

Voice of the Poor - 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.

The BASIC INCOME PILOT project in Ontario should be allowed to continue in order to reap the benefits of the money already invested in this well planned scientific study. Academics and governments from around the world are awaiting the results of this trial to better understand how a Basic Guaranteed Income might help low income families and individuals.

See [our submission to the Premier of Ontario](#).

Add your voice to ask that the **Basic Income Pilot be allowed to continue:**
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Copy the other Party leaders.

[Sign the petition asking the federal government to rescue this pilot project](#)

Child Poverty in Canada is more prevalent than you might think. More than 1 in 6 children in Canada are considered to live in poverty.

See our [Backgrounder on this issue](#).

Universal Pharmacare has been identified as an important means of reducing rates of Child poverty in Canada.

Have your say on **Pharmacare** by filling out the [Government of Canada questionnaire](#). Or you can visit <https://www.letstalkhealth.ca/pharmacare> (the link for the questionnaire link is on the right side of web page)

A pamphlet on Child Poverty will be ready for distribution in your parishes at the end of September.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – OCTOBER 22 2018. Help make **AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT** for our neighbours in need an election issue. Find out whether or not your municipality offers a low-income public transit discount. If not, ask your local candidates to support one. If one does exist, is it easy to access and are all low income earners eligible?

Also – What are your local candidates saying about Affordable Housing?

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 2018.

What can your conference do to educate your parishioners about poverty in your community? Check our web page for [Resources](#) – pamphlets, Let's Talk sheets, Backgrounders - you might print and distribute at Mass on November 18. Ask your parish priest if you might speak on behalf of our neighbours in need at Mass.

~ Danny Bourne, Advocacy / Voice of the Poor Committee