

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Greater Toronto Central Council

In the Loop

May 2022

Have you heard about ...

The call for Board Candidates

We are seeking qualified candidates for the Board of Directors, serving 3-year terms. If you have previous experience serving on a Board, please consider putting your name forward, or encouraging someone you know who would be suitable. Please click on [Board Candidates](#) for [information](#) and an [application](#).

Nominations close June 2, 2022.

The Board has undergone an assessment process to review strengths and challenges, and to identify needed skills. We are well prepared with this board model to welcome new members into an efficient and collegial atmosphere.

All Board committees welcome new members. If you have a particular interest or skill set and would like to share your time and talent to support the work of the Society, please reach out and we can direct you to the committee that best matches your interest or experience.

The Marygrove Camp Collection

This is an Archdiocesan mandated collection that provides the operating funds for Marygrove Camp. The collection is held the weekend of June 11th in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In every parish where Vincentians check in with the pastor to offer support for the collection, the collection increases. Please check to see that your announcements are ready for the bulletin, collection envelopes are available, and if permitted, a few words are shared at the masses to emphasize the importance of this camping opportunity for children in need.

Camp Ozanam and Marygrove Camp Registrations

We realize that we may have to search a little wider for children to attend camp due to the COVID-19 vaccine requirement, but we do know there are children who need this experience. Check with your local schools, some families who need camp aren't always your regular Neighbours in Need. Camp Ozanam is funded through the Sharelife collections to Catholic Charities.

Vincentians helping out, outside of Conference outreach

We had a wonderful turnout of Vincentians, staff, and residents at the annual Rake-a-Thon at Marygrove on May 7th. We so appreciate the time and effort of those who participated in getting the grounds in good shape for the arrival of the campers this summer. Please share your experiences with others in your Council, inspiring others to join next year. It's always the first Saturday in May, after the snow and before the bugs. A great big thank you on behalf of the campers and staff!

Using Conference Funds for the ANF or Learning Sessions

As COVID restrictions ease, conferences and learning sessions will start up again. The National Council will be holding an Annual National Formation event in late June in Ottawa. The GTCC Board of Directors has approved the use of conference funds to cover the costs for one delegate per Particular Council to attend this annual convention-style conference. The expectation is that the attendee shares their experiences with other members of the Council. Please remember that Toronto Central Council holds many learning sessions particular to your outreach in the GTCC. This includes but is not limited to Home Visitation, Orientation to the Society, learning about our Special Works, Spiritual Development, Governance, various aspects of Treasurers' Training, etc. If there is a topic you would like us to offer a session on, please do not hesitate to let us know. We have a wide range of skilled and experienced presenters who can cover a variety of topics.

Orientation for New Members

The Orientation Sessions for new members is underway, but we couldn't wait to share the good news that the Conferences across GTCC have welcomed 83 new members, despite the challenges of recruiting during COVID! Welcome, new Vincentians! We thank you for your presence and for sharing your gift of time.

Succession Planning

Succession Planning is one of the most challenging aspects of our work as Vincentians. Very few people join the Society hoping and wishing to take on leadership roles. The fact is, without people in these leadership roles, our work cannot continue. Our structure is such that we need a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and up to 3 Vice Presidents to share the workload. Persons taking on these roles should do so fully anticipating that after they have lent their talents, someone else will step in. We are working with the Particular Council Presidents to streamline some of the responsibilities so the workload is lighter. Please consider stepping forward. The Society, the Council, Conference's and our Neighbours need your considered discernment to join us in an executive role.

Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves. The poor person is a unique person of God's fashioning with an inalienable right to respect. You must not be content with tiding the poor over the poverty crisis; You must study their condition and the injustices which brought about such poverty, with the aim of a long term improvement.

— Frédéric Ozanam

Resources

Have you seen our new resources designed to support Conference outreach to new members? We have an interactive video for persons interested in learning more about the Society, videos on various aspects of our outreach, and [learning modules](#). Please click on [learning modules](#) to access this material. Thanks to the Membership Development Committee for the creation of these materials.

Mark your calendars:

May 17th and 31st: Orientation for new members, for all who attended Part 1, please remember to join us for Part 2. The link for Part 2 has been sent, if you have not received it, please ask your President or the office.

June 30th: Last day to submit your T3010 to CRA if your conference has a charitable number.

Sept 24th: GTCC AGM