



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.

Plan for Vincentian family/formation events

* **Register Now** Annual National Formation - June 19-21 at McMaster University in Hamilton ON. Don't miss this chance to explore "Evolving in Today's World", inspiring your service through connecting with fellow Vincentians.

* Save the date: **ONRC fall assembly** October 3 & 4, 2025 at Newmarket, hosted by St. John Chrysostom / St Elizabeth Seton Conference at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Details on program and registration to follow.

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").

* *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 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:

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](#).)

When a fellow Vincentian passes - You are invited to acknowledge their service [by sharing the news](#) on the ONRC website.

Reflections on Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV *by ONRC President Guido Kelly*

- * [Pope Francis](#)
- * [Celebrating Pope Leo XIV](#)
- * [Initiation of Pope Leo XIV](#)

Support SSVP London's Affordable Housing Project

As construction continues [on this exciting project](#), take this opportunity to [donate to the Buy a Brick campaign](#) to help these committed Vincentians to reach their fundraising goal which is so very close.