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Mission

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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Message from the President



I wish all Vincentians a very good year in 2017, and may the Lord walk with you every day of the year. As we say, when health goes, everything goes. Therefore, let us wish for excellent health for everyone in 2017.

December is probably the busiest time of the year for most members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The preparation and distribution of Christmas hampers requires significant efforts, and I know that in spite of the tremendous amount of work, you do everything with compassion, probably because you know that the people we help are particularly vulnerable at this time of the year. On their behalf, I thank you.

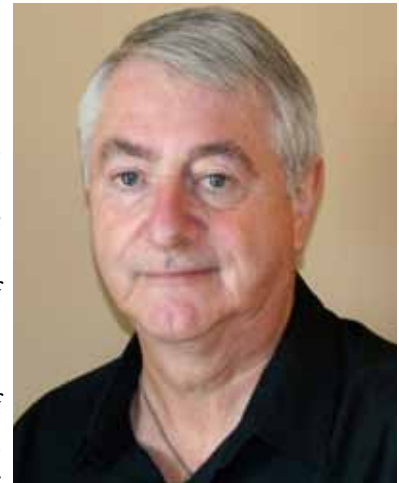
In November 2016, we invited all Conference and Council Presidents to respond to a survey about our strategic plan. Many of you responded and I thank you. The results will appear in our annual report to be published next spring.

This year, our 46th Annual General Assembly will take place from June 21 to 25, 2017, on the Notre-Dame-de-Foy campus, just outside of Québec City. I am delighted to announce that our new President General International, Mr. Renato Lima De Oliveira, and his spouse Andrea, have accepted to join us for the duration of the meeting. Therefore, in addition to meeting and exchanging with Vincentians from across the country and participating in very interesting workshops, you will have the opportunity to hear what our new President General International is planning to accomplish during his term.

We also remember that on November 12, 2016, we celebrated the 170th anniversary of our foundation in Canada. Indeed, it was in Québec City, on November 12, 1816, that the first Conference was created in Canada, and we will commemorate that historical moment during the opening ceremony on Thursday June 22, 2017. As well, during that ceremony, we will officially

launch our book: **THE MISSION.**

Since we will be gathered for our AGA, there will be a reception to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Vincentian charisma. On May 15, 2016, through the voice of Father Gregory Gay, at the time Superior



General of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarist fathers) the Vincentian Family dedicated the year 2017 to the celebration of that anniversary, under the theme **'I was a stranger and you invited me in.'**

It is at the beginning of August, in 1617, that Vincent de Paul was assigned to the small church in the village of Châtillon, in France. Not long after his arrival, he asked the parishioners to provide some help to a poor family. What a surprise he had when he saw that this family was literally saved by the tremendous response of the parishioners. **From that event, Vincent de Paul realized that charity must be organized to be efficient, and he was guided by that initial inspiration during his entire life.** We all know the influence that he had and continues to have on the Church. We only have to look at the number of congregations and organisations under his patronage, dedicated to providing help to needy people, to understand the extent of his work. I hope that you will be with us to celebrate the event.

To conclude, let me remind you how difficult November has been for Vincentians in our country. Two of our former national Presidents passed away. Michael Burke (President from 2001 to 2007), died on November 19, 2016, and Robert Martineau (President from 1983 to 1995), died on November 24, 2016. Both deeply loved the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and were very active in it for many years. We wish them eternal rest and may God welcome them in heaven.

**Jean-Noël Cormier, President
National Council**

2016 EMMANUEL BAILLY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MAXIME LAVOIE

Maxime has been involved with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Quebec City since 2014, when he joined the Conférence Marie-Guyart. He is currently the coordinator of the food cupboard “The Bread Table” in the Conference. Since he joined the Society, he has been involved in several student associations and in the student residences to assist his fellow students in providing both food and friendship.

Jean-Bernard Rousseau, Youth Counsellor for the Conférence Marie-Guyart, describes Maxime as follows: “In the model of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, who was a young student in the service of the poor, Maxime has chosen to be at the service of students who live in financial difficulties through his acts of charity, his service to others and his joyful presence. He is open to discovering and deepening his Vincentian spirituality.”

Maxime is studying mathematics, computer science and finance at Laval University and he hopes to complete his master’s degree in financial engineering. On reflecting what the Society means to Maxime, he wrote “To be a member of the Society is to give. No matter what we do, we must keep in mind that everyone is a human as much as we are. All feel the same fundamental needs, the same intrinsic feelings. If we want to help others, it is first and foremost by offering what they need: be it listening, food, love, it does not matter”. These words echo the gift that Maxime brings to his Conference!

The National Council of Canada congratulates Maxime on being named the recipient of the Emmanuel Bailly Scholarship and wishes him the best with his studies.

Jason Hunt, Youth Rep
National Council of Canada



Maxime Lavoie

About the Scholarship

The Emmanuel Bailly Scholarship is an initiative of the National Council of Canada. Its purpose is to reward young Vincentians for their contributions to the Society. In addition to attending school and working part time, young Vincentians find the time and energy to assist those who are less privileged in their community. Each year, the National Council recognizes one of these young members in Canada who has demonstrated their commitment to the Society, to Vincentian spirituality, and to the Catholic Church.

It is in the name of Emmanuel Bailly, who saw the importance of helping youth combine their studies with their religious formation, that the National Council of Canada wishes to recognize a young person each year for their exceptional contribution by offering a bursary of \$1,000 to assist them in the pursuit of their studies.

Applications for the scholarship are due by April 30 of each year to the National Council office. Details of the scholarship for 2017 can be found on the National website. Any Conference or Council wishing to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, can do so by sending a cheque to the National Council, please indicate “Scholarship” as a note.



National Fundraising



North of 60 remains an important project to help our brothers and sisters in the Canadian Far North who are living in extreme poverty. Employment opportunities are few in these regions and the cost of food and other basic necessities is exorbitant. This situation is unacceptable, especially in a country as rich as ours, and we cannot remain indifferent to this great need. **Through our North of 60 Project, it is our hope to provide significant support to as many northern communities as possible.**

The Western and Ontario Regional Councils in particular have been very active over the last few years in sending sea containers filled with donated goods to remote northern communities. SSVP Conferences have been established in some of these communities and there is support from various religious orders. We have also been fortunate this year to have free transportation provided for project coordinators to visit some of these communities and meet with their contacts there, thanks to Aklak Air and Canadian North Airlines.

Transportation logistics to send goods to the North and the cost of the shipment of sea containers continue to be a challenge, and we are pleased that more Conferences are expressing an interest in supporting these shipments. We hope to expand this project to more Arctic communities in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, and to include Nunavik in northern Quebec.

As we enter this year of the 400th Anniversary of the birth of Vincentian charisma, we invite all of Canada's Councils, Conferences and individual Vincentians to support this important project in whatever way they can – through financial donations, the collection of food and other supplies, coordination with a northern community, negotiating the purchase or use of shipping containers, and so on.

Looking at this project as a whole, it certainly appears to be a very large undertaking. But the more people and groups that are involved, the more possible it will be for us to make a difference and help these neighbours of ours in need. Let us keep in mind these wise words of Saint Vincent de Paul:

“GO AND DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR YOUR PART, AND GOD WILL DO THE REST.”

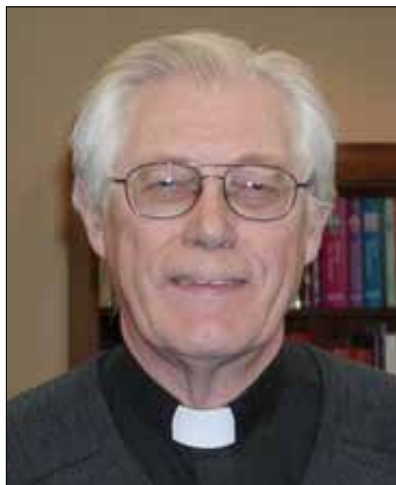
Your monetary donations to **“North of 60”** will allow us to continue supporting northern communities. You may send your cheque to the National Council office, to the order of “SSVP Canada”; please indicate “North of 60” as a note. **In 2017, we will need \$125,850 to purchase sea containers and pay for transportation costs to the 16 northern communities that we hope to help.**

Further information on this project can be obtained from our national office.

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Spirituality

TO MARINATE IN A SPIRITUAL SENSE



Sauerbraten is a well-known German dish. It takes a good deal of time to prepare, since the roast is marinated in wine or beer for at least five days. The dish came into being in the Middle Ages, when people often had pieces of meat that were rather on the tough side.

Marinated for such a long period rendered them not only flavourful but tender.

There are social problems that are often both frustrating and seemingly beyond solution, perhaps we should take a hint from this culinary concept of marinating. What differentiates this process from the ordinary way of dealing with problems is that here we are working with a method that takes time. You tackle the question from various angles and you do such over time. To marinate in the spiritual sense, it is good to follow the following steps:

- Get to know the problem in depth; each situation has its own special dimensions. Invest time and energy in this act of understanding. Have the courage to ask for advice.
- Decide on a strategy, keeping it flexible.
- Courageously begin. Random acts of kindness are important. Always showing great respect of any individuals involved, and where feasible, anticipating needs and giving help before it is asked for. Being prompt to acknowledge qualities and talents. Being patient and optimistic.

When embarking upon the process of marinating a social problem, remember the following:

- The great expert in these matters is the Lord Himself. Ask Him for advice and help. He is the expert Chef who can turn the toughest roast into a delectable meal.
- Believe in the teachability of people and their potential for growth.
- Believe in the power of love.

Respecting confidentiality, share your experiences in spiritual 'marination'. You will discover that this 'marination' approach often leads you to be someone who activates systematic change

**Peter Schonenbach, Spiritual Advisor
National Council**

"400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VINCENTIAN CHARISM"

Explanation of the logo:

It is built from a basic figure: the circle ... (the world, history, life, etc. ...) This circle is formed by different lines that constitute rays in different colors (red, green, blue)...

These lines or rays symbolize the congregations, groups, associations founded within the Vincentian charism. They also symbolize society with its imperfections and joys, hopes and struggles...

This circle is a link between two stars that remind both "theological places" where Vincent de Paul saw the footprints of God in his life and through his words have become major events: Folleville and Châtillon.

The stars: Their placement reminds us of their location within French territory. They are linked by a cross of light that recalls the Resurrection and Pentecost.

The cross is always a sign of a new Spirit that inhabits us and invites us to live as Vincentian Family in our world, the reason for which the face of Vincent is located at the intersection of the cross.



NATIONAL SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

I am very pleased to begin my work as the chair of the committee, however there is little to report at this time having only just received my appointment. Suffice it to say that the monthly spiritual reflections for October and November were submitted and further that Msgr. Schonenbach has submitted the reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

My first order of business is to request that the regional presidents appoint one representative to the committee from each region. I hope to call a committee meeting early in the New Year. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Following is a list of the matters that I hope to act on during my term as chair:

- Review Guidelines and policies;
- Encourage and confirm that all Conferences and Councils appoint a spiritual advisor;
- Promote and confirm the use by all Conferences and Councils of the opening and closing prayers at all their meetings;
- Promote and confirm that all Conferences and Councils have a spiritual reflection at all their meetings;
- Create and maintain a list of spiritual advisors;
- Provide training and education for spiritual advisors;
- Assist AGA committees with spiritual workshops;
- Create a spiritual webpage to:
 - » Support prayer requests;
 - » Weekly reflection versus monthly by inviting input from all spiritual advisors, bishops, priests, deacons and other suitable sources complete with archives;
 - » Contact info for spiritual advisors;
 - » Creating links to assist in spiritual development for all members;
- » Creating lists of available retreat masters for Conference and Council retreats or day of reflection;
- » Chat room for stories both for spiritual and Vincentian works complete with archives;
- Promote the celebration of Vincentian feast days;
- Encourage and support annual retreats for all Conferences and Councils;
- Encourage and support members praying of the Liturgy of Hours.



**Claude Bédard, National Chair
Spirituality Committee**

**We invite you to
subscribe to our Monthly
Spiritual Reflection on
the National website:
www.ssvp.ca.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, National Council Branding Document

OVERVIEW

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.

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

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

The fish logo has long been the icon that has allowed the public to identify the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul throughout local communities, regionally, nationally and internationally. The continued effectiveness of the logo depends on its consistent use whenever it appears on marketing and communication pieces. These guidelines will help you use the logo correctly on advertising, promotions, websites and other marketing and communications vehicles. These guidelines must be followed whenever the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo is used.

Although the article “the” is used before the name in text, the official name is “Society of Saint Vincent de Paul”.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERENCES, COUNCILS AND THIRD PARTIES TO USE THE LOGO

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo can be used by SSVP Conferences and Councils and approved organizations, groups and community partners in advertising and communications. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo can be used only by third party organizations, groups and community partners who have agreed to follow the guidelines in this document

For more information, please contact editor@ssvp.ca or call 1-866-997-7787 or 613-837-4363.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LOGO

- The fish is the symbol of Christianity and, in this case, represents the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.
- The eye of the fish is the vigilant eye of God seeking to help the poor in our midst.
- The crossing at the tail or the tie-knot represents unity and oneness among members and also the union with the poor.
- The circle bounding the logo signifies the global or worldwide stature of the SSVP, an international Society.

Under an Agreement dated March 2001, established between the creator of the logo and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Council General International, it is stated that (excerpts):

- Description of the logo: The design of the logo of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul represents a stylized fish, symbol of Jesus Christ and a mark of recognition for Christians.
- The line also represents a link, or a knot, as a contemporary symbol of solidarity.
- The line is white and forms a loop with a red dot in its centre. All the symbols are placed within a blue circle.
- The logo is free of text. Every country can thus add a selected text in a chosen language. Therefore, the “serviens in spe” slogan, which means “to serve in hope” is not mandatory.

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USING THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LOGO

Colour printing



It is essential to apply the highest quality reproduction standards and strict colour matching principles when reproducing the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo. Screen percentages for the colour matching process for printing are built into the logo and must consist of the white, the blue pantone 300U and the red pantone 032U. The percentages recommended for reproduction of the colours of blue pantone 300U are magenta at 43% and cyan at 100%. The percentages recommended for reproduction of the red pantone 032U are magenta at 91% and yellow at 87%. **Those colours are mandatory in electronic version, and they should be reproduced as such whenever possible in printed versions of the logo.**

Black and white printing



The grey scale version of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo is for use when printing in black and white only, such as in newspaper articles and black and white ads and flyers and when sending a fax. The screen percentages for black and white printing are built into the artwork and must consist of being entirely in black or in black with a tram of 60% black.

Minimum size

For most uses, the minimum size of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo is 12mm high on printed materials and 35 pixels high on web pages. It is not recommended to reproduce the logo under this dimension. It is recommended using the logo at a larger size whenever possible.

Wording is an option that can be added outside the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo. The words “serviens in spe” is not part of the logo and can be added as an option. Conferences / Councils may chose to add their name outside the logo. Only the acronym “SSVP” and/or the slogan “serviens in spe” can be added inside the logo.

Avoid mistakes

Do not alter the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo in any way. Do not add trademark symbols

LOGO IN ENGLISH AND IN FRENCH

Since the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul logo is free of text, the logo is the same for both English and French. Wording in French or English is an option that can be added outside the logo. Only the acronym “SSVP” and/or the slogan “serviens in spe” can be added inside the logo.

ACRONYM

The verbal form of the name composes the acronym of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: S S V P, the initials of the name of the Society. It is composed in the typography “A Garamond”, as well as the typography used for the graphic image of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

When the acronym is composed, the typography, composition and space cannot be modified. **S V D P is not an acceptable acronym.**

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Education/Formation

As you all know, we, the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul are joining together to celebrate our 170 years of service across Canada.

What better way to mark this year of celebrations could there be than planning to attend the 2017 AGA this year from June 21 to 25 in Quebec city.

This issue of Vincenpaul, and the National website, will be carrying details on the various events and celebrations taking place at the AGA and surrounding areas. Our committee is also preparing to help you enjoy these days by issuing our annual call for workshops. You will find this workshop application form elsewhere in the magazine; please seriously consider helping the celebrations by proposing your special workshop for our special anniversary year.

One of our committee's aims is to promote and support a back to basics training and encouragement initiative this year, focussing on Conferences which are the heart and foundation of our Society. The Conference is the basic and original structure of the Society. Each Conference is unique in its service to the poor. It is this personal contact we have with those we serve, in their homes, in temporary accommodations, in the dropins and soup kitchens, and even in the streets, that makes us different. This has never changed, even in the last 170 years. We are doing exactly the same things that Frederic and his companions did many years ago when they formed the first Conference.

This fall saw the introduction of the new National website. The Education/Formation committee have started a Training Resources area on the site; have a look at this section, as we are gradually adding various training materials there for the use of all members. Please check out the CGI International training modules too; there are eight altogether, and each has a special, unique and international approach to common topics. We think you will find these modules very useful for your new member, and existing member, training sessions.

Come and join us at the workshops and other events of the 2017 AGA in Quebec City. It will be a time of great celebration to cap off our 170 years, and counting, in Canada.

**Mary Grad, National Chair
Education/Formation Committee**



Social Justice

As we enter the New Year of 2017, Vincentians look forward to a better world for all. This positive outlook can certainly be a challenge in today's climate of mistrust and hate that seems to be growing in some parts of the world. Many citizens appear frustrated and disappointed with the way governments continue to govern. I truly believe that we must remain positive about our world. There are actually a number of communities across Canada that have created poverty roundtables or other forms of coalitions of which the goal is to address poverty issues in their cities. Affordable housing, improved public transportation and homelessness are some of the areas they are looking at. There also appears to be interest in many provinces to improve the lives of their most vulnerable residents. These various actions are a direct result of various advocacy groups which are voicing a desire for their governments to do more. Advocacy...the act of speaking up with or, where needed, on behalf of those living in poverty does have a positive effect on our elected officials.

The result of effectively advocating for change can be either changing current systems or developing new ones that are more effective in dealing with poverty. Systemic change can start with a small idea which has the potential to grow into a larger and very effective way of instituting beneficial change.

We realize that the terms 'social justice' or 'systemic change' can be very confusing to many. I think the best

way to explain them is to give an example of a systemic change project started many years ago. This would be the Home Visit. Frederic Ozanam and his co-founders wanted to do something that would demonstrate to others what their Catholic faith meant to them and also address poverty in Paris. After some consultation with Sister Rosalie Rendu they embarked on a project that involved visiting the poor of Paris in their homes.

They went as friends, usually with food or firewood, and always in pairs. You may say that you are already doing home visits but did you realize that you are part of the first systemic change project of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. I know in today's world of an aging and fewer members, as well as other reasons or concerns, it is easy to fall into a couple of traps. One is to stop home visits and simply meet the poor in an office. This sure makes it easier on us. The other trap is to think the object of the visit is to quickly stop, drop off a food voucher or box of food and move on. This is NOT a home visit; it is a home delivery service.

I challenge my fellow Vincentians to make sure their home visits include prayer, listening to those we visit, and take what we learn from our friends in need to advocate for changes that can help them live with a real hope for a better future. We can use the home visit to do so much more for our friends. Let's make our first systemic change project one that truly demonstrates to all what being a Vincentian is, or can be.

**Jim Paddon, Chair
Social Justice Committee**

We encourage all Vincentians to learn more about our social justice efforts as we continue to address the root causes of poverty in Canada and by doing so, advocate for changes in current systems or develop new ideas and ways we can help our friends and neighbours in need to escape the cycle of poverty. **Please consider taking on the role of social justice rep at your council or conference.** Our national social justice office can provide educational resource material on various topics that you in turn can pass on to your members.

We invite all Vincentians to learn more about our social justice efforts by going to our website at www.ssvp.ca, or joining our **Facebook group: SSVp Canada Social –Justice-Sociale** where you can take part in various discussions or make your own comments or by reading our online newsletter: **Changing Times** which is published three times each year. **YOUR VOICE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT.**

We are also looking for information from our membership across Canada about any projects currently in operation or planned that are related to social justice. These would include advocacy, systemic change or prison ministry. If you are involved in these or other social justice efforts, please let us know by email to Jim Paddon at jpsvp@hotmail.ca. **LET US MAKE 2017 A YEAR TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE.**

Twinning

TWINNING AND WOMEN

Women have, since the foundation of the Society, played an active role at all levels of our great social enterprise to help the poor of this world. A woman, Sister Rosalie Rendu, was the first person to provide orientation and training to the young founders of the Society visiting the humble flats of the Mouffetard neighborhood in Paris. The first feminine Conference was established in Italy in 1846 and in Canada, in Québec City in 1933. The contributions of women remain important to the Society to this day. With regard to the mission, women and girls are, since the beginning, subject of a particular solicitude and affection by Vincentians as they are most vulnerable and suffering the greatest number of poverties.

Partners involved in External Twinning must consider the vulnerabilities of women and girls as a priority, but equally, their capabilities in works of mercy, especially for projects involving Systemic Change. We all know that despite progress made in recent years, women and girls are the poorest and more victims of illnesses and violence in most countries. Sadly, there is still a long road ahead to equality with men for access to education, health services and jobs. Such conditions exist in the 12 Designated Countries¹ assigned to Canada under the international twinning program. However, “documented studies have shown that each development aid dollar provided to a woman increases the wellbeing of her family (and the country’s economy) 10 times more than if the dollar had been given to a man”²

The Government of Canada, for many years, has placed women and girls at the centre of its development aid program because they are more at risk, whatever their circumstances. When aid is provided to women by their direct involvement in projects, it has more positive impact on families and local communities. In most countries they are the primary caregivers charged with domestic responsibilities, nourishing and educating the children. Their informal community social networks are naturally conducive to an involvement in aid projects. They become a collective force instigating the will to get out of poverty and towards emancipation.

Conferences and Councils involved in an External Twinning with a Conference of an emerging country should consider seriously (in priority) the participation of women when twinning projects (education, micro-finance, daycare, agriculture, health care, etc.) are submitted by recipient twinning partners. Better outcomes shall be observed on contributions made by donor twins. Such projects will empower women and improve the quality of life of love ones and the community. Successful aid projects could be repeated elsewhere. Everyone is winning.

Clermont Fortin
National Twinning – SSVP

¹ *Policy TW 001, Twinning Designated Countries, Web site: www.ssvp.ca, link: Twinning*

² *Magazine L’Actualité, October 1st, 2016 edition, p.5*

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SSVP Canada Twinning-Jumelage**



SSVP STORES

For many of our “friends in need” their first contact with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul happens in one of our thrift stores. They go into one of our thrift stores looking for a way to stretch what few dollars, if any, are left at the end of the month. This is where they will have their first ‘one on one’ experience with a Vincentian, and it is where our wonderful volunteers and staff will take the opportunity to help. We often get to learn of the struggles our friends bear and they in turn get to learn about us. Friendships are built, trust is gained and hopefully, we make a life just a little easier – if only for a moment in time. These are the kind of relationships that are formed each and every day in one of the 173 SSVP thrift stores across Canada.

The stores are an integral part of the mission carried out by SSVP. They are a part of what we do as Vincentians. Stores are an area where we meet and help our friends everyday that we open our doors. As Vincentians we hand out many Clothing Vouchers and furniture whether on a home visit or through our food banks.

The stores then take over in fulfilling the requests. The stores collect, carefully sort, and sensibly price each item generously donated by our communities for resale. But when a “friend in need” walks

through the front door, with their voucher in hand, it becomes all about the best way to serve that need. Vincentians and staff understand the importance of what this means to the less fortunate. Sometimes it is a coat to keep a person warm from the bitter cold, clothes for a growing child, an outfit for a single mom on her first job interview, a suit for a bereaved man for his mother’s funeral. We hear many stories on home visits and there are many such stories heard at the store level.

Our stores range in size from 100 to 20,000 square feet, yet the mission remains the same: To serve our community to the best of their ability. Our stores in Ontario alone gave out 8,501 vouchers last year, which translated to \$530,421.01 in merchandise. That is called serving our friends with love, respect, justice and joy. Any profits that are derived from our stores go into other special works of their Conferences and Councils. Meeting our friends in our stores is one other way we can make an important impact on their lives. We truly make a difference, big and small. We walk with them - side by side – in their homes and in our stores.

Sue Mazziotti-Armitage
Store Liaison
Ontario Regional Vice President



Fort McMurray

MOVING FORWARD FROM THE ASHES IN FORT MCMURRAY

Canadians were shocked to see the devastating images and the accompanying evacuation orders for the residents of Fort McMurray in the first week of May. They responded as best they could with donations and prayers. For many, those images may no longer be in the forefront as other news events from around the world take center stage. However, the residents of Fort McMurray are challenged with moving forward with their lives; for many, the road will be difficult and long.

The SSVP Western Regional President, Peter Ouellette, reached out seeking assistance to train volunteers in Fort McMurray to conduct needs assessments from families who were affected by the fires using the SSVP model of home visits. Fort McMurray has 2 Catholic parishes, but no SSVP Conferences. I was humbled to be asked if I would assist. On August 19th, I redirected a return flight home and flew into Fort McMurray. I had mixed emotions ranging from some anxiety of what to expect and see, to excitement of sharing my SSVP home visitation experiences, with the hope that my time with the volunteers would meet or exceed their expectations.

Upon the airplane's descending approach to the Fort McMurray airport, the first signs of the fire were evident. You could see large areas of land burnt by fires. I was met by my first volunteer contact, Dan. Dan was upbeat, positive and ready to start my journey meeting many more volunteers. As we entered the city, I was surprised how bustling it appeared. Dan had to make a side trip to the city convention center where they were setting up for a one day Home Show for several hundred businesses. It looked vibrant, not the images that I envisioned for Fort McMurray. However that was soon to change, as Dan took me to my first stop, the community of Abasand, the residential area where Dan lived and also lost his home to the fire. The stark and harsh reality of the devastation was further magnified by the fact that entry to any of the devastated communities was strictly controlled, whereby only residents could enter and had to register, signing an entry log with info on all accompanying persons. As we ascended the hill, burnt trees and landscape led to a vast wasteland of destruction. The images I had seen on TV were void of the of the

harsh reality of being there, traversing over the charred foundations while listening to the stories Dan would reflect upon of a once lively community with street BBQ's and friends, many of whom he does not know where they are today. We toured several other areas, all scorched, a reminder of the intensity of this fire. The cleanup effort (removal of debris, building foundations and property lot restoration) where scheduled by the city to be completed by the end of September before any rebuilding permits were being issued. That deadline will not be met and it is hard to comprehend if it could be completed within the next year.

I was introduced to my host family, Bernie and Bob. They were gracious to provide accommodations. Here I learned how the fires affected many others beyond the loss of their homes. Many homes incurred smoke damage as well as loss of fridge and freezer contents, mold in washing machines, resulting in the replacement of these appliances. As with Dan, the property loss could be replaced through insurance, but many families were either underinsured or had no insurance. Additionally, everyone has a story to share about their ordeal at the time of the evacuation orders.

I had previously spoken with Matt, the Fire Committee coordinator, a demanding volunteer position necessary to coordinate uncharted activities. For a young family man, Matt remained composed, despite the long hours he contributed. He was unsure as to the number of people to expect Friday evening for the training session, possibly 10, as many residents had not yet returned to Fort McMurray since their displacement, so when 26 volunteers arrived, all eager to help, I was ecstatic. My training program was to be divided into 3 sections:

Day 1 – Using a modified version of the National Home Visit module, I provided instruction on the value and the 'how to' of the SSVP home visitation/assessment program. In addition I shared how being involved with SSVP has had a profound impact on my life ... it has changed my life very positively; it has strengthened my faith.

Day 2 – Conduct home visits with selected Trainees. There were 8 home visits scheduled, so 4 Trainees were selected to conduct 2 visits each. The Trainee was positioned to take full control of the visit. At the conclusion of the visit, we would debrief. VERY detailed notes were recorded with required action plans and potential further follow-up actions beyond the initial assessment for both material and emotional support. Additionally I focused on the emotional feelings of the trainee as a result of the visit. We experienced several very WOW moments, where we saw incredible spiritual strength of families who have lost everything, who shared very personal tragedies and yet their faith was what kept them moving forward.

Day 3 – Conduct a ‘Group Debrief’ session with all Trainees. At this session, we invited all 26 attendees from the Day 1 session to return to participate in the discussions. I was excited that they all returned.

We had one very important surprise bonus.....an incredibly huge bonus! There was one new attendee, named Max. I asked him to introduce himself to the group. He said he was sorry he could not make the Friday meeting, but it was very important for him to attend this meeting as he heard it was being conducted on behalf of the SSVP. He shared a story of how SSVP was a very significant part of his life in Nigeria 20 years ago. His experience with SSVP changed his life forever ... many looked at me as these were the exact words I used in my presentation Friday evening. My body instantly had goose bumps. I felt God’s presence and support. Each of the 4 Trainees recapped their experiences. They also shared how they were personally touched by how families went far beyond telling about their experiences of their evacuations and loss of property; they also detailed other very intimate challenges in their lives that were emotionally moving. There was acknowledgement that the information shared by these families and the level of discussion and intimacy could never be attained outside of a home visit. The group was invited to ask questions from the trainees. The session was fruitful. The Trainees will now become the Trainers to continue on this process of orientation. An excellent foundation is firmly in place!

We conducted a mini separate executive meeting to review the details of needs from the families visited. The goal was to approve immediate financial disbursement for families based on the information we received. I was very impressed by the trainees. They have demonstrated passion and commitment to stay connected with the families throughout their whole journey, no matter how many months it may take. Follow-up will go beyond monetary and material support; it will also include emotional support based upon the intimate stories shared by the families. I was so impressed by this additional level of support, that I will now include these additions to my presentations in Ontario.

I would expect that focusing only on fire relief issues will last for 1-1/2 years, possibly longer. When this is complete, I would invite the parishes to identify how best to continue their community outreach activities for families in need, by possibly adopting the SSVP model of service.

I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to participate in this stage of their development. I was humbled and honored to meet many exceptional people. In many ways I am envious; I would love to be part of their development, as they journey together with families in need.

**Phil Bondy, Regional Vice President
Ontario Regional Council
Conference / Council Rejuvenation & Special Works**



In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we announce the following deaths:

- Henriette Dion**, Conférence Saint-Joseph de Bordeaux, Montréal QC, April 1, 2016
Father Vernon Driscoll, Holy Family Conference, Amherst NÉ, April 9, 2016
Gary Goddard, Holy Family Conference, London ON, April 17, 2016
Margaret Hebert, Our Lady of Atonement, Windsor ON, April 17, 2016
Anne Bryan, Hamilton Particular Council, ON, June 24, 2016
Clemence Fynbo, Holy Name Conference, ON, June 26, 2016
Brian Smith, North Particular Council ON, July 2016
Fernanda Badke, St. Matthew's Conference, Surrey CB, July 1, 2016
Joseph Chau, St. Joseph the Worker Conference, Richmond CB, August 2016
Robert Douglas Campbell, St Patrick Conference, Cambridge ON, August 14, 2016
Vangie O'Neil, St. Anthony's Conference, Glace Bay NÉ
Virginia Friedel, Our Lady of Atonement Conference, Windsor ON, September 4, 2016
Bervery A Crocker, Immaculate Conception Convergence, Harbour Grace, TNL, September 8, 2016
Dane Parent, Conférence Jeunesse Windsor ON, September 9, 2016
Jean Guy Brunet, Conférence Saint-Sulpice, Montréal QC, September 14, 2016
Claude Janelle, Conseil central de Gatineau-Hull-Aylmer, QC, September 18, 2016
Ignatius Gray, St. Alphonsus Conference, Windsor ON, September 27, 2016
Caroline Annett, banque alimentaire Divine Mercy, Windsor ON, October 2, 2016
Glendon Lawrence "Glen" Lecour, St. Peter Conference, Peterborough ON, October 21, 2016
Barbara Garant, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference, Windsor ON, November 24, 2016
Mary Jane Palmer, Most Precious Blood Conference, Windsor ON, November 30, 2016
Mike Matteis, St. Joseph - St. Ursula Conference, Chatham ON, December 8, 2016
Don Mousseau, St Timothy Conference, Winnipeg MB, December 21, 2016
Beverly Ann Kelly, St. Peter's Conference, Mount Pearl NL, January 5, 2017
Lionel Côté, Conférence St-Enfant-Jésus, Montreal QC, January 7, 2017



Robert Martineau, Penetanguishene ON
November 24, 2016
National President, 1983 - 1995



Michael Burke, Halifax NS
November 19, 2016
National President, 2001 - 2007

They were our brothers and sisters serving the poor.

Lord, we pray that all the good they did bear fruit and be continued.

Help us keep their memory alive in our hearts. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Please send your death notices to editor@ssvp.ca

Canada's Councils in Action

ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL

Our Region has been very active in the last six months. New Conferences, new people, new ideas and a new purpose. Newfoundland is leading our group in their embrace of electronic means of having meetings. Face time, video conferences and Facebook are becoming the norm.

New Brunswick has new Conferences in the city of Campbellton. They are having some start up hiccups but are finally on their way. The other new Conference in Moncton is doing really well. They have a twin in Quebec but now are ready to fly on their own.

Little PEI is doing well and looking to add other Conferences; the need seems to be on par with last year. The four Conferences are in good shape fund wise.

Cape Breton Island has four new Conference Presidents who are charged up. I can see really good things for the future of SSVP in Cape Breton.

The Halifax Particular Council is very strong and is expected to remain that way. It has strong leadership and ample money to take them long term. The Dartmouth Particular Council has some problems that are common to all aging parishes, with dwindling attendance at masses.

We held a very exciting AGM on October 28th / 29th in Debert, NS. I am both proud and humbled by the turnout and the input from the delegates.

Parnell Kelly, President
Atlantic Regional Council



Canada's Councils in Action

QUEBEC REGIONAL COUNCIL

MARTO ET SES TI-PAUVRES (MARTO AND HIS POOR) - FOR CHILDREN'S GREATEST JOY

On December 16 took place the 14th edition of the *Marto et ses Ti-pauvres* event, a major collection campaign for food supplies and small articles covering several municipalities in the greater region of the Quebec National Capital and Chaudière-Appalaches. The event is a project of radio host Marto Napoli, who every year, uses his radio show to rally his volunteers and transform the collection into a popular event.

Declaring itself the “funnest activity in the world for needy children”, the event aimed, once again this year, to collect “everything that can make a child happy”: “We collect chocolate, chips, toys and bacon. The watchword is always the same: anything except canned peas and carrots” said Napoli during an interview with the *Journal de Québec* last year.

Since the very beginning, foodstuff and new toys gathered during the event are redistributed to several charity organisations, helping them to extend the magic spirit of Christmas for many children from the neediest families. In the Québec region, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Québec (SSVPQ) was chosen by the radio host to receive the fruit of that major collection event, and thus be able to help families in the sector. In 2016, the 76 Conferences of the SSVPQ may then redistribute several hundred boxes of goodies and new toys to the thousands of needy children in the region. Following the abundance during the Christmas season, January is often experienced as a month when it becomes difficult to replenish the shelves in food banks. Napoli's collection event comes at the right time, allowing Conferences

in the regions to improve their offer during and after the holiday season.

And that is not all! In addition to that sweet collection, the radio host proposed for the second year in a row the sale of his Christmas logs called *La Perfection*, especially designed for the occasion by Pâtisserie Michaud in Québec city. According to Mr. Napoli: “It is magical”. The softest chocolate dough is garnished with pure maple syrup muslin and a hint of whisky. All of it is then covered with fudge and decorated with an avalanche of brownies and dulce de leche caramel. Enough to make your mouth water, especially when we know that all the money from the sale of *La Perfection* will be given to (...) “*Marto et ses Ti-pauvres.*” Quite a success that helps the organisation to give back even more to needy people on its territory.



Radio host Marto Napoli and Chantal Godin, General Manager of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Québec.

Canada's Councils in Action

ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL

COME VISIT AND BE FED

It's 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning in a rural church basement. The doors swing open and the aroma of coffee/tea filters through the air. Ovens on, pots boiling, two cooks bringing the contents of our cupboards to life.

It all began in 2007 with a group of nine volunteers who envisioned this space to become a refuge for many who need a hot meal. The Pembroke Council of Saint Vincent de Paul was formed. Today, along with its original founders, the volunteers have grown to 80 members.

As you look on in awe you witness various tasks taking place. Look, there's Charlie who has just picked up the bread, muffins, donuts, and baked goods gathered from our businesses. With aprons in hand, Elsie and Zita move in to sort, wrap & place the food donations on tables near the entrance for our guests to take. Mark is busy getting the glasses and cups out and filling them with milk and juice. Gisele has just brought in some homemade apple pies for dessert. Becky, Rose, Theresa and Sister Ann have almost completed setting the tables and we are just minutes away from lunch being served. Our circle of prayer forms up and we are led by Deacon Adrien and Clare, reviewing our Mission Statement and offering prayers.

Ray glances around and shouts out... "Are we ready?" Yes, all stations good to go. The doors open... we watch our guests, numbering anywhere from 25 to 50, hurry in and take a seat. Diane, Anne, Yvonne, Bev and Wendy all line up by the food warmers, ready to get the hot plates and serve our guests. Today's menu is homemade lasagna with Caesar salad and garlic bread and as the food is being delivered, Colin, Bob, Larry and Marie are serving fresh beverages.

Before you know it our guests are up and smiling and bidding "farewell" and you can hear the many "THANK YOUs" as they depart from our table of plenty.

Next, the clean-up- crew moves in and Anne, June, Diane, Lise, Bev and Doreen assemble for dish duties. Wait – Stop – take a breath ... Pat gathers us ALL IN and we take

a few moments to reflect and give thanks for all the GOOD WORK done today – we are present to SERVE.

We repeat this work each Saturday, Sunday and Monday all year round.

Let us close with a reminder from

our Founder: Frederic Ozanam who **CHALLENGED CATHOLICS TO PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION**. The Pembroke Council will continue to do Good and Charitable work in the Pembroke Area. Come visit us anytime.

**Muggsie Boland, President
Pembroke Council**



Canada's Councils in Action

WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROJECT NORTHERN ALBERTA – CADOTTE LAKE

Between October 2014 and September 2015, our Project Team had several meetings in the development of a proposal for Archbishop Gerard Pettipas of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan. Our objective was to assist a First Nations Community with its needs. To have members of the community assess their needs and do the distribution of the items themselves. We also requested that the community have a committee and a leader willing to oversee their part of the project.

Soon, Archbishop Pettipas suggested the Cadotte Lake Community. We visited this community, about a five hour drive north of Edmonton, in November 2015. We were very well received with Mass and a potluck lunch before the meeting, during which we explained what we were offering and what their part of the project would be. The Cadotte Lake committee composed of five ladies and a leader, Sister Mary Jeanne, agreed to the terms of the project and went to work, gathering information on the needs of 66 families.

In the beginning of April 2016, the Edmonton Committee visited Cadotte Lake again to receive the finalized Needs Requests. It was now our turn to get to work and collect all the items in those requests. After the Needs Requests were sorted and divided and categorized, we had a total of 453 smaller requests to make available to the parishioners.

The donations were gathered and taken to a warehouse, where we sorted and packed and sorted and packed some more. It was a lot of work but it was also a lot of

fun. We thank the Lord for the very caring and giving parishioners at St. Theresa's Parish in Edmonton, AB, who donated the majority of what was requested.

Finally we loaded the vehicles that we were taking to Cadotte Lake – a 53-foot trailer truck and a 5-ton truck. When we were finished there was no space left for even one more thing. It paid off, as there was no shifting at all of the loads.

On the second weekend in July, six of us drove the 53-foot trailer, the 5-ton truck and a passenger van to Cadotte Lake. We were treated to a scrumptious breakfast of bacon, sausages, eggs, pancakes, toast, coffee and juice. Then, it was time to start unloading. Everyone helped; the Edmonton crew and the Cadotte Lake crew, men and women alike. We worked together, we laughed together and we all felt good and full of peace. Afterwards, there was a gathering with a lunch and many words of thank you on both sides.

In October 2016, we made one last trip to Cadotte Lake for a debriefing on the distribution of the items in the community.

This pilot project worked out very well. God willing, they will want to do it again. If you would like to read more about this project, please check www.ssvpsttheresas.org.

Maria Lupul,
Member of the Coordinating Committee for St. Theresa's Conference



Canada's Councils in Action

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON REGIONAL COUNCIL

A CENTENARY CELEBRATION IN THE WEST

It is rumored that M. Painchaud was on his way to the west coast of Canada when he died. It is rumored that the Ladies Auxiliary were doing home visits before the Society started in Victoria. But it is a fact that in 1915, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul St. Andrew's Conference formed November 29th, after being organized by Fr. Leterne. On December 4, 1916, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint Andrew's Conference was aggregated; President Mr. H.J. Leary, Vice-president Mrs. J. D. O'Connell. Many people have continued this vital work.

The Society grew in Victoria with the coordination with other community agencies and the development of Conferences in other parishes. For many years, the Society worked with the United Way. New Conferences were formed, so that there are now seven Conferences in the Victoria Particular Council and 4 Conferences in the North Vancouver Island Particular Council.

The works of the Society are many and varied. Works include:

- Home visits
- Support for refugees, starting with the Hungarian refugees in 1957
- Search for housing solutions starting in 1969
- Development of the Social Concern Society, so named after a phrase in a Papal Encyclical
- Assistance for persons with developmental disabilities starting in 1982
- Development of stores, to a total of 4 throughout the communities in Greater Victoria
- Partnering with Island Catholic Schools to create a curriculum guide focusing on the works of the Society
- Development of the Green Circuit for culling of fresh produce for our clients
- Hosting the National SSVP Annual General Assembly, with the theme, "Unity in Diversity"
- Working with M'akola Housing to provide housing for youth at risk

- Most recently, development of Rosalie's Village for single mothers and their children, a day care, and housing for women who have difficulty with housing.

We celebrated our Centenary with a gala dinner, an archives display, a call to each Conference to bring the work of the Society to the fresh awareness of our works in their parishes, and a silent auction. We invite you to pray for us, and to celebrate with us on this occasion of our benchmark year.

Just over 50 years after the Society started in Quebec City, the Society started in western Canada. The Ladies Auxiliary became part of the Society at Saint Andrew's Cathedral. The spirit of M. Painchaud, whose efforts to reach the Missions of Vancouver Island, was realized with God's help, for the benefit of the poor on Vancouver Island, and for the members of the SSVP on Vancouver Island.

Kathy Weswick, member of the Archives Committee for Vancouver Island Particular Council



Megan Misovic, President and Father Jim Bekkema, Spiritual Adviser of the Vancouver Island Particular Council.



AGA 2017 - Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21	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
	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch on your own
	2:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Tours and visits (see registration form for details)
	5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Supper on your own
	7:30 PM	Regional Meetings
THURSDAY, JUNE 22	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality with sales table
	8:45 AM -10:15 AM	Workshops
	10:15 AM-10:30 AM	Break
	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Workshops
	12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshops
	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	National Council Committee Meetings
	2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Break
	2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Workshops
	2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	National Council Committee Meetings
	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Rosary - Memorial Service – Mass
	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Buses to Séminaire de Québec-Meal & Welcoming Ceremony

Daily activities are planned for spouses who don't participate in AGA activities. Registration fees for spouses is \$165 and cover : conference registration, Thursday's Welcoming Ceremony and meal, Friday's BBQ and Saturday's Banquet.

Thursday :	Québec Citadel	\$25
Friday :	Augustines Monastery	\$25
Saturday :	Orléans Island	\$25

Visits could be cancelled if not enough registrations. Activities include transportation. Buses leave Campus at 9:30, and return around 2:30 pm. Lunch not included. To register your spouse, please complete the appropriate section on the registration form.

AGA 2017 - Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 23	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality with sales table
	8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Parade of the Banners – Official Opening
	9:30 AM -10:15 AM	Keynote Speaker - Cardinal Cyprien Lacroix
	10:15 AM-10:30 AM	Break
	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	National President’s Round Table
	11:45 PM- 1:30 PM	Spiritual Advisors’ Luncheon
	12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Plenary
	3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Break
	3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Regional Reports & National Committee Reports
	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Rosary & Mass
	6:15 PM	BBQ on Campus
	SATURDAY, JUNE 24	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Registration & Hospitality with sales table
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM		Spiritual Reflection on the Theme - Msgr. Peter Schonenbach
9:15 AM -10:15 AM		National Committee Reports (continued)
10:15 AM-10:30 AM		Break
10:30 AM-12:00 PM		Statutory Meeting
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM		Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Statutory Meeting (continued)-Presentation 2018 AGA hosts
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Free time
4:30 PM		Buses leave for Mass - Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures Church
5:00 PM		Mass (Note: SSVP Commissioning follows Mass)
6:15 PM	Buses leave for Campus	
7:00 PM	Banquet followed by Official Closing of AGA 2017	
SUNDAY, JUNE 19	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast

“The Joy of Serving”

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADA 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday June 21 to Sunday June 25, 2017

Notre-Dame-de-Foy Campus, Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, QC

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Address at the end of this form

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Address:	Apt:	Email:	
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Conference:	Council:		
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Do you have any special mobility needs? (Difficulty walking long distances/stairs, wheelchair or other mobility aid.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please specify:			
If you are the Spiritual Advisor for your Conference or Council, will you be attending the Spiritual Advisors luncheon on Friday.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>Air Canada has been recognized as the preferred airline of travel for the Annual General Assembly and has offered at 10% discount for all flights into and out of the Quebec Jean-Lesage International Airport. Applies to the fare at the time of booking. For reservations, please go to aircanada.com and type this code in the PROMOTION CODE box: CMEG2AA1.</p> <p>Valid for conference attendees for travel during the period commencing June 14th and ending July 2nd, 2017</p> <p>For more information, please contact Air Canada: 1-888-247-2262.</p>			
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Available Tuesday to Sunday only :

Would you like a volunteer to meet you at the airport, train or bus station?

Yes / No

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LODGING ON CAMPUS

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ROOM INFORMATION: Single bedroom with shared bathroom: \$34,99+tx/night - 2 single beds with shared bathroom: \$44,99+tx/night - Single bedroom with private bathroom: \$41,99+tx/night - Double bedroom (2 single beds) with private bathroom: \$57,99+tx/night - Double bedroom (1 double bed) with private bathroom: \$57,99+tx/night.

WEDNESDAY DAY TOURS (optional, check box if interested - please sign up for only one tour)

- Tour # 1 (\$35)-Montmorency Falls Park & Ciderie Bilodeau (with wine tasting) – min. 30 registrations required
- Tour # 2 (\$20)-Walking tour of Lévis (5,5 km), ferry Québec-Lévis, Alphonse-Desjardins house – min. 15 registrations required
- Tour # 3 (\$30)-Walking tour of Old Québec and Place Royal (2 km) – min. 9 registrations required
- Tour # 4 (\$50)-Bus tour of Québec et the Montmorency Falls – min. 12 registrations required
- Tour # 5 (\$10)-Free visit of Old Québec

Tours subject to cancellation if insufficient participants registered. Payment due on day of tour. ALL TOURS start at 1:00 pm at the Campus. Return around 6:00 pm.

REGISTRATION FEES

Member Registration

Up to April 30, 2017 : \$275 (no meals) - From May 1st, 2017: \$300 (no meals) *This amount covers : conference registration, Thursday Welcoming Ceremony and meal, Friday BBQ and Saturday Banquet.*

Spouse Registration

Spouse name: _____
This amount covers : Thursday Welcoming Ceremony and meal, Friday BBQ and Saturday Banquet.

Registration fees (no breakfasts, no lunches):	_____	x	\$275/300	=	\$	_____
Youth registration fees (no breakfasts, no lunches):	_____	x	\$200	=	\$	_____
Welcoming Ceremony (additional ticket):	_____	x	\$60	=	\$	_____
BBQ (additional ticket) :	_____	x	\$35	=	\$	_____
Banquet (additional ticket):	_____	x	\$70	=	\$	_____
			Total A-1	=	\$	_____

Registration fees (no breakfasts, no lunches):	_____	x	\$165	=	\$	_____
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Thursday June 22 activity Québec Citadel	_____	x	\$25	=	\$	_____
Friday June 23 activity Augustines Monastery	_____	x	\$25	=	\$	_____
Saturday June 24 activity Orléans Island	_____	x	\$25	=	\$	_____
			Total A-2	=	\$	_____
			Total A (member+spouse)	=	\$	_____

ONE DAY REGISTRATION

Registration fee, per person (NOTE: does not include meals or evening events) _____ x \$65 = \$ _____

Total B = \$ _____

MEALS (member and spouse)

Do you have any dietary concerns or allergies? Please specify (type of allergy and name of the allergic person):

Select desired meals: Be sure to book your desired meals here as they cannot be booked the same day.

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	<i>Number of meals</i>	
Breakfast	---	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	_____ x	\$10 = \$ _____
Lunch	---	\$15	\$15	\$15	---	_____ x	\$15 = \$ _____
Dinner	\$20	---	---	---	---	_____ x	\$20 = \$ _____
							Total C \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: A + B + C = \$ _____

Payment (cheque only) must be sent with completed registration form.
Make cheque payable to SSV PQ AGA 2017 and mail to
SSVP - Québec Central Council (AGA 2017)
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PLEASE NOTE: A confirmation of registration will be sent to you.
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AGA 2017 - Workshops

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS - AGA 2017

The theme presented at this AGA is:

“The Joy of Serving”

The theme has been chosen so that we as Vincentians may take time to reflect on how we interact with those we serve. Workshops will be developed around the theme - workshops will be in French and English to open up this theme to all Vincentians.

National Education Committee sponsored workshops – topics vary from year to year:

1. Roles of the President and Executive - Conference/ councils
2. Succession planning - Conference/councils
3. Policies and Procedures
4. Recruitment and Orientation

Other potential workshop topics:

1. Structural Causes of Poverty
2. Collaboration with Other Organizations
3. Spirituality of the Work of a Vincentian
4. Foundations of Our Society
5. Special works – the public face of our Society
6. SSVP in North of SIXTY (60 deg. latitude)
7. Advocacy and How to Advocate Effectively
8. Systemic Change projects
9. Youth in Action
10. Fundraising

Workshops are typically 90 minutes long.

Your workshop proposals and requirements must be submitted by May 15, 2017 to:

Mary Grad, Education/Formation Committee
mrosegrad@rogers.com
71 Waxwing Crescent
Guelph ON N1C 1E3

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO PRESENT A WORKSHOP

Title of Workshop: _____

Language Presented: English _____ French _____

Description of the Workshop: _____

Presenter Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Short Bio - Presenter: _____

How does the title/topic tie into the AGA theme?

Required Room size/type:

Required AV Materials: _____

Handout Materials are the responsibility of the presenter.

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Approved by National Council Education/Formation Committee:

Date: _____