

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Our Dear Vincentian Friends,

We are encouraged to present this report of the blessed work of this Council carried out in service with our friends the poor during 2002. This report shows the increased devotion of our Vincentians across Ontario to their vocation. Home visits and services, membership and funding are increasing.

The Strength of the Ontario Council – its members

Total number of Active Members	3,346
Total number of Conferences (327 regular + 14 isolated + 5 youth)	427
Total number of Particular Councils	36
Total number of Central Councils	5

The Services of the Ontario Council – with our Friends the Poor

Total number of Home Visits	52,655
Total number of Families served	41,734
Total number of Adults served	40,252
Total number of Children served	38,654

The Special Works of the Ontario Council – in service to our Friends the Poor

Total number of Stores (number persons served est. 275,100)	26
Total number of Affordable Housing buildings (serving est. 410 residents)	2
Total number of Camps (serving est. 1,800 campers)	2
Total number of Supportive Homes (serving est. 500 residents)	18
Total number of Transitional Housing/Shelters (serving est. 2,500 guests)	8
Total number of Prison Apostolates (serving est. 2,100 persons)	5
Total number of Twinning Conferences (50 external; 15 internal; 4 PAT)	69

The Financial Resources of the Ontario Council – poor box, donations, grants

Total contributions received	\$12,973,810
Total expenditures	\$12,290,750

Income:	Tax receipted donations	\$3,450,627
	Non-tax receipted donations	\$3,125,538
	Other donations (grants, etc.)	\$6,397,645
		\$12,973,810

Expenditures:	Charitable works	\$12,049,908
	To National	\$43,000
	Estate transfer	\$142,234
	To other Councils	\$29,118
	Administration	\$26,490
		\$12,290,750

Programs of the Ontario Provincial Council – expansion, communications, recruitment

Primary programs continuing underway at the Provincial Council included:

Expansion - 14 new Conferences under development in southern central Ontario, the North

Communications – website fully operational (March 1, 2002) www.ssvp.on.ca

Recruitment – recruitment campaigns across the province with development of new conferences.

World Youth Day 2002 – World Youth Day 2002 participation resulted in the development of 4 new youth groups with continuing youth development.

Stores - 2 new stores were added. A complete Stores Operating Manual in development. Increased coordination of major Stores' functions.

Spiritual Development - The appointment of an Ontario Spiritual Advisor gives greater direction to our spiritual development.

The Ontario Provincial year 2002 ended with increases in a number of services. There is recognition of the great potential to increase our work across Ontario and assist our friends in need working always to help people replace a sense of despair with a sense of dignity and self worth.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Volk, President
Ontario Provincial Council