

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2004

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

With the generous and unfailing work of over 3,500 Vincentians across Ontario, hundreds of lives of our friends have been improved and thousands more offered the comfort, help and compassion of Christ through our Vincentian vocation.

We have embraced the 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 courage, determination and conviction to expand and improve our services across Ontario for the benefit of those whom we serve.

The Strength of the Ontario Council – Its Members

Total number of active members	3,584
Total number of Conferences (418 regular – 18 Isolated – 6 Youth)	442
Total number of Particular Councils	43
Total number of Central Councils	5

Special young adult recruiting with the Appointment of 2 VPs Young Adult Program, reaching out to 26 Ontario Universities and Colleges, working with the Ontario section of the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministers, Canadian Catholic Students Association and the Diocesan Ministers for Youth, plus high schools, youth groups.

The Primary Services of the Ontario Council

Total number of Home Visits	71,755
Total number of Families served	46,545
Total number of Adults served	48,265
Total number of Children served	44,850

The Special Works of the Ontario Council – In Service with our Friends

Total number of Stores (number persons served estimated 425,000)	49
Total number of Transitional Housing/Shelters (serving est. 3800 guests)	12
Total number of Affordable Housing Buildings (serving est. 415 residents)	2
Total number of Supportive Homes (serving est. 550 residents)	20
Total number of Summer Camps (serving est. 1800 campers)	2
Total number of Prison Apostolates (serving est. 2,700 persons)	8
Total number of Twinns (Councils, Conferences – 61 external, 15 in, 4 PAT)	80

Work continues on:

- Getting provincial, municipal relief from real estate taxes
- Completion of a Stores Operating Manual
- Verifying all Vincentians coverage under Diocesan insurance
- Increasing Twinning toward 2007 national goal all twinned
- Expansion with Ontario Conference Catholic Bishops, Parishes

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

Total contributions received	\$13,660,000
Total Expenditures	13,120,000

Income

Tax receipted donations	\$ 3,350,000
Non-tax receipted donations	3,670,000
Other donations (grants, etc)	6,640,000

Expenditures

Charitable/special works	\$ 13,031,180
National/Councils/Conferences	52,380
Development/expansion	18,900
Administration	17,540

Utilizing

- Trillium Foundation – Provincial funds – up to \$75,000 per incorporated charity every 5 years

Exploring

- Fundraising opportunities – provincial foundations
- CanadaHelps.org (online – 273 SSVP listings across Canada)

Appointed VP Communications

- Regular SSVP Quiknews to all Members By Right
- Increase media placements
- Advocacy

With the blessing of our Founder Frederic Ozanam and our Patron St. Vincent de Paul, Ontario Vincentians continue their work to improve lives of our friends while increasing services, membership and Christ's reach out to more and more in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Volk, President