Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul
Ontario Regional Council



ONRC NEWSletter OCTOBER 2026

Conference & Council Presidents: Please share with the Vincentians you support

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ONRC on the road



Lori welcomed by members of St. Patrick/St Joseph conference in Port Elgin (Saugeen Shores)

Road trips to isolated conferences

A major goal for ONRC Vice President Lori Stewart is that "isolaled" conferences in Ontario receive the support they deserve and need. To this end she has traveled to conferences in Belleville, Brockville, Goderich, Port Elgin, Sault Ste Marie, Trenton and Wasaga with upcoming trips planned to Collingwood and Kincardine. Lori has been inspired by the welcome and Vincentian energy she has encountered. Every isolated conference is encouraged to contact Lori lori@ssvp.on.ca to get on her travel list for next spring.

Road trip to Ottawa

Ottawa Vincentians welcomed two ONRC reps at their celebration of the Feast day of our patron St. Vincent de Paul. Pegg Leroux shared her wisdom & experience with fundraising, much of it gained through her vibrant North of 60 ministry. In his role as chair of the ONRC Rejuvenation Committee, John McKay offered ideas to rejuvenate conferences and members.



SSVP - 180 YEARS OF COMPASSION IN ACTION

Two recent celebrations of this milestone:

ONRC Gala on September 18th

from which all proceeds will go to ONRC support of Ontario Vincentians



Gala organizer Wendy Fougere-Yip with her guests enjoyed the fruits of her labours.



ONRC Treasurer Karen and husband all dressed up!

ONRC fall assembly at Peterborough October 16th and 17th

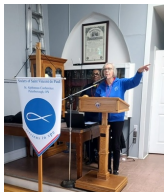
Learning and connecting within the Vincentian family



Strengthening our Vincentian family



Terry McCann delivers a thoughtful Land Acknowledgement to begin our time togethe.r



SSVP Canada President :Linda Dollard updates Ontario Vincentians on activity at the National level.

While not every Ontario Vincentian can participate in every ONRC assembly, we encourage you to consider joining the fun and learning, especially when we come to your area.

Next: Halton PC will host in Milton April 9 & 10, 2027.

Election of National SSVP President

Exciting times for SSVP Canada as 3 committed and experienced Vincentians have offered their service for this role!

Presidents of every SSVP conference and Council have the opportunity and responsibility to vote in this election in January 2027.
* To **get registered** for this vote, please ensure that you respond to the email dated September 28 from National explaining how to register - before Oct. 31st!.
* To **get to know the candidates** to inform your decision, watch this webinar from October 17th.Password is+JU@3fQC (Those in Peterborough last Saturday "had front row seats" as part of the assembly program.)

Upcoming ONRC Events

- Saturday, October 24, webinar from the National Housing Committee: **Housing Initiatives Come in All Shapes & Sizes** Presenters Garth Brown, Pat Lenz & Larry McKenzie are all Ontario Vincentians.

- November 20 in Waterdown: **Adele Tribute Concert** raising funds to support Seeds of Hope and the Ozanam Education Fund. Get all the details here.





- December 6, 10 am-noon virtual:retreat **Advent: A Time of Hope and Preparation** The SSVP ONRC Spirituality team invites you to spend a few hours reflecting on the Season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare spiritually for celebrating the Nativity of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Prepare yourself so that you are ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus in your hearts.
To register (by Nov. 30th) send an email with your email address, your name and your conference or council name by sending your email to jgirolami@sympatico.ca
You will receive an email with a link to open the online session.

Keep ONRC 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 so that the right people are receiving all the news from ONRC.

* *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

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Connecting our neighbours in need to our service

PC Presidents

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.

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