

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Toronto Central Council

Annual General Meeting and Membership Development

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Cardinal Carter Academy Toronto
36 Greenfield Avenue North York, Ontario M2N 3C8

Session Descriptions

You are invited to attend **two** of the following interactive sessions. Please complete the attached Registration Form, indicating your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.

- 1. Fostering a Spiritual Conference**
Creating and preserving a conference that fosters spirituality & faith development. The importance of prayer; the role of a spiritual advisor; sharing our faith and how each member can contribute.
- 2. Conference Executive Forum: Leadership and Succession Planning**
A chance for conference presidents (new & experienced) to share ideas, concerns and information with other presidents with a special focus on leadership and succession planning.
- 3. Getting to Know Our Founder and Patron Saint**
We need and want to know from whence we came. What inspired Saint Vincent de Paul and Frederic Ozanam in their impassioned service to those in need.
- 4. Orientation Session –This is a double session**
A mandatory step in screening to engage new members in the foundations, traditions and principles of service of the Society.
- 5. Advocacy**
Understanding issues of poverty is an important step in trying to improve the quality of life for our neighbours in need. Learn how your conference can help parishioners and others respond in ways to bring about positive change.
- 6. Fundraising – The Poor Box and Beyond**
Share and learn accepted ways to ensure your conference has adequate funds available to respond to calls for assistance.
- 7. Overview of Social Assistance and assisting Refugees**
Understand what the government provides to persons through various social assistance programs.
- 8. Home Visitation and No Work of Charity is Foreign**
Participate in an open discussion on the Society's core work, Home Visitation. How we do it, why we do it, and what exactly are we all doing?