

- **Call for Nominations for ONRC Board:** Are you being called to support your fellow Ontario Vincentians as they serve those in need in Ontario? Or do you know someone who has the skills and passion to make that commitment? Explore the role of Director of Ontario Regional Council. Nominations due February 18, 2026.
- **Lenten Vincentian Retreat** (virtual by Zoom) Sat. Feb 21, 2026, 10:00 am to noon. Theme: "Jesus, a humble loaf of bread that nourishes the many." [Details here](#). Please register by Feb 1, 2026 via email Deacon John Girolami at jgirolami@sympatico.ca. Come and be fed by the word of God as we open the Lenten Season.
- **ONRC spring assembly**** April 17 & 18, 2026 at Stratford, hosted by St. Joseph (isolated) conference.
- **ONRC Annual General Meeting** Saturday, April 18** at Stratford. NOTE THE DATE!!
- **Annual National Formation**** Mark your calendars for the June 25-27, 2026 ANF in Halifax, celebrating 180 years of the Society in Canada!



GATHERING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR SERVICE: Annual Reporting time

For the third consecutive year, the Conferences and Councils within Ontario Regional Council will be using the **National Council Online Members Portal** to submit 2025 Financial and Statistical reports. An email package has been sent off to all ONRC Councils and Isolated Conferences.

* All Council/Conference Presidents are reminded of the below submission dates to their next higher council:

Conferences: —> Before Friday January 30th 2026

Particular Councils: —> Before Friday February 20th 2026

Central Councils: —> Before Tuesday March 10th 2026

Regional Councils: —> Before Tuesday March 31st 2026

Thanks to all involved throughout this region for your role in providing this data to **SSVP International** to recognize the key role played by Vincentians across the world in serving our most vulnerable with a view to enhancing our ability to do so.

SHARING FUNDS

Section 2.15.1 in our Rule Book states that "the main source of funding for Particular, Central, Regional, National and International Councils is from the conferences and councils who have a duty to support higher councils".

National Support Fee (\$300 per conference/Council) to be sent through the region to National and also ...

Regional Support Fee \$300 to be provided annually by each conference/Council in the region to support the work of ONRC.

All **National & Regional Support Fees** should be forwarded with [this form](#) to ONRC PO Box 23016, Brantford PO Main, Ontario N3T 6K4. Cheques should be made out to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Ontario Regional Council. Councils are encouraged to work with their Conferences to ensure that these funds are included in their 2026 budgets. It is exceptionally helpful if they are submitted as earlier in the year as financially possible so that ONRC can carry out its responsibilities with these funds available.



THE LOOP

Keep us in the loop:

- * *New conference/Council President?* Share their name & email and that of the conference/Council with the ONRC Secretary secretary@ssvp.on.ca.
- * *Change in conference status (merge/close)?* please complete and submit [this form](#) to secretary@ssvp.on.ca. We will share the information with National.
(Check out further responsibilities re closures [here](#).)
- * *When a fellow Vincentian passes* - You are invited to acknowledge their service by [sharing the news](#) on the ONRC website.

Keep yourself in the National loop. Subscribe to monthly Chez Vincent Bulletin

*sent via
Secretary
Ontario Regional Council*