jesus doesn't come to our house, but St. Vincent de Paul does". This is what He has anointed us to be- His servants for His poor.

What a wonderful gift He has given us, to use us to be His hands, His heart and His voice to serve and love His people. What a marvellous way to be used- as His face to the poor. Thank you Jesus for giving us such a privilege and gift.

**Maureen MacIsaac, Chair
National Spirituality Committee**

Twining

WE HAVE WORK TO DO!

In today's economic climate, we have seen an increase in demand for the services which we provide to the local communities in the region where I am. Without a doubt, you are also seeing the same cry for help. We have work to do!

Within our society, we have new challenges in screening protocols, insurance coverage, education, training and communications. These are the demands on our Conferences and Councils and are being addressed at local, regional and national levels. At the local levels, even our most basic services are being challenged with on-going funding for our services, gathering of supplies, distribution of the supplies to the most needy, and retention and recruitment of volunteers to help with the work. And we have work to do!

Internationally, we have recently seen the cry for help from Haiti. The SSVP National Council of Canada is formally twinned with the National and Regional Council levels in Haiti, and is taking the lead on providing assistance to rebuilding the society in Haiti and metering the flow of funding to provide for the needs of that community.

And there is still work to do!

Twining is a special work of SSVP and is stated in the Rule under number 2.7.2. We are all asked to participate in this international outreach program. We have work to do.

Internationally, Canada has been designated to twin with Conferences in Central America, northern South America and selected Caribbean locations. There are 950 Conferences in Canada. Although there are 111 Conferences in Canada who are officially twinned, there still remains a list of approximately 40 Conferences in Central America who have applied for twin matches with Canadian Conferences. We have work to do.

When we look at the demand for our services here at home, we see that there has been an increase. Just remember that the economic downturn that has created this increased demand here in Canada is a global affair. Think about how the less privileged communities throughout the world have been impacted even more greatly than we, and that their recovery will be slower than ours, and that their needs will remain for longer than ours. We have work to do.

This, my fellow Vincentians, is the international cry for twinning. There is work to do.

Please consider discussing this outreach program at your Conference level, and contact your local or regional twinning coordinator for further information and let's take up the challenge of getting the work done.

We have work to do!

Mike Chomyshyn
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WE HAVE SOME CONFERENCES WAITING TO BE TWINNED WITH CANADIAN CONFERENCES AND COUNCILS, FROM:

PERU- 5 conferences

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 11 conferences

NICARAGUA - 7 conferences

HAITI - with funds going to the Regional Council of the twin to be distributed to all conferences in that region - 13 conferences

COLOMBIA - 17, with 11 of those being for Councils.

GUATEMALA - 2 conferences

EL SALVADOR - 12 conferences

I hold 67 applications.

If your conference is interested, please fill in the application form available on our website:

www.ssvp.ca or by our administrative assistant:

twinning@ssvp.ca.

If you have an interest in a particular country with whom I hold application forms, please indicate it on your application form.

Kathy Weswick at twinning-chair@ssvp.ca

350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent and St. Louise

We celebrate the 350th anniversary of the death of Vincent and Louise. We do not commemorate their death so much as the zenith of two living persons who left a mark in history for what they accomplished while they were still alive. They were icons of charity. Both of them were great **Prophets of Charity**.

During their life, Vincent and Louise evolved under the intuition of the Holy Spirit, and they let themselves be guided by its strength... a strength personified by the zeal and the charity spirit with which they accomplished their mission.

The Congregation of the Mission, the Daughters of Charity and the Ladies of Charity are a manifestation of the strength of the Spirit as experienced while they were still alive.

After they departed, in 1660, the Spirit of the Lord generated a creative force that gave birth to various movements, such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and to religious communities who saw in Vincentian charisma not only a solid and ever young spirituality, but also a living response for the Church and the society.

For the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, it is a time of prayer, reflection, sharing and **action**. Simple gestures of friendship and mutual appreciation, love in action, an open door, active listening and specific assistance.

Charity - Mission
VINCENT
DE PAUL
LOUISE DE
MARILLAC
350th anniversary

Prayer for the jubilee year

Lord God Almighty, Father of the poor, you give us the grace to celebrate this year the 350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent and St. Louise. We thank you for this immense grace. Through their intercession grant that we allow ourselves to be transformed more fully by the Spirit you gave them. May the Spirit of Charity so fill our hearts and minds that our love for our brothers and sisters, who are marginalized and rejected by society, be gentle, attentive, compassionate, pro-active and inventive unto infinity.

Make us rediscover the audacity of Vincent and Louise, the diligence and sweetness of an ever-renewed love of the poor that may help them change their lives in earnest.

Help us make our faith strong and humble in a world that seems so far away from you yet that thirsts so much for you. Make us become a sign of hope for many, as were Vincent and Louise, companions in life.

Grant that we do not back down in the face of difficulties but be ready to dirty our hands in favor of the poor, our masters. Help us learn from them to become your true sons and daughters, worthy heirs of the charism you have entrusted to Vincent and Louise for the good of the Church and of all humanity,

May this jubilee year be for our Vincentian Family a year of grace and conversion, and for those we love a year of many blessings. Amen.

The logo does not pretend to be exhaustive – it simply suggests. The symbol consists of “flames” of various colors, in four sets, as in four horizons, suggesting the world of diversity. These flames are so located as to suggest a “dove,” the biblical symbol of the Holy Spirit just as the flames themselves are.

Council in Action

ONTARIO STORES BUILD VINCENTIANISM AND HELP OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

Our Ontario Saint Vincent de Paul store system is comprised of 45 stores across the province. Our Ontario Regional Council (ONRC) Store Committee acts as a resource and communication centre for our stores.

In 2009, our stores had total gross sales of over \$6,000,000.00. There are over 200 paid staff and about 700 volunteers. Nearly half of our stores are owned while the others are leased. Store locations vary from large urban centres to small rural communities.

Of course, these stores are far more than simply a source of revenue. They offer quality used clothing and furniture at a reasonable price, which makes them a viable option for our neighbours in need. In addition, most stores also provide free clothing and furniture to anyone given a referral by the local Conference. In 2009, the total value of assistance to those in need was more than \$500,000. Furthermore, many stores use profits from their stores to support other works of charity, such as food banks and soup kitchens.

The most important part of our store operations is to remember that they are a special work of the Society and therefore, should always follow our mission. This means serving Christ in the poor who come to visit our stores.

The ONRC Store committee has undergone some much needed changes in the past year. While each store is governed by their local Council/Conference, the Store committee has an obligation to provide support and resource material to our stores. The other issue is to try to improve communications between stores and the ONRC as we attempt to develop Frederic Ozanam's desire to create a "network of charity". This network should also include our stores. One example of how the store committee has made a difference was the development and training we provided last year regarding Health and Safety issues.

We were able to complete this project using the knowledge of fellow Vincentians.

Our store committee currently has 3 members from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and 2 members who are store managers. The recent addition of store managers to this committee has proven to be an excellent method of developing a greater understanding of the issues, problems and concerns of our stores and their managers. One of the results of the inclusion of store managers was to hold our 1st annual professional development for store managers. This event was held in London, ON in April, 2010 and we enjoyed the participation of 37 of our 45 stores. The day consisted of 3 morning workshops that gave all managers a voice in a number of relevant issues related to store operations. The results of these workshops will be used to develop programs and resources for our store managers.

The afternoon session of the professional development day was highlighted by a guest speaker, Mr. Maurice O'Callaghan, who is a world renowned motivational speaker.

In all likelihood, the most important segment of our stores are the managers. It's amazing how dedicated our managers are to the mission of the Society. While most are paid staff, they also understand what we're about and act as wonderful examples of our organization.

While there continue to be many challenges ahead in the retail aspect of our store system, we must never lose sight of our real focus, which is to serve Christ in the poor.

We thank all store managers and staff (paid or volunteer) and all Vincentians for their support of our stores. You may obtain further information about our stores and locations by visiting our ONRC website at www.ssvp.on.ca.

**Jim Paddon, Chair
Store Committee**

Conference in Action

The town of Mackenzie experienced a serious downturn in the economy with mill closures in the spring of 2007. In the fall of 2008 we saw a rise in requests for food assistance from those in need in our community. With the economy in such dire straits we could see that the need would only be increasing and were wondering what we could do to help them.

Well it's funny how things happen as Martha Primus the Pastoral Life Director at St. Peter's received a call from Bernie Gould, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Prince George with an offer to help out the Community of Mackenzie and they sent us money to assist with food hampers for those in need at Christmas. They also sent us money at Easter and we were again able to give out hampers.

Shortly thereafter Martha & I were in PG and happened to see Bernie and she suggested we start a St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Mackenzie. We presented the idea to the congregation at St. Peter's as an opportunity to serve the needs of families at risk in Mackenzie, and then presented it to the other church communities. They were all pleased and supportive that we took the initiative and were more than happy to help in any way they could and so it began. We also had the approval and blessings of our Bishop, Gerald Wiesner.

May 10th Bernie & Jack Gould and Norm Easson from St. Vincent de Paul of PG came to speak to us about the Society and how they operate their food program. They provided us with information on the ins and outs of operating a food bank and how we could start our own. We decided on the Food Bank idea as we didn't want to encroach on the already established Care & Share which gives out food hampers at Christmas and Easter.

We had an AGM meeting May 24th and elected an executive and a board of directors.

Between the Pantry volunteers and the Parish Council we decided that in the basement of the church under the stairs would be the best spot to build the pantry as there was a large storage room and some unused space. A plan was developed to build shelves and with the leadership of Rev. Henry Dunbar of Hope Trinity United Church, a number of parishioners and friends we were able to build the pantry.

More recently the Job Opportunities Program in Mackenzie provided us with labour and materials to improve our space. A fridge was also donated and many generous gifts have been received. A food drive was held among the four churches of the city of the Prince George Diocese and the Diocesan Centre coordinated by Father Richard Beaudette of St. Mary's Parish. It was unbelievable the truckload of groceries that they brought to us for the Pantry. The shelves were full, and we were ready to start. We felt truly blessed by our faith family in Prince George. When we trust in God with faith miracles can happen.

We officially opened our doors to our "Guests" June 17, 2009 and are open on a monthly basis, to those who are in need of assistance, to help get them through. The Wednesday, prior to assistance cheque day, we provide an opportunity to share; conversation, coffee, soup and perhaps a cookie or two. We are also available for emergencies and have a roster of volunteers scheduled to respond to those calls.



We meet monthly the week prior to the Pantry day and informally during the month for different reasons, either indoctrinations, volunteer interviews and sometimes just to connect.

We have over 35 volunteers and I'm sure all have had an enriching experience serving those in our community who have sought out assistance. Throughout the last eleven months we have served hundreds who have struggled with the current economic situation and in the last five months we've served an average of 115 people per pantry day.

We have applied for and eagerly wait our aggregation to be completed in becoming a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We have had a few fundraising events including the proceeds from raffles held at our Parish's Annual Dessert & Auction night, a garage sale and a Creamed Canned Dinner for a hockey tournament.

The generosity of many in our community has made our ministry to the needy one of success and fulfillment. Our hope is that we are able to serve as many who are in need as possible, with what we are provided.

Charmaine LaVallee
President
St. Peter's Pantry



SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHANGING LIVES

Words of wisdom from St Louise de Marillac

As for your conduct toward the poor, may you never take the attitude of merely getting the task done. You must show them affection; serving them from the heart – inquiring of them what they need; speaking to them gently and compassionately; procuring necessary help for them without being too bothersome or too eager (Seeds of Hope, Stories of Systemic Change, 2008, p. 77)

St Vincent de Paul and empowerment

St. Vincent excelled in the process of empowerment. He listened to others' ideas, sought their advice, and provided the tools that collaborators needed for carrying out their mission. He empowered his followers by insisting on core values and virtues, such as respect and mutual support. He encouraged "**affective and effective**" relationships in serving the poor. (Seeds of Hope, Stories of Systemic Change, 2008, p. 82).

History - George Muir (conclusion)

GEORGE MANLY MUIR, A MAN OF VINCENTIAN COMPASSION

by Anita L. Charpentier, S.C.I.M.

Conclusion

PERSONAL LIFE

Early in those turbulent years of his professional career, George Muir found Quebec City a pleasant place to live and settled in a house on Des Remparts Street. He met his future wife, Sophia Melvin Place (1801-1895), apparently through a friend and co-worker Errol Boyd Lindsay, her cousin. George and Sophia shared many common traits, each born of a Catholic mother and a Protestant father, and both having become Catholic in adolescence. Their wedding in Notre-Dame Cathedral on May 28, 1833, was blessed by Father Jérôme Demers (1774-1853), an eminent professor at Laval University. The notable witnesses who signed the parish register reveal the quality of the newlyweds' social life.

More importantly, their following the beautiful vocation of Christian marriage made them models of faithful living in the sacramental grace of union. George Muir's response to God's call marked a new step for him, a **seventh factor** that fashioned the outstanding layman he became.

The Muirs had only one child, a little girl who died shortly after birth. This profound sorrow seems to have been an **eighth basic factor** and the **turning point** in George Muir's life. Pain has the peculiar quality of hollowing out a deeper space for life; suddenly, past experiences crystallize in a new understanding of life and of one's purpose on earth.

In this crucial moment when their home seemed deserted, George and Sophia understood that God wanted to entrust them with his own family, the poor and forsaken whom the Lord cherishes in a special way. The Muirs perceived that Divine Love constantly flows forth to be received and shared with others. Could this be the essence of Christ's message, the heart of Christian life, the catalyst of communities and the main agenda of committees, the secret of happiness and holiness...?

For George Muir, the loss of his child seems to have been a determining moment which inspired him with the direction to give his life. First, to love his closest neighbor, his wife who afterwards remained frail and

depressive; and then to love those less fortunate with the wonderful love God had shown him through his mother and his devoted teachers. He was now ready for the great mission God had in mind for him. His career as a high ranking civil servant provided a good livelihood, but he felt the need for something more fulfilling spiritually.

Recalling the networks of charity of his Sulpician masters, George looked around him and saw government colleagues concerned about the many poor and joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul established in Montreal in 1848. He became a member early the next year. This affiliation corresponded with his inner aspirations; it nurtured his spiritual life, gave him a support group, and stimulated his compassion for the underprivileged.



«Mr. George Muir... a model Catholic eminently worthy of taking his place alongside Ozanam». (H.-R. Casgrain, historian, 1896)

VINCENTIAN SPIRIT

The more George Manly Muir learned about the spirit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the more it filled his heart and mobilized him to action. His indepth reading of the Society's history and Rules made him understand Ozanam's founding intention—that it was to be a gathering of *friends* willing to assist those less fortunate, in response to Jesus' words: "*Whatsoever you do to the least of Mine, you do for Me.*"

Mr. Muir integrated the Society's spirituality and lived it wholeheartedly by letting himself be challenged by it and going to the end of that challenge. Ozanam's rallying cry stimulated him: "*I would like to enfold the world in a network of charity!*" With compassionate vision, Mr. Muir hastened to help the needy and prompted his *friends* as well to offer both material aid and new hope to the unfortunate by advocating their rights and restoring their human dignity.

His greatest concern was to spread the Vincentian spirit wherever he went. After he became a member in Montreal in early 1849, an interruption of parliamentary sessions soon freed him to return home to Quebec City. With a hearty recommendation from his confreres, he was admitted to the Notre-Dame Conference on November 16th. The following year, when parliament resumed in Toronto, he was mandated to found a Conference there, on November 10, 1850. It was the first in English Canada.

But another government move led him back to Quebec City the next year. Convinced that he had not sufficiently instilled the new Toronto members with Ozanam's spirit, he wrote several letters about it to his successor, Mr. W. J. Macdonnell. Those important letters, according to an 1896 publication, were "*fortunately preserved... [and] are even now a valuable mine of advice and information on the interpretation of the Rules.*" "*That correspondence was religiously kept and is considered with reason to be a real treasure by our confreres in Toronto*" (*Les Noces d'Or de la Société de St-Vincent de Paul à Québec, 1846-1896*, pp. 135 and 371). The question for us today is to find all those precious letters...!

In Quebec, Mr. Muir also helped found Irish Conferences with Father Patrick McMahon, pastor of St. Patrick's. This first English-speaking parish in the city had been opened to minister to the many immigrants arriving from Europe, especially Ireland.

Always, Mr. Muir put the emphasis on the Christian *friendship* that should exist among the disciples of Ozanam: "*If, to the visit of the poor religiously and regularly made, we unite the true spirit of charity towards one another, the advancement and stability of the Society is assured, and God will grant us His blessings*" (Letter of resignation in Toronto, August 31, 1851).

The Vincentian spirit can therefore be considered a **ninth step** in forging the outstanding man of charity who was George Manly Muir.

OTHER COMMITMENTS

But where did he find personal support and nourishment for his compassionate generosity? A growing hunger to deepen his own spirituality kindled in George Muir a profound devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary whom he tenderly called Our Lady and Help of Christians. As often as possible, he attended daily Mass and prayed the Rosary. Moreover, he became a lay associate of the Jesuits in Quebec City (the Men's Marian Congregation), as of December 24, 1849; he was even elected prefect of the group, that is, vice-president under the Jesuit Superior.

Likewise concerned about furthering his culture, Mr. Muir joined the *Literary and Historical Society of Quebec*, the first scholarly association in Canada founded in 1824. It eventually gave rise to the national archives (now known as the *Library and Archives of Canada*) and the Quebec provincial archives (*Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec*).

This obvious thirst for personal growth and improvement can be seen as a **tenth basic factor** in George Muir's life. His home library contained many books in which he usually wrote the place and date of purchase

History - George Muir (conclusion)

and which he bequeathed to the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec.

FOUNDING THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY

The needs of the times were Mr. Muir's guide to God's will in caring for persons in distress. His compassionate heart drew him irresistibly to the poorest of the poor, those in moral need. Both in Montreal and in Quebec City, he immediately joined the Vincentians visiting prisoners.

Most tormenting to him was the dire situation of women inmates in the mid-1800s and the cycle of poverty and prostitution which many endured. One day, he was surprised to see a former prisoner back and asked about her return. Her answer stunned him: "Where do you want us to go? Even our families won't have us, so there's only the streets and brothels!" The idea of a shelter dawned in Mr. Muir's mind and from then on, he pursued it with determination despite all obstacles. As usual, he first proposed his plan to a Church representative, the diocesan administrator Pierre-Flavien Turgeon—less than a month after joining the Quebec City Vincentians! Bishop Turgeon approved the bold plan and even suggested a retired widow as director.

Mrs. Marie-Josephte Fitzbach-Roy was then a resident with the Sisters of Charity of Quebec where her two daughters had entered as novices. Courageously, she accepted the request, opened the shelter on January 11, 1850, and the next day received the first woman wanting to turn her life around.

As founder of the shelter, called St. Magdalen's Refuge, Mr. Muir did everything he could to support it. He first located an apartment on Richelieu Street, obtained the help of all the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Quebec City, and personally made door-to-door collections. As president of the "Committee for St. Magdalen's Work," he went daily to see to the well-being of all the residents! For the rest of his life, he was their best *friend* and benefactor. Father Louis Saché, S.J., the first chaplain wrote: "Never forget Mr. Muir, for he was the one to whom God inspired the first thought of your ministry!"

Other devoted young women joined Mrs. Roy and together they formed the little Good Shepherd Society. They also opened a school for impoverished girls in January 1851, at the request of the cathedral pastor. After working six years as laywomen, they saw the need to prolong their ministry and asked to make vows in a religious community. On February 2, 1856, their dream was fulfilled in the newly-formed Congregation of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, also known as the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec. Marie-Josephte Fitzbach, the Foundress, took the name of Mother Mary of the Sacred Heart, and her Cause for Beatification has recently been opened in Rome.

Mr. Muir's faith in the Good Shepherd Ministry was unshakable, as solid as the iron cross he set over the front door of the first shelter, "*as your sign.*" And the community's mission is still alive 160 years later, in Quebec, Maine and Massachusetts (USA), Lesotho, the Republic of South Africa, Rwanda, Haiti and Brazil.

As for himself, Mr. Muir refused any honor and humbly wrote, "*I was merely an instrument used by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and my only merit lay in doing my duty as a member of that Society.*"

OTHER WORKS OF CHARITY

But George Manly Muir had not finished founding! In March 1861, he and some volunteer *friends* started a makeshift school for little boys who had only the streets as playgrounds, and called it the "Patronage Saint-Vincent de Paul." To ensure its survival as an educational and sports activities center, he called on the Congregation of Religious of St. Vincent de Paul founded in Paris in 1845. Those devoted priests and brothers arrived only in 1884, two years after Mr. Muir's death, but their dynamic youth ministry spread to other towns in Quebec and likewise remains flourishing today.

Meanwhile, Mr. Muir and his wife paid for the education of many destitute children and also for the training of some young men for the priesthood. The couple usually vacationed at their summer home, "Mignonette Cottage," north of Quebec City, in the foothills of Charlesbourg. There, they were appalled at the poverty of the surrounding population, the lack of schooling and the distance separating people from church. In 1869,

Mr. Muir bought a piece of property nearby, invited the Good Shepherd Sisters to come and open a convent and school, and built a lovely chapel where people could find spiritual consolation. He called it "Our Lady of the Laurentides," a name since given to the entire region.

Even the foreign missions benefitted from Mr. Muir's attention. As president of the Quebec Particular Council in 1871, he adopted on behalf of the Society a little boy found starving to death by Cardinal Lavigerie, Archbishop of Algiers. Out of gratitude for the support sent, the Algerian child was baptized George!

Seeing these and many other good works, Archbishop Charles-François Baillargeon of Quebec requested a special honor from Pope Pius IX for this generous diocesan member. On October 17, 1869, in the Good Shepherd Chapel, George Manly Muir received the Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

RADIANCE

Always modest before such honors, Mr. Muir heeded only the inner fire of compassion burning within him. In this spirit, he accepted to serve as president of certain organizations, especially the Irish Vincentian Conferences, the Particular Councils in Quebec City, and the Superior Council of Canada from 1866 to 1881. His fellow members admired his strict observance of the Rules, his zeal for the formation of new Conferences, his meticulous attention to accounts and statistics, his firmness and natural authority. One Vincentian wrote in admiration: *"This man was born to command. He was imposing with his fine, radiant features, his impeccable attire, his serious, compelling air, and his smile that was so honest and good."*

In 1879, when his position as Clerk was given to an elected member of the legislature, Mr. Muir had only one comment: *"I do not need that salary to live. My poor are the ones who will miss it."* After his death on July 7, 1882, a simple epitaph on his tombstone eloquently summarized the life of this worthy servant of God: *"He passed among us doing good."*

Compassion has been defined as mercy in action. And as Khalil Gibran once wrote, one gives little unless one gives oneself.

Grateful for the many blessings of his life, Mr. Muir could never give enough but wanted everyone, especially the underprivileged, to have access to the most basic rights and opportunities in life. Sensitive to others because of his own trials, he was a *friend* at ease with persons of every level of society and he touched them all with his innate dignity, genuine interest and radiant goodness.

Like George Manly Muir, we too can give a human face and hands to the compassion of Jesus the Good Shepherd in our own day.

Anita L. Charpentier, S.C.I.M.



Marie-Josephte Fitzbach, the Foundress of the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec, took the name of Mother Mary of the Sacred Heart, and her Cause for Beatification has recently been opened in Rome.

Open House

The Open House and Blessing of our new head office in Ottawa was held on May 8 2010.

Were present:

Phil McNeely, MPP; Rainer Bloess, Municipal Counsilor; Msgr Joseph Muldoon, representing Archbishop Terrence Prendergas; Fr. Michel Pommainville, Priest, Sainte-Marie; Don Grant, National's legal advisor; Robert Martineau, National Past President; Ellen Schryburt, National Past President; Members of the National Board; Vincentians from Orleans, Ottawa and Gatineau; Friends of the Society of the Ottawa-Gatineau region.



Robert Martineau & Thomas O'Flynn



Vincentians & Board members attending



Phil McNeely, MPP



Rainer Bloess, Municipal Counsilor



Penny Craig & Msgr Joseph Muldoon



David Grant, Penny Craig & Msgr Joseph Muldoon

Vincentian Honoured

Paul-André Bilodeau, a member of our SSVP Jean XXIII Conference in Gatineau, was declared Community Volunteer of the Year 2010 by the city of Gatineau

Since 1979, Mr. Bilodeau has been a very active SSVP member.

Mr. Bilodeau has accepted with all his heart the following roles within the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and has been giving of himself unsparingly, dedicating countless hours of service for the wellbeing of needy people in our community:

- President of the SSVP Jean XXIII Conference in Gatineau for two 3-year terms;
- President of the SSVP Riviera de Gatineau store over three 2-year terms;
- In 2008, participated in discussions and decisions regarding the creation of the Basse-Lièvre store in Buckingham, Québec;
- In 2009, participated in discussions and decisions regarding the merging of the Basse-Lièvre store in Buckingham with the Riviera de Gatineau store;
- Over several years, participated in the Consultation Committee on hunger in Gatineau;
- Over several years, has been working at, and is still responsible for, the distribution of school supplies to many school-age children in primary schools in the Jean XXIII Conference territory;
- Over several years, has been working at, and is still responsible for, the participation of children at several Tim Horton summer and winter camps;
- For several years, with the Jean XXIII Conference, has prepared children to participate in Air Canada's Kids' Horizons program;
- Since 1979, has always participated actively in the success of the Guignolée;
- Since 1979, has always participated actively in the Media's Guignolée in the Gatineau region;
- Is an attentive and model member with regard to the needs of the poor, according to the mission of the SSVP: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

Mr. Bilodeau and his spouse Thérèse are important members in our Conference, and for this reason, I ask you to share the good news with all our SSVP colleagues in the province and across Canada.

Claire Cayen, President
Jean XXIII Conference, Gatineau SSVP
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Paul-André Bilodeau

Honour and recognition:

Last August 3, 2010, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Quebec (1850-2010) saw the historic importance of their work recognized by the Canadian government. George Muir created the work of the Good Shepherd, which in turn gave birth to the religious community, directed by Marie-Joseph Fitzbach.

As for Mr. Muir, he was the founder of the Quebec SSVP. The charisma of the work itself and that of the sisters unfolded in helping young women who were marginalized. That shows the proximity between the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Quebec and our Society.

We congratulate them for those 160 years of service, and particularly the well-deserved recognition that they received.

AGA 2010 - Wine & Cheese



AGA 2010 - Official Opening



Ed Keane, from Council General International



Terry Wilson, from the US National Council



AGA 2010 - Pub Night





AGA 2010 - Mass & Banquet





New Promotional Items

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SSVP logo printed (Available in black, blue and white - sizes: small to 3XL)



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Fabric/Style:

- 10.1-oz, 100% cotton
- Seamless double-needle collar for more comfort
- Taped neck and shoulders
- Double-needle sleeves and bottom hem
- Quarter-turned body for seamless print surface
- Pre-shrunk

SWEATSHIRTS - \$ 20

SSVP logo printed (Available in grey and blue - sizes: small to 2XL)



Gildan® Heavy Blend™ 50/50
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Fabric/Style:

13.5-oz, 50/50 cotton/polyester.

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Set-in sleeves.

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Double-needle stitching throughout for increased durability.

Quarter-turned body for seamless print surface.



GOLFSHIRTS Men - \$ 25

SSVP logo embroidered (Available in blue, black and red - sizes: small to 3XL)



GOLFSHIRTS Women - \$ 25

SSVP logo embroidered (Available in blue, white and red - sizes: small to 2XL)



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Noir/black	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	XXXL ___	_____
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Rouge/Red	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	XXXL ___	_____

Polo / Golfshirt - Femme / Women - \$25

Blanc/White	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	_____
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Rouge/Red	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	_____

T-Shirt - 10\$

Noir/black	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	XXXL ___	_____
Bleu/Blue	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	XXXL ___	_____
Blanc/White	Petit/Small ___	Medium ___	Large ___	XL ___	XXL ___	XXXL ___	_____

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Ensemble cadeau (stylo et pousse-mine) / Gift set (pen and pencil) 25,00\$ _____

Crayon SSVP / SSVP pen 2,00\$ _____

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Tirette / Zipper-pull 4,00\$ _____

Médaille - rectangulaire / Medal - rectangular 2,00\$ _____

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Formulaire de commande

Porte-clefs / Key-ring - Saint Vincent de Paul/Ozanam (30 mm)	15,00\$
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Médaille / Medal - Saint Vincent de Paul / Ozanam (30 mm)	14,00\$
Médaille Béatification / Medal - Beatification	20,00\$
Chevalet pour médaille / Holder for medal (60 mm)	5,00\$
Chevalet pour médaille / Holder for medal (30 mm)	4,00\$

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