

SOCIETY OF SAINT-VINCENT DE PAUL
National Council of Canada

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2003-2004

Dear Vincentian Volunteers and Friends of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,

Many opportunities across Ontario continue to offer our Society the means to ever improve and expand our services with our friends the poor.

Over 3,400 Vincentians have embraced our national mission statement:

“To live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.”

This has given us the determination, courage and conviction to carry out our work across Ontario in the many following works of corporal mercy:

The Strength of the Ontario Council – Its Members

Total number of active members	3, 472
Total number of Conferences (414 regular + 16 Isolated + 6 youth)	438
Total number of Particular Councils	42
Total number of Central Councils	5

The Primary Services of the Ontario Council – with Our Friends the Poor

Total number of Home Visits	58,455
Total number of Families served	42,545
Total number of Adults served	45,260
Total number of Children served	39,545

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

Total number of Stores (number persons served estimated 325,000)	49
Total number of Transitional Housing/Shelters (serving est. 3500 guests)	12
Total number of Affordable Housing buildings (serving est. 410 residents)	2
Total number of Supportive Homes (serving est. 550 residents)	20
Total number of Transitional Housing/Shelters (serving est. 2,900 guests)	9
Total number of Camps (serving est. 1,800 campers)	2
Total number of Prison Apostolates (serving est. 2,600 persons)	8
Total number of Twinning Conferences (56 external, 15 internal, 4 PAT)	75

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

Total contributions received	\$ 13,475,510
Total expenditures	\$ 12,890,650
Income	
Tax receipted donations	\$3,850,550
Non-tax receipted donations	3,650,455
Other donations (grants, etc)	6,974,505
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Expenditures	
Charitable works	\$12,731,259
To National	56,400
To Councils/Conferences	49,000
Development/expansion	24,450
Administration	29,541
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Programs of the Ontario Provincial Council – expansion, youth, spiritual advocacy.

Major programs started or continuing at the Ontario Provincial Council included:

Expansion – First time ever – our SSVP opens Conference, major programs in Sault Ste. Marie at the request of the City – men's shelter, emergency food bank, Bishop gave church for Store – much public funding - expansion across mid-North toward Sudbury underway + 1 new Particular Council, 2 more forming – new Conferences opening

Spiritual – Spiritual Advisor assisting in growth of spiritual development – officially appointed by the Ontario Council of Catholic Bishops permits report on SSVP to all Ontario Bishops

Youth – continuing contact with the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (www.cccm.ca) and the Canadian Catholic Students Association in Ontario encouraging youth-SSVP dialogues

Advocacy – support of development of affordable housing, increase of the minimum wage

Funding – Trillium offers \$75,000/5 years to incorporated charities for start ups

Stores – new Stores opening – Stores Manual in works available to all fall 2004

Ontario Vincentians are blessed with the many ways in which we can help our friends to replace despair with a sense of dignity and self worth.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Volk, President
Ontario Provincial Council