

Advocacy Committee



Proclaiming the Christian Response to Injustice

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Ontario Regional Council

This Newsletter serves to keep our Social Justice Reps and interested Vincentians up to date regarding advocacy issues. It suggests specific actions individual Vincentians can take to help our neighbours in need achieve a better life.

FALL FEDERAL ELECTION: CAST A VOTE FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED !!!

Before you cast your vote in the October federal election, consider how the issues impact our neighbours in need. Climate change, lack of affordable housing, the high cost of prescription medications and childcare all have a greater negative effect on people living in poverty. Find out where your candidates stand on these important issues and please take action through the links below.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Extreme weather events and climate change factors that displace people and increase the cost of putting food on the table have an inordinately detrimental effect on people living in poverty. [Tell our representatives that we need action on climate change now!](#)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Let your MP know that every Canadian is entitled to safe, secure and affordable housing. Click on the “TAKE ACTION” button at the following web page: <https://www.ahomeforeveryone.ca/welcome>

PHARMACARE: [Let your MP know that the majority of Canadians support the implementation of a universal Pharmacare plan.](#) This is an important election issue.

CHILDCARE: The high cost of childcare prevents many people from seeking employment in order to lift themselves out of poverty. Click on the following link to tell all federal party leaders that Canada needs an affordable child care program: <https://childcareforall.ca/>

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Ontario's cuts to the legal aid system has resulted in undue hardship for vulnerable people who are denied justice because they cannot afford a lawyer. [Let the Ontario government know that this injustice needs to be rectified.](#)

HOMELESSNESS: Kick off your participation in National's affordable housing campaign by distributing our latest pamphlet ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. Copies for each conference are distributed at the September meeting and are available for downloading on the Ontario website. [Contact us if you need extra copies.](#)

~ Danny Bourne, Advocacy Committee