



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul
Ontario Regional Council

Living the Gospel message
by serving Christ in the poor
with love, respect, justice and joy.



ONRC NEWSletter JUNE 2026

Our Vincentian family time in Stratford



If you were not able to join our large group at that time, check out informative workshops by fellow Vincentians with the inspiring homily by Father Don of St. Joseph's Church, words of wisdom by host conference President Dan Parr and more photos to follow - [here](#).

SHARING FUNDS - Passing up & Passing down

Many thanks to the conferences and Councils of Ontario region who

have submitted their 2026 National & Regional Support Fees. These **"pass ups"** are essential to support the work of ONRC - which is to support the conferences throughout the region.

And a gentle nudge to those who have not yet done so All **National & Regional Support Fees** for 2026 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.

Our International Rule also speaks of **"pass downs"**, funds provided by higher level Councils to support conferences or Councils in times of crisis or in embracing a new initiative (2.2.4 Role of Councils ...

Councils also help conferences in their ministry to persons in need by assisting with heavy demands for person-to-person aid by providing human resource and/or financial aid ...)

To facilitate this support, ONRC has adopted a clear procedure to apply for such funding with a policy outlining the procedure and forms to complete in each of the situations ([crisis](#) or [project](#)). Note: conferences supported by Particular Councils or Central Councils should apply initially to those bodies; if that Council is unable to meet the need, they would apply to ONRC on behalf of their conference.

Your ONRC Directors look forward to these opportunities to support conferences and Councils across the region.



Check here for [the story of Ana](#). Funds were passed down through this new pass down process to St. George Conference in London to support her & her family through allowing her to complete her education in Canada and not be deported.

Say hello to your new ONRC Directors

They became "official" as of the Annual General Meeting on April 18th and together with incumbent Directors Francis Fernandes, Guido Kelly, Pat Lenz & Lori Stewart will form the Board for 2026-2027.



[Wendy Fougere-Yip](#) has been elected to a two-year term following her one-year appointment for 2025-2026.



[Jenna Goldsack](#) from Louise de Marillac (Youth) conference in London is elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026.



[John MacDonald](#) from Windsor Essex Central Council is elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026.



[Timothy Rostant](#) from St. John of the Cross conference of Peel North PC is elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

Connecting our neighbours in need to our service

Those who could benefit from our service connect with us in a variety of ways. Two of these paths could involve you as the key SSVP contact in your area.

On the ONRC website ssvp.on.ca under **What We Do/Home Visits** and also **Need help?**, both on the Home page, our neighbours in need can enter their postal code to search for the conference serving their area. Or email secretary@ssvp.on.ca for that information. Some queries about assistance come through the National website.

In both of these cases, it is sometimes difficult to locate a nearby conference. In those cases, the message may be forwarded to the Council President with the hopes that you can make the connection for our neighbour.

Thanks for your assistance in making these connections.



Annual National Formation There is still time to register for the June 25-27, 2026 ANF in Halifax. Join your fellow Canadian Vincentians in celebrating 180 years of the Society in Canada while you expand your knowledge of how best to serve the most vulnerable in our communities.

August 14, 2026 - SSVP Hamilton/Hamilton West Golf Tournament
[details here](#)
[sponsorship opportunity here](#)

Then continue the 180th anniversary celebration at the [ONRC Gala](#), September 18th at the Oakville Convention Centre.

ONRC fall assembly

October 16 & 17, 2026 hosted by Peterborough PC.



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.

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