

Daniel (Danny) Bourne

Daniel Bourne is a past president of Toronto Central Council (2007-2012). He has also served on the Board of VincenPaul Family Homes, a non-profit housing provider and continues his Vincentian work in his local parish Conference.

Daniel worked at Toronto Fire Services, retiring in 2017 with the rank of District Chief. He was responsible for the management of emergency service personnel in the performance of their duties in compliance with applicable employment and health and safety legislation.

Daniel holds an MA from Ryerson University in Public Policy and Governance. His studies and research focused on the role of the non-profit sector in the delivery of public services. He also served as a part time instructor at Ryerson University.

Joseph (Joe) Brisbois

Joseph Brisbois is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Toronto Central Council of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. He is married and has three children and three grandchildren.

Before retiring from active work, Joseph spent approximately forty years in education. His experiences ranged from being a classroom teacher to providing leadership as principal in a number of schools. Joseph serves on a number of committees associated with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and continues his work as a Vincentian member of his local parish Conference. Additional volunteer work includes church ministry, citizenship issues as well as working with some organizations aligned with mental health issues.

Valerie Chavossy

Valerie Chavossy is a former journalist and retired executive with leadership experience in corporate communications, policy development, strategic planning and program management at all three levels of government. During her career at the province, Ms. Chavossy held senior positions in four ministries, including Natural Resources and Labour. As the Director, Corporate Communications for the newly amalgamated City of Toronto she recruited, integrated and led a multi-disciplinary team in establishing corporate standards and delivering multiple communications and education programs as well as directing the City's communications activities during several high profile events such as Y2K, SARS and the 2003 blackout.

More recently Ms. Chavossy has been an active volunteer with non-profit agencies devoted to literacy issues and supporting the vulnerable in our communities. She has experience in agency integration, service quality, risk management and program design, having served on the Board of one of the largest providers of emergency, transitional and supportive housing in Toronto, and as Board member and Vice Chair of a major agency provider of life supports to stroke survivors and those suffering from brain injuries. Ms. Chavossy previously served on the East York Library Board and is still active as an adult literacy tutor with TPL. She holds an Honours B.A. in Political Science from the University of Toronto and remains an active SSVP Conference member while serving on the SSVP Board of Directors.

Patricia Colavita

Patricia Colavita currently works as SVP & Chief Internal Auditor at Foresters Financial. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Certified Internal Auditor with over 25 years of progressive experience in the life insurance industry. She has been in her current role since 2012. Ms. Colavita joined Foresters in 2007 as AVP Risk Management. She leads the Internal Audit department which supports Foresters operations in the UK, US, and Canada. As such, she has presented to multiple Boards of Directors of Foresters group of companies and has experience in corporate governance. As part of her role, Ms. Colavita must apply professional skepticism to ensure compliance to corporate policies, processes and standards, recommend process and control improvements, and communicate difficult and negative information to clients, while maintaining an ongoing professional relationship. She is proactive in leveraging new ideas to ensure her team remains strategic, relevant, efficient, and forward thinking.

Ms. Colavita also has a history of volunteering for charitable events to enhance her own spiritual growth. She is an active member of her parish, St. Mary Immaculate in Richmond Hill. She is a member of the parish's Mother's Group and the SSVP Parish Conference. She also has coordinated various volunteer events such as providing support for York Region's homeless youth by collecting food, clothing and hygiene items, and prepared mother's kits for local women's shelters.

Cathy Grant

Cathy Grant is a professional engineer with experience in development of regulatory programs, project management and program delivery. During her former career with the Ontario Public Service (OPS), she developed regulations to protect the public from the risks of industrial air pollution. This role included developing public material to effectively communicate complex technical information to a range of audiences including public health, Indigenous groups, environmental groups, industry, senior government officials, the public and the media.

Cathy now runs an environmental consulting firm with clients that include industry and First Nations and continues her volunteer work with her local Vincentian conference.

John Sidle

John Sidle is a retired having ran his own C.A. firm providing service to small business both incorporated and unincorporated, individual tax clients and charitable organizations and audits of provincially funded organizations. Prior, Mr. Sidle worked for the Federal Government in the establishment of a quasi commercial government supply organization and with the Ministry of Transport responsible for the financial operations of all federal airports, including Pearson, in Ontario, implementing a commercial accounting system at Pearson International.

Mr. Sidle's volunteer involvement extends to a number of organizations including the Newman Foundation of Toronto, Galbraith Bail Residence involving young people in education or work experience between first contact with justice system and court appearance, Mary Centre assisted housing for developmentally disabled adults, Habitat for Humanity Toronto, AIS mental health agency, Fresh Start cleaning business run by individuals living with mental health challenges, Finance councils for two churches, Treasurer of Highgate 2007 to 2010; 2013 to 2015 and financial reviewer for the Archdiocese of Toronto. Mr. Sidle served on the board of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 165 unit rent geared to income apartment building, from its construction stage, and is currently treasurer of Toronto Central Council.

Brendan Steven

Brendan is currently Chief Writer at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, a large Canadian charity and ranked by *Maclean's* and *MoneySense* as one of Canada's best charities in 2020. His decade-long career as a writer has led him across a range of sectors, and he is happy that today his professional work—alongside his Vincentian charism—empowers him to serve our most vulnerable neighbours.

Brendan has been an active member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul for four years. He joined the conference at St. Basil's parish in downtown Toronto in 2017. He serves on the membership development committee and the communications committee of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council, and on the fund development committee of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul National Council.

Michael Wiley

Michael Wiley is a communications and fundraising coordinator employed with the Aphasia Institute, a Canadian community-based centre of excellence which pioneers programs and practices to help people with aphasia learn how to communicate in new ways and navigate their own lives once again. Michael's responsibilities there include the writing of the organization's annual report, as well as its stakeholder newsletter, and all fundraising communiqués. He is also the Institute's web content manager and its direct contact with most of its donors. Michael's past positions in the not-for-profit sector include Gilda's Club Greater Toronto and the Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts.

Michael is a current officer of the Society's GTCC Board of Directors, holding the position of Secretary. He also sits on the Society's Communications and Member Development committees.

Gary Valcour

A lawyer by training and profession, Mr. Valcour has also been an entrepreneur and corporate executive engaged in fields as diverse as insurance, technology and transportation.

Over the course of his working life, he has been active in a wide variety of community and professional organizations including membership on or chairmanship of over 15 local, regional and national public and private Boards. These range from Durham College, to National Boards of the YMCA and the Canadian Bar Association to the Oshawa Port Authority, the Lakeridge Health Research Ethics Board, the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and he was the founder and first Chair of the Durham Legal Clinic. An active member of his parish Church, Mr. Valcour is a published author and continues his work as a Vincentian member of his parish conference.