

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
National Council of Canada



MEMBER ORIENTATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR SOCIETY

Module 1

Revised April 2020

OUR SOCIETY

- Mission
- History
- Structure
- Projects in Society



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MISSION

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

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

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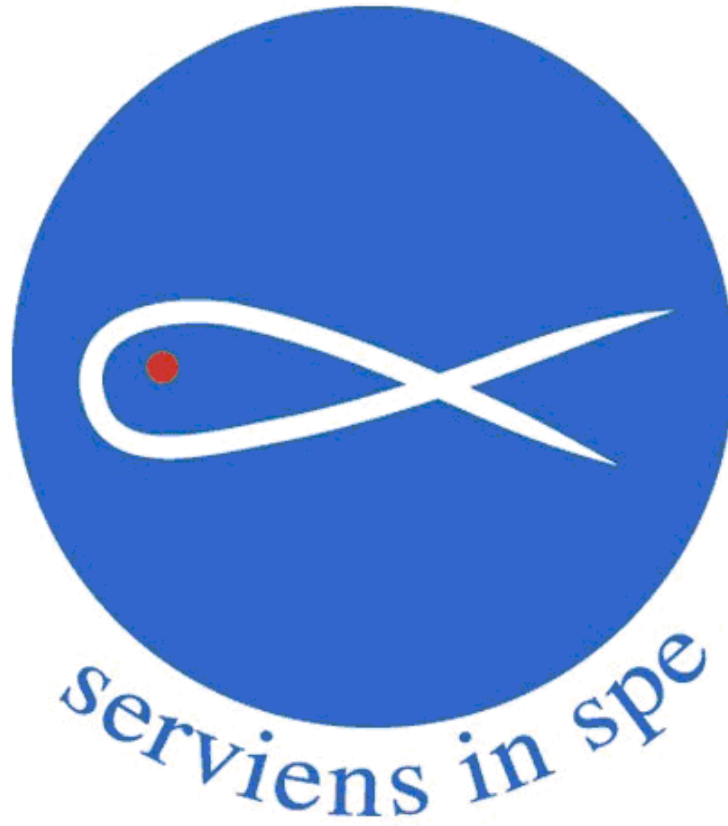
VALUES

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.**



OUR LOGO



HOW WE BEGAN - 1833



Frédéric Ozanam & his friends

- Who were these students
 - Antoine Frédéric Ozanam
 - Jule Devaux
 - Paul Lamache
 - Auguste LeTaillandier
 - Francois Lallier
 - Félix Clavé
 - Emmanuel Bailly, the oldest at 39 years



HOW WE BEGAN

- **Sister Rosalie Rendu**
- **Chose patron and patroness**
- **Rapid expansion outside of France**
 - Rome -1842
 - England, Ireland -1844
 - Belgium, Scotland, United States - 1845
 - Netherlands, Grece, Turkey, Monaco - 1846
 - Canada, Switzerland - 1847
 - Austria, Spain - 1850
 - Haïti, El Savador - 1880
 - Colombbia, Panama, Peru - 1884



DID YOU KNOW?

**In modern terms,
Frederic was screened
by Sister Rosalie who
became his mentor.**



THE SOCIETY TODAY

- More than 185 years later
- More than 153 countries
- 800,000 active members
- Particular characteristics
- Rule of the Society

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

OUR PATRON



- Born 1581
- Ordained 1600
- Degree in Canon Law
- Chaplain to the Queen
- The Darkness
- The Commitment



OUR MAIN FOUNDER ANTOINE FRÉDÉDIC OZANAM

- 20 year old student, Sorbonne (Paris)
- Challenged by atheists
 - What are you doing?
- Took up the challenge
- Beatification



INTERNATIONALE CONFEDERATION

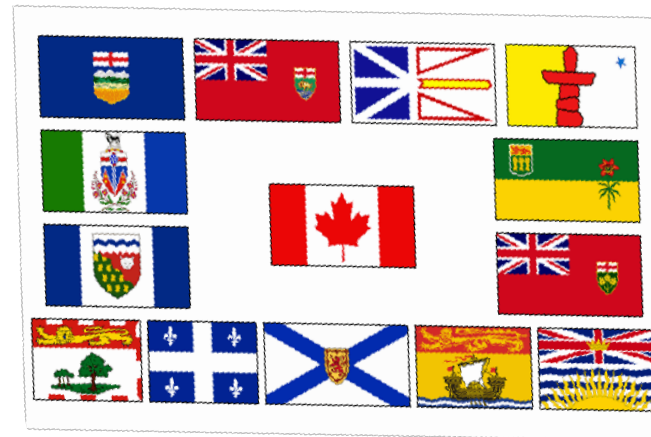


- **Definition**
- **Responsibilities**
- **Section 4 in the RULE Book**

Canada

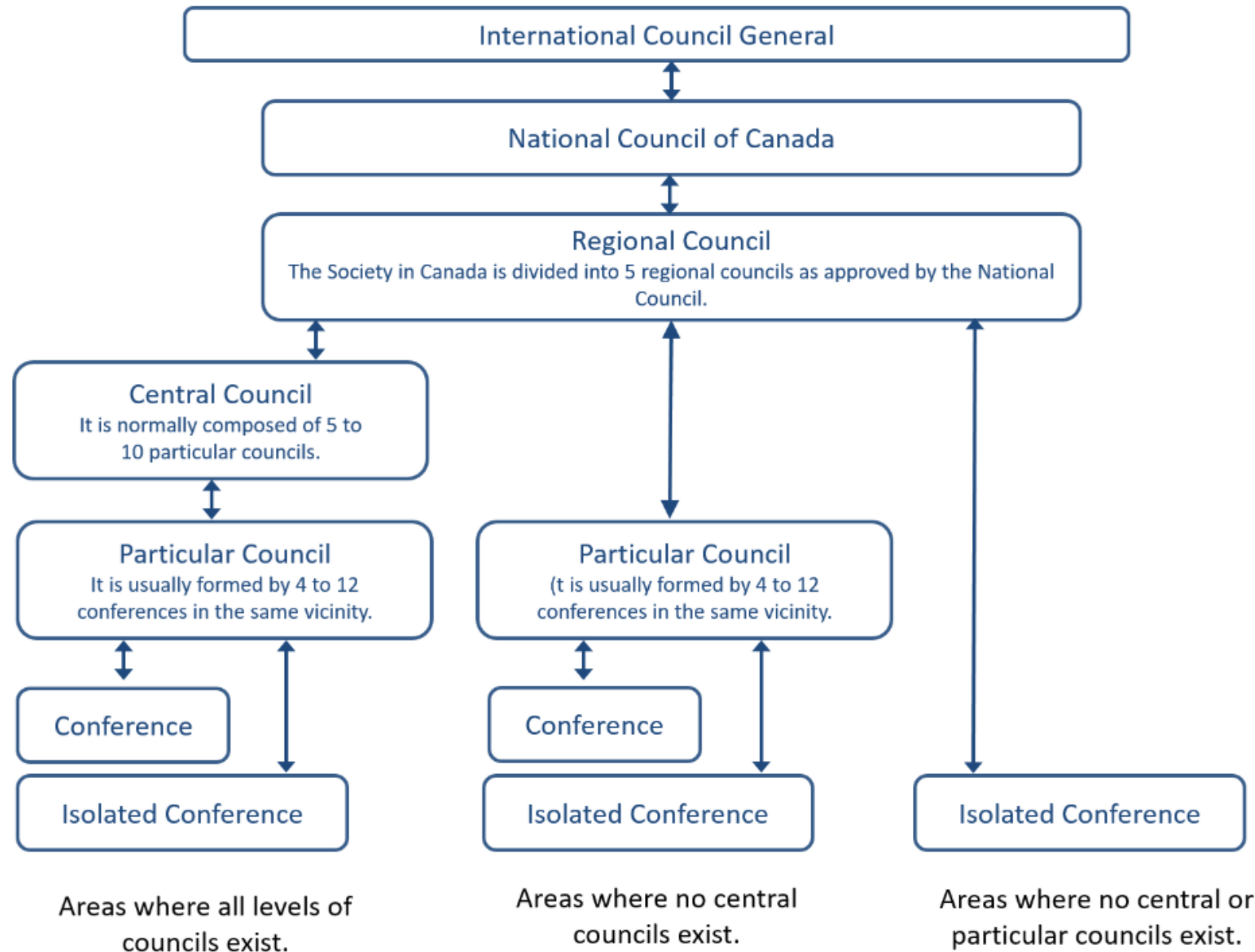
The Society has been present in Canada since 1846 and today, we have close to 800 conferences throughout the country.

Québec	1846
Montréal	1848
Toronto	1851
Halifax	1853
Hamilton	1865
Ottawa	1880
Windsor	1896
Chicoutimi	1899
Vancouver	1914
Victoria	1916



Brandon	1963
St. John	1970
Calgary	1983
Charlottetown	1996
Edmonton	2000
Prince Albert	2000
Yellowknife	2005
Tuktoyaktuk	2007
Gjoa Haven	2008
Moncton	2015

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN CANADA



EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE ALL LEVELS



- President
- Vice President(s)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Spiritual Advisor

THE CONFERENCE

- Definition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Aggregation
- Screening
- Reporting and Accountability procedures



CONFERENCE GOALS



- Conduct Local Activities
- Encourage Spiritual Growth
- Regular Review of Procedures
- Recruitment and Succession Planning
- Presidential and Executive Renewals

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADA



- Definition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Annual General Assembly

REGIONAL COUNCIL



- Definition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Annual General Assembly

CENTRAL COUNCIL



- Definition
- Roles and Responsibilities



PARTICULAR COUNCIL



- Definition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Meet regularly
- Encourage and support their Conferences

TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

« Special Works »



**No work of
charity is foreign
to the Society.**

TWINNING



Twinning is one of the special works of the Society.

It is a fraternal sharing of the Society's prayers and its relationships and resources with less fortunate conferences and councils abroad.



OTHER RESOURCES



Drives:

- Food
- Clothing
- Furniture



SOURCES OF FUNDS



- At the conference level, envelope and “Poor Box” donations
- Visibility is essential
- At the Council and Regional levels, Special Collections and Fundraising
- The “Black Bag”



SOME OF OUR PROJECTS

Social Justice

North of 60: started in 2012 with 2 destinations; 2019, 14 destinations.

Cadotte Lake

Once the community was identified, several meetings were held between the Edmonton Project Committee and local Cadotte Lake Committee members.

PremiFirst Nations living along the James Bay coast.

We are evaluating needs and putting in place the tools to respond to them.



SEEDS OF HOPE

- The **Canada Learning Bond (CLB)** offers up to **\$ 2,000** in free post-secondary education funding for children born after January 1, 2004 whose family receives the National Child Benefit supplement. No parental contribution is required. Vincentians assist families to enroll so that families will be able to benefit from the government grants.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle**

WORLD DAY OF PERSONS IN SITUATION OF POVERTY

In conclusion of the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, on November 20, 2016, in his apostolic letter Mercy and Peace (Misericordia and Misera), Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the World Day of the Poor, the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.



YOUR QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Resources

- Rule & Statutes
- Operations Manual
- National website www.ssvp.ca
- If you have any questions, please contact
 - national@ssvp.ca
 - Tel: 1-866-977-7787
- Closing Prayer