



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

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Communication responsibilities/expectations

From The Rule 2.24 *“The primary role of councils ... includes... providing for the spiritual and Vincentian formation of its members ...”* and also *“Councils help in various ... capacities, such as internal and external communications, reporting, ... and compliance with the Canadian Rule and*

Statutes of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.”

To this end, Directors of the Ontario Regional Council **ask all Council leaders to share this message with leaders of the Particular Councils and conferences** which you support.

Your 2025-2026 Ontario Regional Council Directors/Committee Chairs

* Francis Fernandes from Peel North PC was elected at the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2025 for a three-year term.

* Because there were two vacancies remaining on the Board, the voting members agreed to permit the Board to appoint two additional Directors for a one-year period. These will be Paul Beamish from Peterborough PC and Wendy Fougere-Yip from Hamilton West PC.

In accordance with ONRC Bylaw 5, the 2025-2026 Directors have appointed the following as officers of the corporation for 2025-2026:

- * President/Chair Guido Kelly
- * Treasurer Paul Beamish
- * Secretary Pat Lenz

Contact information for 2025-2026 ONRC Directors

Vincentian family/formation events

* Watch for registration details for **ONRC fall assembly** October 3 & 4, 2025 at Newmarket, hosted by St. John Chrysostom / St Elizabeth Seton Conference at St Elizabeth Seton Church - COMING SOON!!



*** Annual National Formation**

Here are links to the inspiring [2025 ANF presentations](#)
Mark your calendars for the June 2026 ANF in Halifax.

From the June 2025 National Board meeting:

*** [2024 National Community Impact Report](#)**

* Introducing the incoming National Youth rep., Victoria Goldsack. lcgoldsack@hotmail.com. She's excited to talk with Canadian Vincentians about youth involvement in the Society.

* From the National Internal Communications Committee. "Our goal is open and timely communication to, from and among Vincentians and staff across the country making members, other volunteers and staff feel welcome and valued as members of our national family." [Subscribe to monthly Chez Vincent Bulletin](#)

Pass ups to higher level Councils

*** *National Support Fee:***

To clarify the duty to support higher level Councils, the National Board has proclaimed this policy [Financial Contributions to National](#) . This is NOT a change in responsibility but does provide the clarifying terminology of National Support Fee (replacing "annual pass up"). The National Support Fee is \$300 per conference and Council to be sent through the region to National.

*** *Regional Support Fee:***

To be consistent, ONRC will now use the term "Regional Support Fee" to describe the \$300 to be provided annually by each conference/Council in the region to support the work of ONRC. [More detail here](#). To clearly identify the destination of funds sent to ONRC, [this form](#) should be included with any monies sent to ONRC.

All National & Regional Support Fees should be forwarded, with this completed 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.

Keep us in the loop:

* Please forward the name and contact email of Vincentians who became presidents of Ontario region conferences or Councils as of July 1, 2025 - with clear indication of the name and location of the conference/Council to the ONRC Secretary secretary@ssvp.on.ca.

* When a conference merges with another conference, changes names or (regrettably) closes, 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](#).)

*sent via
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