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# Gratitude and Solidarity

How things have changed, and not changed, over the last two years! The pandemic has forced all of us to revisit how we have been fulfilling our Mission. There were, are, and will be hurdles, but with resiliency, and a "solution-mode" approach, moving forward happens. Hope is the fuel that makes people go!

As government programs dry up and inflation impacts the cost of essential needs (food, rent, utilities), we have to consider that the more vulnerable will be further impacted in 2022.

As activities restart in 2022, at the first conference meeting, it is time to examine the conference life, which actions / programs are provided to support the Mission, what the finances are to be able to support these actions and programs, and whether we have plans in place to be able to achieve these.

Since Public Health authorities are now regularly using the term "endemic" to characterize the situation, and as we learn to live and co-exist with the COVID-19 virus and its different variants, what do we do differently to continue improving the lives of persons in need?

In his homily for the celebration of Vespers and the recitation of the *Te Deum* on New Year's Eve, Pope Francis pointed out how "Mary's amazement, the Church's amazement, is filled with gratitude," realizing that "God has not abandoned his people, that he has come, is near, is with us." The pandemic has created "a sense of being lost," the Pope observed, when at the start there seemed to be a feeling of solidarity that we are all in the same boat, followed by a temptation of 'everyone out for themselves'. "Thank God we reacted again with a sense of responsibility," the Pope added, and we must all have this gratitude to God since the choice to be 'responsible in solidarity' comes from God, from Jesus "who has once and for all impressed on our history the 'route' of our original calling: to be brothers and sisters all, children of the same Father."

At the national level, multiple committees are working to assist conferences and councils as we navigate these hurdles; the work is driven from the 2021-2024 strategic plan. The Formation Committee continues the development of formation material/modules/webinars to assist; they are categorized under i) Vincentian Life (VLIF), ii) Leadership (LEAD), iii) Spirituality (SPIRIT) and Special Works (SPWK). The Fund Development Committee is continuing to develop tools and resources available to conferences and councils across Canada to assist with fundraising initiatives.

The Social Justice Committee continues its work on housing and homelessness with the <u>National Action</u> <u>Campaign</u> under the theme *Safe, Secure and Affordable Housing is a Human Right*. The Social Justice Committee is also focusing on four other areas – Indigenous issues, Multi-Cultural Diversity, Prison Ministry, and Advocacy.

Richard Pommainville, Executive Director National Council





## 2021 FINANCIAL AND STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Report document is designed to provide a consistent reporting format that will accomplish three things:

- provide a template that will lend itself to assisting the members of the National Council of Canada to speak with some authority and knowledge regarding the activities of all conferences and councils in Canada;
- provide a template for conferences and councils to measure the scope of service according to the Rule and Canadian Statutes;
- enable a comprehensive annual report to be prepared for the International Council General.

To assist in completing the financial report, you can access support material from the resources available in the Member repository at <a href="https://ssvp.ca/members/training/">https://ssvp.ca/members/training/</a>

- Financial Handbook for conference treasurers
- Webinar Recording Treasurer: Role and Responsibilities, and Annual Reports

You can access the annual report template from the Operations Manual, or directly through the Forms repository:

https://ssvp.ca/members/forms/annual-reports/





# Turning Water into Wine

This coming Sunday, January 16, the Gospel tells us the story of the wedding feast at Cana and the first miracle of Jesus – turning water into wine. This miracle is accomplished quietly with notable humility although Jesus noted, "My hour has not yet come." The bride, groom, the other guests, and the chief steward did not recognize it as a miracle performed by Jesus. Only the servants were aware of the miracle performed as they had filled the jars with water. This was an act of service by Jesus to a couple who would never know their benefactor. Upon being told by the steward that more wine had somehow appeared for the feast, they may have said to each other "Thank God" in their relief, not knowing the depth of the truth of their words.

In our Vincentian work, we have the grace of helping many who will never know their benefactor. Like Christ at Cana, our work is done in quiet humility so as not to embarrass those whom we aid. Many Vincentians believe that if one were to receive recognition for the charity provided in His name, the spiritual merit of that action is somehow diminished — we will have already received our reward. Humble service to the poor He so loves, being an unworthy agent of His mercy to others, is the reward. Many speak of the good work that we should do as our Christian duty, but Vincentians do it. We allow ourselves to act as His agent to demonstrate His love and concern for the poor in a very concrete manner.

There is an old story told about a village that was heavily damaged during the Second World War. A statue of Christ had been destroyed and the pieces were collected and put back together to repair it, but the hands were so badly damaged, they could not be repaired. The statue was put back into its place of honour without the hands. The villagers put a sign on the base that read, "You are my hands." That is what we as Vincentians are. We are acting as God's hands to ensure that His physical work of compassion for the less fortunate is accomplished.

John Carey, Chair National Spirituality Committee





# Fundraising at St. Gertrude's Conference – Oshawa

WILD Winter Festival of Lights took over the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Clarington, creating a magical journey of more than one million shining lights on the racetrack.

SSVP (St. Gertrude's Conference) was offered the opportunity to attend one of the evenings of the festival and collect food donations. We were given the evening of Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 10 pm. About a week before the festival, Fr. Paul, the parish priest, received a call from the Grade 3-4 hockey team, Oshawa Minor U9 A Red, asking if there was any way their team could help out at the food drive or another event that was helping the poor. Fr. Paul referred them to the SSVP at the church. The team brought a trailer with power for lighting, hot drinks and snacks for the kids. Twenty-four children and parents showed up.

The children lined up at the entrance to the track, wearing their hockey jerseys and Santa hats. The parents had Christmas music piped out of the trailer and the children sang along and wished the people in every car a Merry Christmas. They filled liquor boxes as the cars went by, and then brought them to us to load onto our trucks and trailer. The event attendees were delighted by the greetings from the children. We all had a great time and collected 1,500 lbs. of food and \$680 in cash donations.

Maureen Kerr, President Durham Particular Council, Ontario









## Critical Need for Volunteers at Rankin Inlet Food Bank

Faced with a lack of volunteers, the Rankin Inlet Food Bank may be forced to close its doors. This is a concern because food insecurity is a major issue in this community, as it is elsewhere in Nunavut.

Karine Lavoie

IJL – Réseau.Presse - Le Nunavoix - https://online.fliphtml5.com/vsbde/pymp/#p=9

Every month, approximately 100 families in the Rankin Inlet community receive donations from the local food bank, which itself receives a large annual shipment of food from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP).

That assistance, which is essential for many people, is now threatened as the organization struggles to recruit the volunteers needed to run its operations. Organizations dedicated to helping Nunavummiut find adequate food are still needed, as Nunavut is the most food insecure territory in Canada.

### A Call for Help

Located in the community's Catholic church, the Rankin Inlet Food Bank opens its doors every second and third Monday of the month to assist those in need. Recently, Cecelia Ayaruak, Manager of the food bank, stated that she could not handle the work alone and would have to close until volunteers became available.

To run the food bank, six to eight volunteers per shift are needed, but they are becoming increasingly difficult to recruit. "I need volunteers to pack the food. Please, I can't do it alone," pleads Ayaruak in the local Rankin Inlet community Facebook group. "Due to the hard times because of COVID-19, people are hungry, especially children," she continues in her post.

Each year, the Rankin Inlet Food Bank receives a significant donation from the SSVP in Canada, an organization that helps more than 350,000 needy people across the country each year.

In 2020, as part of their "North of 60" project, eight Nunavut communities, including Rankin Inlet, benefitted from a shipment of five containers and three boxes of food sent by sea. "We only ship to communities that have a team on site to manage the distribution of the food. The products we ship are there to help in times of need and we can't ship more than once a year," says Jean-Noël Cormier, Chairperson for the North of 60 project at the SSVP's National Council of Canada.

## **Food insecurity in Nunavut**

According to Statistics Canada, 8.8% of Canadian households reported experiencing moderate or severe food insecurity in 2017-2018 due to financial constraints. In Nunavut, this proportion rises to 49.4%, while 25.8% of households experienced moderate food insecurity and 23.7% experienced severe food insecurity. This statistic places Nunavut at the top of the list of provinces and territories, with the highest rate of insecurity.

In an effort to make nutritious food and some essential items more affordable and accessible, the federal government launched the Nutrition North Canada (NNC) program in 2011. According to Kyle Fournier,



spokesperson for Aboriginal Crown Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the program has seen a steady increase in subsidized food shipped to communities since its inception.

"Between 2011 and 2021, the average volume of eligible items shipped to isolated northern communities has increased by approximately 106%. Approximately 285.7 million kilograms of eligible items were subsidized, an average increase of about 4.2 million kilograms per year," says Kyle Fournier. He also says that since the program's inception, the number of eligible communities has grown from 79 to 121.

In April 2020, NNC expanded the list of nutritious foods and essential items subsidized by the program: "As a result, hand sanitizers, cleaning products and personal hygiene products are subsidized in all 121 communities eligible for the Nutrition North Canada program," adds Kyle Fournier.

An additional \$25 million investment was also provided in April 2020 to NNC in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. "The increase in pandemic-related subsidies of \$0.5 per kg for products such as milk meant that four liters of milk in Iqaluit cost between \$5.59 and \$5.99 in March 2021, down from \$7.00 the previous year," Fournier says.

He concludes by saying that in the future, the program will monitor the effects of the \$25 million investment and measure its impact on product access and affordability.



In Nunavut, 49.4% of households experience food insecurity, compared with the Canadian average of 8.8%.





# SEEDS OF HOPE Alleviating dental suffering!



First food, then what? Being the link from awareness to action

How long can you function with tooth pain? Dental issues can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, and learning. It can also affect social interaction and employment potential. Children from low income families have twice as many fillings as their peers. (CCDC)

Ann, a single mom with three children, was experiencing dental pain. She was extremely nervous about seeing a dentist from past negative dental experiences. Because of this, Ann, as well as all of her children, weren't seeing a dentist. With gentle encouragement and support, Ann was able to make an appointment to see a dentist. It turned out she needed extensive work to restore her oral health. A caring and informed Vincentian advocated for her with the region dental team, who covered a portion of the cost, and the dentist was agreeable to offering a significant discount. SSVP paid the difference out of our particular council dental fund. As Ann got comfortable with the dentist, she was able to make appointments for all three of her children, whose treatments were covered by Healthy Smiles Ontario, a dental benefit program for children of low-income families in Ontario. The family's dental health was restored!

If you are living in poverty, you most likely have unmet dental needs. In fact the statistics show 50% of the people we meet will have an unaddressed dental concern.

Unmet dental needs can lead to downstream health consequences such as gum disease, tooth loss, infection, heart disease, loss of self-esteem. Many of the neighbours have dental anxiety, so being able to see a dentist may be difficult.

We witness dental suffering on an almost daily basis with our encounter with our neighbours.

We must take the next step to help alleviate this suffering.

The SSVP dental project is organized around three pillars:

- Connecting children to dental services
- Adult teeth cleaning
- Emergency dental for adults

This is where Vincentians can play a vital role, to walk alongside the neighbours to help them access dental services to help restore their dental health.

Want to learn more?

**Contact me,** Linda Alexander, Seeds of Hope Project Coordinator at <a href="mailto:seedsofhope@ssvp.ca">seedsofhope@ssvp.ca</a> and I will help your team get started.

The government provides health coverage that covers from the top of the head to the tip of the toes but have neglected a critical 2 inches of the body, the mouth.

Get informed as to what dental opportunities are available in your province and region and city. We need to be informed about what is available before we are able to help.

For instance, in Ontario, Healthy Smiles Ontario is a dental benefit that covers children up to age 17 with full coverage.

Some cities have low income dental clinics or dental buses available.

Contact your region and ask to speak with the dental health team so you can get informed. Knowledge is power!

First, a Vincentian can be informed, then they can make the neighbour aware of the dental assistance opportunities.

Encourage, support, nudge to access!



# Refugee Sponsorship, A Rewarding Experience

As I reflect on the events of the past year, I realize that, despite the many restrictions and hardships created because of the Covid-19 virus, our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Alphonsus of Liguori Church in Peterborough had a successful year sponsoring a Syrian refugee. I am happy to announce that our newcomer is doing very well!

I would like to share with you the story of Anas. To do so, I have to go back to 2016 when our parish sponsored the Kheito family. Its members included the father Jamil, his wife Salha, his two adult sons Tarek and Ousama and his daughter-in-law Inas and her two young boys Jamil and Wassim. Our parish fundraised to sponsor the family of seven for one year. A committee was formed to prepare for the arrival of the family and to help the members settle into their new community. I was a member of the committee that was called "Refuge for Refugees". My job was to collect household items to furnish an apartment for the family, but we all ended up doing much more than our assigned tasks.

Little did I know how much I would become emotionally attached to the members of this Syrian family. When the sponsorship year was over and the family members were capable of supporting themselves, most of the volunteers in the "Refuge for Refugees" group stepped away for a much-needed break. I, on the other hand, became even closer to the family. The two young boys are like grandchildren to me and my husband.

Their mother Inas lost her husband in the war in Syria. She once told me that she came to Canada so she and her boys could have a better life. Within the first five years of her arrival in a new country, she mastered the English language, graduated from college, found employment, got her driver's license and became a Canadian citizen, all while being a single mother.

In Syria, she left behind her parents and her two brothers and their families. Worrying over their safety and well-being is a constant stress for her. I helped Inas whenever I could but I felt she needed more happiness in her life. This is where Anas comes into the picture. In the fall of 2018, I proposed to our SSVP conference to sponsor Inas' younger brother, who had been living in Turkey. Our members agreed and thus began the process of reuniting the two siblings, who hadn't seen each other in over five years.

We were guided by members of SAH (Sponsorship Agreement Holders) of The Diocese of Peterborough and the late Sister Ruth Hennessey, founder of Casa Maria, a non-profit organization in Peterborough that supports and offers safe temporary shelter to refugees, regardless of race, social status, religion or cultural tradition. Anas' name was added to SAH's list of refugees permitted to come to Peterborough, provided we could raise the necessary funds to sponsor him for one year.

As a member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Particular Council, I was able to secure funds from the SSVP Peterborough conferences and the Regional SSVP. The rest of the donations came from individuals.



Next came the paper work. It was critical to fill out the immigration papers correctly; otherwise, it could delay his entry into Canada, or worse, he would not be permitted to come at all. With the help of the Syrian family and people who had been through this process before, we managed to get everything done on time in the spring of 2019.

In the meantime, back in Turkey, Anas, who was excited about being reunited with his sister and nephews, was feeling nervous about being deported back to Syria. At that time, the president of Turkey was randomly stopping Syrians on the streets and sending them back to their home country. Although Anas had entered Turkey legally and had documents to prove it, there was no guarantee that he would not be sent back.

Anas had fled Syria when he was in his 2nd year at Damascus University. The Syrian government was bombing several locales, including the university, in search of people who opposed its president. Anas was not part of the protests but he knew his life was in danger if he stayed in Damascus. With the help of an uncle, Anas made his way to Istanbul, Turkey. He got a job working in a factory initially, but he never felt safe. The Syrian workers were threatened daily by the Turkish workers. He often feared for his life.

Luckily, Anas found another job working in a sports apparel store. He quickly learned to speak Turkish. His employer hired him because many of the store customers were from Arab countries where the spoken language was Arabic.

Knowing he would have to speak English if he came to Canada, Anas began learning the language on the Internet. He was determined to know some basic English if he was granted entry into Canada. With the help of his sister, we were able to communicate through FaceTime prior to his arrival.

After the paperwork was completed and the information verified, we were notified in the fall of 2019 that Anas was scheduled for a physical exam to make sure he was healthy. This was followed by a police check and an interview. In the spring of 2020, Anas was informed that he was accepted to come to Canada. He was to arrive at Pearson airport in Toronto in March. Then Covid-19 hit and all flights into Canada were cancelled. His flight was postponed. Luckily, he managed to keep his apartment and job in Turkey.

In Peterborough, we had to give up the apartment we had found for him and all of the household furnishings we had amassed were put into storage. In the meantime, I signed Anas up for affordable housing with the Peterborough Housing Corporation (social housing provider) despite not knowing his arrival date. Shortly after, I was notified that he was eligible for a one-bedroom apartment. It was under construction at the time and wouldn't be ready until October 1<sup>st</sup>. We prayed that he would arrive before that time and our prayers were answered! Anas flew into Pearson at the end of September 2020, just before the second wave of Covid-19. His sister was not there to greet him, as it was too risky due to the pandemic. He was transported to an Airbnb where he quarantined for 14 days. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, our committee members set up



his apartment and filled his fridge and pantry with food. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, he moved into his new apartment, where he was finally able to reunite with his sister and two nephews.

The pandemic did not allow us to spend the time we would have liked showing him around the city, since most areas were closed. He took advantage of his free time to explore the parks and trails on a bike that was donated by a committee member. Anas also began his ESL (English as a Second Language) classes a few weeks after his arrival and he met with a counsellor, at the New Canadian Centre, who helped him settle into his new surroundings. Months later, he got his G1 and took driving classes in 2021, which were paid for by an anonymous donor. His driving test is in February 2022.

I am also happy to announce that Anas got a job working in a bakery. His employer has been so pleased with Anas' work ethic that he gave him the key to the bakery. Anas does the baking, ordering and manages the store. His English is good enough to deal with the patrons.

Anas has been an excellent role model for his two nephews and a big help to his sister, who lives in the same apartment building. Wassim, who is six, and Jamil, who is nine, love spending time with their uncle! The two boys are fluent in English and are in French Immersion classes at school. When they are with their uncle, they get to speak Arabic.

I would highly recommend sponsoring a refugee! There are numerous websites with information on private sponsorship such as the "Refugee Sponsorship Training Program" (RSTP.ca) and the Canadian government website "Sponsor a refugee" - Canada.ca.

As more people are displaced because of war, famine, environmental disasters, etc., the need for safe havens will grow. As Pope Francis once said, "... I ask ... the entire international community above all to confront the reality of those who have been displaced by force, with effective projects and new approaches in order to protect their dignity, to improve the quality of their life ..." Living up to those words, His Holiness Pope Francis welcomed 33 refugees whom the Vatican sponsored in 2016. Pope Francis' message for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 was, "Towards an Ever Wider WE". He goes on to say, "Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts." Let us all heed his advice and invite refugees and migrants into our communities. We will be ... "building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind."

Lynn-Marie Gallant-Whipp St. Alphonsus of Liguori SSVP Conference, Peterborough Ontario





## Q: What do conferences need to know about donation receipts?

**A:** Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has very specific rules on donation receipts. Donations are in the form of cash, cheque, PayPal, shares or in kind. It is very important that the format of the receipt is in compliance with the CRA guidelines that follow. More information is available on the CRA website. There are other types of donations that will require reference to the applicable CRA guidelines, to determine what is acceptable and how to determine the proper value of any gift.

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/alphabetical-index-policies-guidance.html#r-tpcs

Sample official donation receipts are visible from the CRA website at

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/sample-official-donation-receipts.html





## **B.C. & YUKON REGION**

Mary Sweeney, St. Ann's Conference, Abbotsford, British Columbia, February 4, 2021
Eileen MacLean, Christ the King Conference, Courtenay, British Columbia, February 17, 2021
Frances (Fran) Ross, St. Francis of Assisi Isolated Conf, Prince George, British Columbia, February 26, 2021.
John Fuoco, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Iso. Conference, Kamloops, British Columbia, March 9 2021
Marj Mckee, Saint Francis de Sales Conference, Burnaby, British Columbia, May 21, 2021
Tim Hicks, Sacred Heart Isolated Conference, Williams Lake, British Columbia, May 29, 2021
Katherine Van Adrichem, Notre Dame Conference, Port Alberni, British Columbia, June 2021
Doug Carmichael, Christ the King Conference, Courtenay, British Columbia, July 31, 2021
Robert (Bob) Taschuk, Notre Dame Conference, Port Alberni, British Columbia, September 6, 2021
Anthony William (Bill) Binfet, St. Ann's Conference, Penticton, British Columbia, September 11, 2121.
Lynn Furman, Our Lady of the Rosary Conference, Langford, British Columbia, October 16, 2021
Reg Humphries, St Charles Garnier Conference, in Kelowna, British Columbia, December 5, 2021

### WESTERN REGION & NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Deacon Hyland Fraser, Edmonton Central Council, Alberta, February 5, 2021
Nancy Gordon, St. Andrew's Conference Edmonton, Alberta, July 25, 2021
Rick Lozanski, Holy Trinity Conference, Calgary, Alberta, October 18, 2021
Marie Larocque, St. Michael Conference, Calgary, Alberta, November 1, 2021
John Westergreen, St. Patrick's Conference, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, November 23, 2021
Faye LaPaz, Canadian Martyrs Conference, Calgary, Alberta, November 26, 2021

### **ONTARIO REGION**

Roger Garant, Sacred Heart Conference, LaSalle, Ontario, January 6, 2021 Lynda Cote, St. John the Baptist Conference, Amherstburg, Ontario, January 16, 2021 Elizabeth (Betty) Barron, St. Basil Conference, Brantford, Ontario, January 20, 2021 Steve Chappo, Holy Name of Jesus Conference, Essex, Ontario, January 29, 2021 Mary Sutton, Sacred Heart Conference, LaSalle, Ontario, February 2, 2021 Jean Joseph (Bernard) Dumas, Most Precious Blood Conference, Windsor, Ontario, March 5, 2021 Elaine Wilson, St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Windsor, Ontario, April 2021 Cindy Rovinelli, Central Store, Windsor, May 2021 David Jewell, St. Ambrose Conference, Cambridge, Ontario, May 12, 2021 Alan (Dean) Egeto, Holy Name Conference, Windsor, Ontario, June 2021 Jack Schroeder, St. John the Baptist Conference, Windsor, Ontario, June 2021 Ken Baird, St. Clement Conference, McGregor, Ontario, September 18, 2021 Anita Renaud, Most Precious Blood Conference, Windsor, Ontario, October 6, 2021 William Joseph Arbour, St. Anne's Conference, Peterborough, Ontario, October 11, 2021 Marguerite (Jill) Losier Gilbert, St. Jerome Conference, Windsor, Ontario, October 17, 2021 Fernando (Fred) Frias, St. John de Brebeuf Conference, Kingsville, Ontario, October 17, 2021 Jack Stewart Palmer, Our Lady of the Atonement Conference, Windsor, Ontario, October 20, 2021 Anna (Ann) Frederika Brouwer, Saint Vincent de Paul Store, London, Ontario, November 29, 2021



## **RÉGION DU QUÉBEC**

Michel Careau, Conférence Notre-Dame de l'Eau Vive, Gatineau, Québec, 14 janvier 2021 Guy Champagne, Conférence Cathédrale, Joliette, Québec, 25 avril, 2021 Pierre Portelance, Conseil central de Montréal, Québec, 29 juillet 2021 Yves L'Écuyer, Conférence Saint-Jean-Paul II, Repentigny, Québec, 15 août 2021 Paul Levaque, Conférence St-Anastase, Greenfield-Park, Québec, 2 septembre 2021 Michel Tessier, SSVP Joliette, Québec, 27 octobre 2021 Lucille Bienvenue, SSVP Joliette, Québec, 4 novembre 2021

## ATLANTIC REGION

Joan Kerr, Good Shepherd Conference, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, February 19, 2020
Elizabeth Ann Tracey 'Betty', St. Anne's Conference, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, April 12, 2021
Dorritt Frances Amos, Holy Family Conference, Amherst, Nova Scotia, September 29, 2021
Janice Topp, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Conference, Upper Tantallon, Nova Scotia, October 5, 2021
Charles Andrew McDonald, Good Shepherd Conference, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, November 9, 2021
Judith (Judy) Hein, Marguerite Bourgeoys Conference, Tantallon, Nova Scotia, December 10, 2021

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They were our brothers and sisters serving persons in need.

Let us keep them in our prayers.

Ils étaient nos confrères et consœurs au service des plus démunis.

Gardons-les dans nos prières.