

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2001

Our Dear Vincentian Friends,

We are encouraged to present this report of the blessed work of this Council carried out in service with our friends the poor during 2001. This work was carried out under the direction of the now Past President, Ernie Grondin, and his Board, and is compiled from data received from this source plus direct reports from Councils and Conferences.

The Strength of the Ontario Council - its members

Total number of Active Members	3,348
Total number of Conferences (327 regular + 14 isolated + 5 youth)	346
Total number of Particular Councils	34
Total number of Central Councils	5

The Services of the Ontario Council - with our Friends the Poor

Total number of Home Visits	47,863
Total number of Families served	40,324
Total number of Adults served	37,973
Total number of Children served	36,982

The Special Works of the Ontario Council - in service to our Friends the Poor

Total number of Stores (number persons served est. 250,000)	24
Total number of Affordable Housing buildings (serving est. 410 residents)	2
Total number of Camps (serving est. 1,600 campers)	2
Total number of Supportive Homes (serving est. 500 residents)	18
Total number of Transitional Housing/Shelters (serving est. 2,500 guests)	8
Total number of Prison Apostolates (serving est. 1,800 persons)	4
Total number of Twinning Conferences (50 external; 15 internal; 4 PAT)	69

The Financial Resources of the Ontario Council - poor box, donations, grants

Total contributions received	\$ 12,959,740
Total expenditures	\$ 11,758,450

Income:	Tax received donations	\$ 3,097,443
	Non-tax received donations	\$ 3,210,860
	Other donations (grants, etc.)	\$ 6,651,437
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		\$ 12,959,740

Expenditures:	Charitable works	\$ 11,496,323
	To National	\$ 68,553
	International Disaster Relief	\$ 171,400
	To other Councils	\$ 7,053
	Administration	\$ 15,121
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Programs of the Ontario Provincial Council – expansion, communications, recruitment

Primary programs continuing underway at the Provincial Council included:

Expansion - new Conferences under development in southern central Ontario, the North

Communications - website under development (in place March 1, 2002)
Newsletter under consideration (published April 2002)

Screening - gathering information to develop a volunteer screening program
(program starting in 2002)

World Youth Day 2002 - at National's request - recommended all Conferences find and send one youth (16-35) rep - Ontario stated Conferences could cover related costs.

The Ontario Provincial year 2001 ended with increases in a number of services. There is recognition of the great potential to increase our work with and assist our friends in need working always to help people replace a sense of despair with a sense of dignity and self worth.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Volk, President
Ontario Provincial Council