



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Toronto Central Council
Profile
Candidate for President**



Name: Michael McGinnis

Conference: St. Clement Conference

Particular Council: Etobicoke

Experience with the Society:

President St. Clement Conference 4 yrs,
President Etobicoke Particular 3 yrs,
Toronto Central Council 3 yrs,
TCC Governance Committee 2yr,
Ontario Region Advocacy/Voice of the Poor Committee 2yrs

Other Experience outside the Society:

Eucharistic minister,
Marriage Course Leader,
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight,
President Vita Centre of Peel (member of Catholic Charities),
President Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers,
President Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan

Candidate`s Vision for Toronto Central Council:

Toronto Central Council has an impressive history of serving those in need but it faces several major challenges in the next five years. We need to reduce the work of particular presidents so that they can focus on the development of new and existing conferences. We need to continue to support conferences with workshops and presentations which address the issues they face and to expand the support we provide for spiritual growth. We need to ensure the continued excellence of our special works in an ever changing environment. We need to increase our advocacy for the people we serve. The core of our society is the personal contact with our neighbours in need we must ensure this personal contact informs all that we do.

Candidates Views on Major Challenges Facing Toronto Central Council:

The reorganization of TCC is the first major challenge we face. We can achieve this within 18 months and respect the Rule. The work on supporting the development of strong conferences is already under way and will continue. The establishing of a Spirituality Committee will assist conferences in their on going efforts in this area. The establishing of Social Justice reps will assist in advocacy. We need to explore how we can use social media to further our efforts to assist those we serve. The development of a new strategic plan for the next five years will provide a path forward

Other Information about the Candidate:

Married

Please feel free to contact me via email or telephone should you have any questions or wish to discuss any concerns you may have regarding my visions or your concerns for Toronto Central Council.

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