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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 **asks all Council leaders to share this message with leaders of the Particular Councils and conferences** which you support.

Vincentian Formation

ONRC President Guido Kelly urges each and every Conference and Council to include the reading of the Vision, Mission and Values [ssvp_rule_and_statutes-en-interactif.pdf](#) at each and every meeting of the group. As Vincentians, knowing and reciting our Vision, Mission and Values statements until they become part of us will strengthen us in our service to those in need.

Pass ups to higher level Councils

From The Rule 2.15.1, “The main source of funding for Particular, Central, Regional, National and International Councils is from the conferences and councils who have a duty to financially support higher councils.”

Since 2009, conferences and Councils in Ontario have been asked to pass up a “due” (fee) in the amount of \$250 to *Regional for the maintenance and expansion of the Society*. At our Ontario Regional Board of Directors meeting in December, we voted to increase that amount to \$300. (i.e. the first increase in 15 years). The pass-up to National will stay at \$300.

In addition, all conferences and Councils are encouraged to pass-up dedicated amounts, as they can afford, to the “North of 60” and the “Ozanam Education Fund” programs. The Board is also actively

seeking additional benefactors for this work. If anyone knows of a “friend of Vincentians” who may be interested in helping us, please have that person contact President Guido president@ssvp.on.ca.

All pass up funds should be forwarded 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.

Annual reporting on 2024 activity

The conferences and councils within Ontario Region will be using the National Council Online Members Portal to submit 2024 financial and statistical reports. The **Members Portal** is **only a tool to submit your year end reports** (both the Financial report and the Statistical report). Both reports must be completed in the usual manner and then input into the Members Portal for submission.

Timelines:

- Conferences submit to PC before Jan. 30, 2025
- Particular Councils submit to Central Council, if applicable, or to ONRC before Feb. 20, 2025
- Central Councils submit to ONRC before Mar. 10, 2025

For conferences and Councils who will be relying on higher level Councils to submit their data into the portal, you will prepare your financial and statistical reports as you have in earlier years using these templates [9.3-A-B-ENG-Report-2024.xlsx](#) and [9.3-E-ENG-Annual-Report-2024v2.xlsx](#)

For conferences and Councils who will be entering their own data into the portal, resources to support this process are available here.

Call for Nominations for ONRC Board of Directors: We need your help!

The Ontario Regional Council needs your help to identify qualified Vincentians to fill at least 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors. Is there someone from your conference or council who you think has the ability, qualities, and commitment to the Society to serve on the ONRC Board?

Please follow this link [Call for nominations](#) to the Home page of the ONRC website for details of our plea for your help as well as the supporting documents for the nomination process (Director Role Description and Director Application Form).

Save the date: **ONRC spring assembly and Annual General Meeting** April 4, 5, 2025 at Sarnia. Details on registration will be shared in February.

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Ontario Regional Council