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The Morning Report

Hello, everyone. Lent is upon us and we embark on my favourite season of the year – Lent and Easter. I know you will find your own ways to journey through these 40 days with our Lord. I recommend you look at www.famvin.org for many wonderful reflections.

Included in this newsletter is information on the two upcoming AGAs. It is my hope that every conference will fund the registration and costs of at least one Vincentian. The AGA is a time of learning, fellowship, spiritual renewal and business. Please see this as a way to equip your conference with more tools for helping our friends.

Some conferences have been blessed more financially than others and perhaps they could lend a helping hand to their poorer conferences. Don't forget the youth; they would greatly benefit from meeting the youth at the National AGA who are very organized and established.

Also included is a Christmas letter from Penny Craig which I received after our last newsletter but really wanted to share with all of you.

Haiti is on all of our minds and in our prayers. Included is an email sent to Penny Craig which shows us how this disaster has affected the portion of Haiti we are twinned with in the north of Haiti at the Western Region. The Sisters of Charity in Haiti are working together with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to help our friends there.

I thank all of you for your untiring work and wish all of you a spirit filled Lenten journey culminating with the great Alleluia on Easter Sunday.

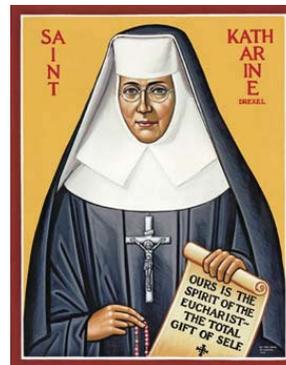
Respectfully,
Patricia Bennetto, WRC President




New Arrivals

**A new conference is born
in Red Deer, Alberta**

Wanda Lehman is President of the newly formed St. Katherine Drexel Conference in Red Deer. We welcome Wanda and her new recruits and wish them many blessings in their service to those in need.



The fourth American saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church, Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) chose not to live a cloistered life. Instead, she devoted her energies to working among the nation's poorest minorities, especially Native

Americans and African Americans. Her father was a well known banker and philanthropist, and both parents instilled in their daughter the idea that their wealth was simply loaned to them and was to be shared with others.

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Christmas Greetings to all Vincentians



First, let me say that you are all such a blessing to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! The work that you do for those in need is a tremendous acting out of our Christian faith, especially in these depressed economic times. The assistance you give has contributed to the success of our lay Catholic ministry of serving the poor that started our Society over 175 years ago.

You, my dear Vincentians, continue a long line of faith-filled and Spirit-led people who have been dedicated to sharing our wonderful gift of faith in Canada and throughout the world. The work of serving those in need continues to face many challenges. There are still so many who have not yet heard the Gospel Message or have felt the warmth of our Christian love. However, through our Vincentian work that carries out living the Gospel Message with love, respect, justice and joy, those people get to experience what it truly means to be Christian. We carry Christ and his message to all those we serve by bringing and making real the Jesus Vincentian relationship as we are called to do.

At this time of year, there are so many people who are taken up with the commercialization and consumerism of the Christmas event. They are racing around from store to store trying to “buy” the good feelings the Christmas message brings.

However, as a faith community we know that the good feelings they search for cannot be found in those material things that are advertised on television, but rather it is felt in the sharing of

who we are with each other, and with Christ and His Holy Family. Yet, there are those with nothing who are joyful, and those with everything that are despondent.

Faith makes all the difference for all. This is so very true for Vincentians to remember, especially when the cupboard is getting rather bare.

As we all know, this past year has been challenging for many people. Homes have been lost. Unemployment is high. When jobs are lost, sometimes so are the benefits that sustain health and wellness. Health problems can devastate families. Weather disasters are also taking their toll in many countries. These losses are devastating, and such losses are felt by persons that have never had the experience of losses or worries of where the next meal was going to come from.



We now have a different brand of persons who are experiencing poverty. These are not the “street people” and those on welfare that we have come to know, serve and love, but rather these are people who are grieving losses of all kinds. These are the people that perhaps were the donors you relied on to assist others and are now calling for assistance themselves. Perhaps these people may have had the hardest time picking up the phone to call for assistance.

It is also a good time to remember this year’s national council theme for the Society:

5 Loaves + 2 Fish = ?. Vincentians, as people of faith, trust that the Lord will provide. As people of faith, Vincentians work hard, share what resources we have with confidence in the Lord’s generosity. These faithful pray to be free from needless anxiety so are able to enjoy a fulfilling life knowing that the Lord will be with them to celebrate life’s happy moments and to also help to sustain them during hardships. As Vincentians, we know this to be a salient aspect of all Conference and Council meetings. It began with celebrating the foundation of the first conference to celebrating Frederic’s birthday together that night. Coming together as conference and council is especially important in these depressed economic times when Gospel-based decisions are required when little resources are available.

We, as Vincentians, know that our faith-filled life that is lived according to the Rule of the Society is that “lived out” vision of faith manifested through our Christian calling that will make a difference to those in need.

As Vincentians, we do this through the generous gift of our time and the generosity of our parish financial support, encouragements and prayers.

Please do not forget to thank them publicly in your bulletins or from the pulpit.

Please remember to include a small manger in the Christmas baskets you distribute to remind everyone why we do what we do in the name of Jesus. Christmas is not just for one day, it is for the entire year. As Vincentians, learning to live each day with patience, understanding, love, joy, kindness, faithfulness and Vincentian self-giving is the true meaning of Christmas all year round, and understanding of God’s own self-giving.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my sincerest hope that your Christmas season will be filled with hope, faith and joy with your family and friends. May you and yours enjoy a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Peace, Love and Joy!

Penny Craig, President
National Council of Canada

MISSION

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:
To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

VALUES

The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians we:
see Christ in anyone who suffers;
come together as a family;
have personal contact with the poor;
help in all possible ways.

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Council UPDATES ...

Calgary Diocese Central Council

Dear Vincentians,

The essence of our belief system is in the greatest journey of the Roman Catholic calendar year: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ God/man. There are many parts of this journey that touch our minds and hearts. We are the guardians of this belief and have a responsibility to keep it alive and well.

As a child, I always liked Ash Wednesday. The area of the country in which I lived was like many places in Canada. There was the Roman Catholic Church and other main church religions. Thus the ashes on my forehead to me were a sign of courage and part of my identity as a member of the family of the Roman Catholic Church. As I got older I developed a more in-depth understanding of Ash Wednesday and a deep realization that we are just passing through this life. I believe Vincentians experience this on a daily basis with the people we help. Our work brings Jesus' love and justice into the light of day.

It is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit to be given insight into the preciousness of the time that God has allotted. Knowing our finiteness, we have no choice but to reach out to our fellow travelers on life's journey. As I observe in my journey, there are a lot of "white heads" in our Vincentian groups, including myself. I know that a lot of you could put your feet up and say good-bye

to this ministry, but you don't. I thank God for your continued giving of yourselves to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

We are an aging country compared to others in the world. What does that mean? Robert Browning wrote: "The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made." Our responsibility according to Sister Joan Chittister, is "to mentor the generations after us in the values and ideals that build a society based on equality, respect for others and pluralism." *



As Vincentians, we are co-creators in God's vineyard. We live the gospel message in our work with the poor, our meetings and our Eucharistic participation. Vincentians are a sign, a symbol, of a great organization (SSVP) that truly understands the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a profound way.

Have a reflective Easter, attend the Roman Catholic services and read the scriptures that render the passion, death and resurrection alive in our hearts and minds.

Sincerely,
Byron Price, President

* Joan Chittister (2008). *The Gift of Years*. Ottawa: Novalis

6TH ANNUAL
**LAST DINNER
ON THE TITANIC!**

Join us for a fun-filled evening
dedicated to helping those in need!

- **SAVOUR** an 8-course dinner
from St. James Corner chefs
Brian Van Nieuwkerk &
Jonathen Turner
- **FIND TREASURES**
in our Live and
Silent Auctions
- **WIN** Costume
and Door Prizes
- **ENJOY** Great Entertainment
- **TICKETS: \$75/person**
(tax receipt available)



FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

COCKTAILS 6:00 PM • DINNER 7:00 PM

At St. Michael's Catholic Community
4716 Worcester Dr. SW, Calgary AB

For tickets or Auction Donations, contact Byron or Lynn:



286-2468 • 607-7638 • bp123@telus.net

A fundraising event with proceeds going to
SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
for its ongoing work with those less fortunate

Edmonton Central Council



30th Annual Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross

Mark your calendar for Edmonton's 30th Annual Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross. The walk begins:

10am, April 2nd
Boyle Street Community League
9515 - 104 Avenue

This is an ecumenical and interfaith prayer event commemorating the suffering and death of Jesus and inviting reflection on the relevance of his Gospel message today. People of all faith traditions are warmly welcomed.

SSVP Charity Sale

Don't miss this opportunity to shop for antiques, collectibles, housewares and furniture. New items are displayed daily! Proceeds go to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul's work with the poor and needy. Hours: Thursday and Friday, March 11 & 12, noon to 7pm; Saturday, March 13, 10am to 5pm.

Note: This is running the same time as the Western Region board meeting, so bring your wallets!

Edmonton
Central Council
Annual Meeting

April 10, 2010
8:45am

Santa Maria Goretti Hall
11050 - 90 Street
Edmonton



March 11, 12 & 13

St Andrew's Centre Auditorium

12720 - 111 Avenue

Antiques • Collectibles Housewares • Furniture

*** New items displayed daily! ***

Thurs, March 11 & Friday, March 12 — Noon - 7pm

Sat, March 13 — 10am - 5pm

Proceeds to support the Society's work with the poor and needy.

The View from *Hôpital Sacre Coeur, Haiti*

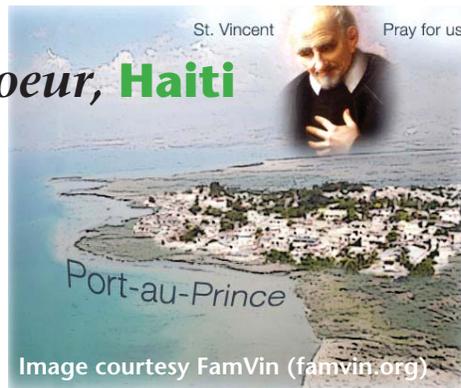
Crying at Odd Times

We are now 1 month and 2 days after the earthquake and are starting to settle into a long term plan for patient care. The drama of the helicopters arriving and the seriously injured triaged has changed into our usual daily care of the sick and the poor of Haiti. This has been complicated by the many victims that have arrived at Hôpital Sacre Coeur (HSC) and require chronic surgical and medical care. It is difficult for the staff and us on the board to predict the future of HSC.

It is hard to describe the emotions of the volunteers and the Haitian people. My two sons have shared their experiences with me and have forwarded me an excerpt from Anderson Cooper. I think he phrases what we are all feeling very appropriately. "A lot of people who haven't been here probably think what happened is old news. I know people aren't as interested in hearing about it as much anymore. That always happens, but it's hard to accept. Haitians, of course, are used to it. They are used to people losing interest in their plight; this time they had hoped it would be different ... I find myself crying at odd times. I'll be walking up a flight of stairs and suddenly realize there are tears in my eyes. It happens to everyone, I think."

I have been privileged to receive many emails from volunteers recounting their experiences at HSC and how it has changed their lives. It always brings tears to my eyes as I remember a particular patient or interaction that is triggered by their email. I know that most of these volunteers will return to Haiti and HSC in the future. We will not forget the Haitian people and it will never become old news to us.

Those of you who receive this update know the history of our hospital and have been supportive of our mission in Haiti. We are in the process of redefining this mission and need your continued support. I believe that this catastrophe will



lead to improvements in health care available at HSC that will result in better care of our patients. We are already dealing with ethical issues that result from our ability to provide better care.

As of tonight our patient census is 324 and we are still accepting patients from Port au Prince that require our specialty care. This means that we need at least 6 primary care physicians a week to care for our adult inpatients and 3 pediatric physicians to care for our children. In addition to our physician needs, we still need 20+ nurses to help care for the patients.

In my last update I focused on the miraculous transfer of children from our hospital to Massachusetts. This effort continues and will result in more children receiving care in the USA that will save their lives. Thanks to all of your efforts, we are expecting food for the patients and their families. As of today it has not arrived but we are hopeful.

I cannot list all of the people that have contributed to our effort to help the people of Haiti but I can tell you that the list is unbelievably long! You know who you are and I thank you and pray that God will bless you for all you have done.

Peter Kelly, MD
President, CRUDEM Foundation Inc
www.crudem.org

This excellent short video was compiled by a team from South Bend, Indiana, on their return from Hôpital Sacre Coeur:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDo6ibXOJDQ

Other Thoughts from Haiti

I am back from Haiti exhausted more emotionally than physically based on the grief and despair that was on the faces of everyone I know. I assume you know that Stephanie and I were in Cap Haitien when the earthquake hit. The force was so strong in the north that I feared the worse for Port-au-Prince.

The days that followed have been indescribable. There was no one to meet the first medical relief plane that arrived in the north so Stephanie and I found ourselves running to the airport; this was after we have visited Sacred Heart Hospital to see firsthand the situation on the ground. There was a mass exodus of injured and dying arriving in Cap H. and the hospitals began rapidly filling up.

I work with Daughters of Wisdom who have suffered tremendous loss and I am working with Father Eddy Edeustache who is the Head Psychologist for Partners In Health. He telephoned me two nights ago in need of food for his team who are working the hospitals. By the grace of God I was able to send two planes of food to him this morning.

When the earthquake hit I had just left the Archbishop of Cap Haitien's driver who was helping me with getting my supplies for our children from the port. As you know, sadly the Archbishop of Haiti died during the earthquake. The Archbishop of Cap Haitien is the new Bishop for Haiti.

I have been in Haiti for almost 10 years now and can say without a doubt the Catholic Church is the best organized efforts for the country! Father Eddy Edeustache of PIH and Sister Immaculee of Daughters of Wisdom serve thousands daily in their HIV hospitals and medical clinics. I know you will would be glad to have their contact.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

— John Freund



Western Regional Council AGA 2010

Society of St Vincent de Paul

12th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

St Timothy's Conference • Winnipeg, MB • April 30 - May 1, 2010

... INVITATION ...

2 Loaves + 5 Fish + Vincentian = ?

Theme: Friendship

“Called to make a difference”

Dear Vincentian Sisters and Brothers,

What an honour it is for our conference to be hosting this 12th annual meeting! The St Timothy's Conference was aggregated only a decade ago, but what an amazing 10 years it has been. And what better way to celebrate this milestone than with each of you. The response to the survey we issued in January was quite encouraging – a good number of you indicating that you would be making the trek eastward to Winnipeg.

The Planning Committee has been working especially hard to ensure that this AGA weekend offers everything you would hope to gain from such a gathering: enlightening workshops, great food and entertainment, and of course, the kind of warmth and fellowship that are trademarks of our Vincentian membership. For some, it will be an opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends – for others, to meet new ones. Regardless, it will be our privilege to serve each of you over the course of the conference with some of that good hometown Friendly Manitoba hospitality. After all, 2010 is also our Manitoba Homecoming year (www.manitobahomecoming2010.com).

Please review the Agenda and Registration Form on the following pages. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call us. And don't forget to take advantage of the Early Bird registration!

Together in Christ,
St Timothy's Conference AGA Planning Committee
Nannette & Mike Langedock, Co-Chairs
mikelangedock@hotmail.com
204-257-3813



AGENDA

Friday, April 30th

- 3:45pm Transportation: Hotel to St Timothy's
- 4:00pm WRC Board Meeting:
President Pat Bennetto & board
members (Youville Room, Parish of St
Timothy's Library)
- 5:45pm Transportation: Hotel to St Timothy's
- 6:00pm Registration Desk opens
- 6:30pm Welcome by Chris Gillen, President of
St Timothy's Conference; Fr Phil Daley,
Pastor of St Timothy's; and Nannette
& Mike Langedock, AGA Co-Chairs
(Parish Hall)
- 6:45pm Wine & Cheese Reception with enter-
tainment by Rick Broughton, pianist
(Parish Hall)
- 9:00pm Transportation: St Timothy's to Hotel

Saturday, May 1st

- 7:45am Transportation: Hotel to St Timothy's
- 8:00am Registration Desk opens; coffee, tea &
refreshments (Parish Hall)
- 8:30am Assembly Opening / Opening Prayer:
Pat Bennetto, President of WRC
(Church Sanctuary)
- 8:45am KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
Tentatively by Archbishop Albert
LeGatt, Archdiocese of St Boniface
(Church Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Installation of new presidents by
Archbishop LeGatt, assisted by Fr Phil
Daley (Church Sanctuary)
- 9:45am In Memoriam Service for deceased
Vincentians conducted by Ron Nelson
(Church Sanctuary); plaque unveiling
& dedication in memory of Chuck
Hunnie (Church Foyer)

- 10:15am Coffee Break (Parish Hall)
- 10:30am WORKSHOP #1:
"Service in the Community," led
by Ms Hilde Purdy, Feed My Lambs
Mission (Church Sanctuary)
- 11:15am Coffee Break (Parish Hall)
- 11:30am WORKSHOP #2:
"Solving Poverty," panel discussion
with audience Q&A moderated by
Mike Langedock (Church Sanctuary);
Panelists: Ms Penny Craig, President,
SSVP National; Major Al Hoft,
Salvation Army; Mr Larry Updike,
Siloam Mission; Mr David Northcott,
Winnipeg Harvest
- 12:30pm Lunch (Parish Hall)
- 1:30pm Western Regional Council
ANNUAL MEETING (assemble in
Youville Room); chaired by Pat
Bennetto, WRC President; address
by Penny Craig, National President;
regional & provincial reports
- 3:30pm Transportation: St Timothy's to Hotel;
prepare for 5pm Mass & Dinner
Banquet
- 4:30pm Transportation: Hotel to St Timothy's
- 5:00pm Mass Celebration (St Timothy's)
- 6:00pm DINNER BANQUET (Parish Hall):
Grace; entertainment by DJ Rick
Roschuck
- 7:30pm Social Evening / Dance (Parish Hall);
entertainment by DJ
- 11:00pm Transportation: St Timothy's to Hotel



REGISTRATION FORM

**Society of St Vincent de Paul
12th Annual General Assembly 2010**

St Timothy's Conference • 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg, MB R2N 1R3 • 204-949-3766
Friday, April 30 to Saturday, May 1, 2010

Please print clearly

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

Conference: _____ Council: _____

Voting Member: Yes ___ No ___ (p. 59, Rule 2.4.5) Spiritual Advisor: Yes ___ No ___

Are you a new Conference or Council President? Yes ___ No ___

Contact in case of an emergency: _____ Tel: (____) ____ - _____

Registration Fee

Includes Friday night Wine & Cheese, all Saturday workshops, refreshment breaks, lunch, dinner & banquet/dance (plus 2 drink tickets), and shuttle services between the hotel and parish facility.

Postmarked before March 31st _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____ .00

Postmarked after March 31st _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____ .00

Extra banquet tickets (dinner, 2 drink tickets & dance) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____ .00

Souvenir SSVP T-Shirts

Size(s) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____ .00

TOTAL: \$ _____ .00

Cancellation: Please note that full refunds will be issued for cancellations received by April 1, 2010. Refunds, less \$25.00, will be made for cancellations received by April 14, 2010. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after April 14, 2010, or without notice.

If you have special dietary concerns/allergies, please specify:

Please make your cheque payable to Society of St Vincent de Paul; mail it with your completed Registration Form to:

**Society of St Vincent de Paul
c/o Peter Porco
46 Tidal Cove
Winnipeg, MB R3X 1L8**

Please make your hotel arrangements directly with:

**Best Western Pembina Inn & Suites
1714 Pembina Highway • Winnipeg, MB R3T 2G2
Toll Free: 1-877-269-8811 or 1-204-269-8888
Fax: 1-204-269-8889 • www.bestwestern.com/**

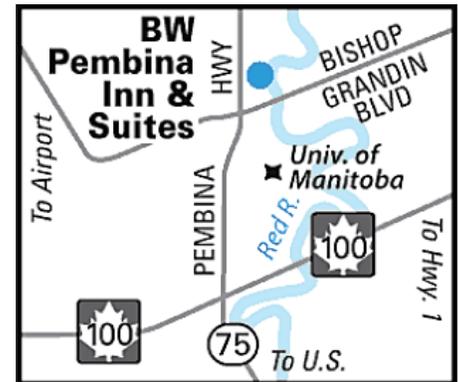
Mention you are part of the St Vincent de Paul Society conference to receive a special double occupancy rate of \$99 CDN per night (+ taxes). This rate is only in effect until April 14, 2010. Complimentary airport shuttle 7am - 7pm with 48 hours notice.



HOTEL INFORMATION



BEST WESTERN
Pembina Inn & Suites
1714 Pembina Highway
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2G2
Phone 204-269-8888
Fax 204-269-8889



General Hotel Information:

Check-In: 3pm (15:00)
Check-Out: 11am (11:00)
Hotel Ratings: AAA-3 Diamonds
Pet Policy: Pets allowed with restrictions; charge of \$10 USD + taxes per night per pet.

Hotel Amenities:

- 100% smoke-free hotel
- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Indoor heated pool & hot tub
- Exercise facility with 24-hr elliptical machine, stationary bike & treadmill

Guest Room Amenities:

- Cable or satellite TV
- AM/FM alarm clock
- Coffee/tea maker
- Microwaves available in suite rooms only
- Refrigerator, hair dryer, iron & ironing board

Transportation:

- 8 km from Via Rail; 8 km from Greyhound/Grey Goose Southwest on Portage Ave
- 17 km from Winnipeg International Airport
- Free local shuttle from 7am to 7pm to & from the airport and the University of Manitoba; must be reserved 48 hours in advance and reserved directly with the hotel

Restaurants:

- Adjacent to The Pony Corral (full service, Greek); open for breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Adjacent to Quiznos Subs; open for lunch, dinner
- Across the street from Peace Garden (full service, Chinese) and Domino's Pizza – both open for lunch & dinner

- Close to Vietnamese Paradise (full service), The Keg Steak House (full service), and Dylan O'Connors (bar/lounge, Italian) – all open for lunch & dinner

Area Information:

- 8 km from The Forks, where the Red River and Assiniboine River meet
- 8 km from Manitoba Children's Museum with hands on learning experience for children
- 8 km from Winnipeg Art Gallery, western Canada's oldest public museum
- 8 km from The Royal Canadian Mint
- 9 km from The Manitoba Museum
- 9 km from Fort Whyte Nature Centre
- 11 km from St Boniface, the French Quarter

Directions:

- From Hwy 1 west: turn right on Perimeter Hwy 100, left on McGillivray Blvd (Hwy 155), right onto Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the left
- From Hwy 1 west: take Hwy 1, yield right onto Route 90 Keniston, yield right onto Pembina Hwy north, turn left onto Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the right
- From Hwy 1 east: turn left onto Lagimodiere (Hwy 20), turn right onto Bishop Grandin (Hwy 165), yield right onto Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the right
- From Hwy 75: Hwy turns into Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the right
- From Hwy 9: Main Street (Hwy 52), right on Broadway, left on Donald, turns into Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the left
- From Hwy 59: left onto Bishop Grandin (Hwy 165), right onto Pembina Hwy (Hwy 42); hotel is on the right



Society of St Vincent de Paul
39th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ryerson University • Toronto, ON • June 9 - June 13, 2010

... *INVITATION* ...

Theme: Discipleship

"He has anointed me"

Please plan on attending this inspirational conference
celebrating discipleship.

A time for Vincentians to come together
to pray, learn and share.

Special Guest Speakers & Celebrants:

- Archbishop Thomas Collins
- Father Yvon Laroche
- Monsignor Peter Schonenbach
- Monsignor Samuel Bianco

Expanded workshops, training, leadership sessions,
faith development, youth activities,
good food, good fun, and
so much more!

Please watch your mail or visit our website at

www.ssvp.ca



39th Annual General Assembly

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Toronto, Ontario!

The site of the 2010 Annual General Assembly of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is **Ryerson University**, located in downtown Toronto. Situated in the city core, Ryerson is within walking distance of St. Michael's Cathedral, the Toronto Eaton Centre, historic St. Lawrence Market, the Art Gallery of Ontario and a variety of fascinating neighbourhoods, shops and attractions. Visit: www.seetorontonow.com for more information.

Ryerson University is located near Yonge and Dundas Streets in downtown Toronto, with accommodations, meeting rooms and events within walking distance from the corner of Church Street and Gould. (see map on reverse). The residences are located on Mutual Street north of Gould Street.

Alternate Accommodation:

Bond Place Hotel www.bondplace.ca or 1-800-268-9390
Delta Chelsea Hotel www.deltahotels.com or 1-817-333-5399
Strathcona Hotel www.thestrathconahotel.ca or 1-800-992-2694
or check with your favourite chain

Arriving in Toronto:

Pearson International Airport – 45 minutes outside of Toronto,
Contact www.gtaa.com or Toll Free: 1-866-207-1690
Transportation to downtown Toronto available by Toronto Airport Express
info@torontoairportexpress.com or call 1-800-387-6787

Toronto City Centre Airport – Porter Airlines

Contact www.flyporter.com or Toll Free: 1-888-619-8622
Arrivals and departure area – 15 minutes from Ryerson campus

Union Station:

Train and Rail service - 15 minutes from Ryerson Campus
Via Rail – Contact www.viarail.ca or Toll Free: 1-888-842-7245
GO Transit - Contact www.go transit.com or Toll Free: 1-888-438-6646

Toronto Coach Terminal (Bus) – 10 minutes from Ryerson Campus

Contact: www.torontocoachterminal.com or call 416-393-7911

Local Transit – TTC, Toronto Transit Commission

Contact: www.ttc.ca or call 416-393-4636



PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 9th

9am-5pm Registration / Free time

Thursday, June 10th

7:15-7:45am Mass & Rosary
(Msgr P. Schonenbach)
7:30-8:45am Breakfast
9am-5pm Registration
9-10:30am National Council Board Meeting
8:45-10:15am Workshops
10:15-10:30am Break
10:30-Noon Workshops
Noon-1pm Lunch
1-2:30pm Workshops/Committee Meetings
2:30-2:45pm Break
2:45-4pm Workshops/Committee Meetings
5:30-7pm Dinner
7-10pm Wine & Cheese Reception and
Social (members & invited guests)

Friday, June 11th

7:15-7:45am Mass & Rosary
(Msgr P. Schonenbach)
7:30-8:45am Breakfast
8:45-9:30am Parade of the banners and official
opening (Penny & members)
9:30-10:15am Spiritual Theme (Fr Y. Laroche)
10:15-10:30am Break
10:30-Noon Workshops
10:30-Noon President's Round Table with
voting members (Penny Craig)
10:30-Noon Bilingual workshop or presenta-
tion in auditorium (Jean Claude
Bienvenue)
Noon-1:15pm Lunch
Noon-1:30pm Spiritual Advisors Luncheon
(Msgr S. Bianco)

1-2:30pm Information from Revenue
Canada in auditorium
(Joe McCalmont)
1-2:30pm Workshops
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4pm Workshops / Regional Meetings
5-10pm Meal & entertainment – BBQ &
Pub Night

Saturday, June 12th

7:15-7:45am Mass & Rosary
(Msgr P. Schonenbach)
7:30-8:45am Breakfast
9-10am Keynote Speaker:
Archbishop T. Collins
10-10:15am Break
10am-Noon Youth activity
10:15-Noon Workshops
10:15-10:45 Regional Council Reports
10:45am-Noon National Committee Reports
Noon-1pm Lunch
1-2:30pm Workshops / Statutory Meeting /
Youth activity
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4pm Presentation by 2011 Committee;
Address by National President
(Penny Craig)
5-6:30pm Mass & Commissioning at St
Michael's (Arch T. Collins, Msgr
P. Schonenbach, Msgr S. Bianco)
7-10pm Closing Banquet at Marriott Hotel,
Bay Street

Sunday, June 13th

7:30-9:00am Breakfast

National Council of Canada AGA 2010



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul * Société de Saint-Vincent de Paul

National Council of Canada 39th Annual General Assembly
Conseil National du Canada 39^e Assemblée Générale Annuelle

AGA 2010 Registration / Inscription

Wednesday, June 9 2010 to Sunday, June 13 2010 / Mercredi 9 juin, 2010 au dimanche 13 juin, 2010

Ryerson University, Toronto / Université de Ryerson, Toronto

Theme: Vincentian Discipleship: "He has anointed me"

Thème: Être disciple Vincentien: "Il m'a oint"

Early Registration deadline: April 15, 2010 / Date limite pour inscription à tarif préférentiel: 15 avril 2010

Correspondence in / Correspondance en : English / Anglais French / Français

Please print clearly / Prière d'écrire en lettres moulées

Name / Nom : _____ email / courriel : _____

Conference / Conférence : _____ Council / Conseil : _____

Address / Adresse : _____ Apt / App : _____

City / Ville : _____ Province : _____

Postal Code / Code postal : _____ Tel / Tél : _____

Voting Member / Member votant: Yes / Oui No / Non

Will you have a Proxy Vote Letter / Aurez-vous une lettre de vote par procuration : Yes / Oui No / Non

Contact in case of emergency: _____ Tel/Tel: _____

Personne à contacter en cas d'urgence :

Spiritual Advisor / Conseiller spirituel : Yes / Oui No / Non

Registration Fee / Frais d'inscription

Before April 15, 2010 / Avant le 15 avril 2010 \$ 225.00

After April 15, 2010 / Après le 15 avril 2010 \$ 250.00

Student rate / Taux étudiant : \$ 150.00

This amount covers conference registration, wine and cheese, Friday Pub Night, banquet. / Ces frais couvrent l'inscription au congrès, le vin et fromage, le Pub Night du vendredi, le banquet.

Registration fee, per person / Frais d'inscription, par personne : \$225.00

Additional banquet tickets / Billets supplémentaires pour banquet : \$ 50.00

Additional Friday night pub night tickets / Billets supplémentaires pour le "Pub Night" \$ 25.00

One day registration (7:00 am to 5:00 pm) / Inscription d'un jour (7h à 17h) : \$ 50.00

One day student registration / Inscription d'un jour pour étudiant : \$ 25.00

Meal Request / Repas:

Lunch Only / Dîner Seulement

Price / Prix : \$15.00 per lunch / par dîner

Thursday / Jeudi Yes / Oui

Friday / Ven Yes / Oui

Saturday / Samedi Yes / Oui

Special diet concerns/allergies / Avez-vous des allergies ou intolérances alimentaires : Yes / Oui No / Non

Details / Renseignements: _____

Please note: We will provide options for Thursday dinner, there are many places to explore in our downtown area.
Veillez noter : Nous offrirons des options pour le souper du jeudi, il y a plusieurs endroits à découvrir dans notre centre-ville.

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Total Payment for Conference Registration Only (*Accommodation arrangements to be made directly to Ryerson University*)
Total des Frais d'inscription au congrès seulement (*Pour hébergement, s'inscrire directement à l'université Ryerson*)

Full registration / Inscription complète :

Before April 15 / avant le 15 avril _____ X \$225.00
After April 15 / après le 15 avril _____ X \$250.00
Extra Banquet Tickets / Billets supplémentaires pour le banquet : _____ X \$ 50.00
Extra Friday Pub Night Tickets / Billets supplémentaires pour le Pub Night _____ X \$ 25.00
Total number of lunches / Nombre total de dîners _____ X \$ 15.00
Total Payable / Total à payer \$ _____

Student / Étudiant :

Registration / Inscription _____ X \$150.00
Extra Banquet Tickets / Billets supplémentaires pour le banquet _____ X \$ 50.00
Total number of lunches / Nombre total de dîners _____ X \$ 15.00
Total Payable / Total à payer \$ _____

Payment must be sent with completed application / Le paiement doit accompagner l'inscription

Make cheque payable to / Chèque à l'ordre de :

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council AGA 2010
240 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1Z2
Tel: 416 364-5577 Fax: 416 364-2055 email to: aga2010@ssvptoronto.ca

Payment also accepted by Credit Card / Paiement par carte de crédit accepté : Visa Master Card

Credit Card # _____ Exp. ____/20____

Name on Credit Card / Nom sur la carte : _____

A confirmation of registration will be sent to you in May by email (or regular mail if no email address given).
Vous recevrez la confirmation de votre inscription au cours du mois de mai par Courriel (ou par la poste si vous ne donnez pas une adresse Courriel).

Cancellation: Please note, refunds for cancellations received 30 days prior to June 9, 2010. Refund, less \$50.00 will be made for cancellations received up to 24 hours prior to arrival. No refunds will be given for cancellations made without notice.

Cancellation: Veuillez noter, Toute annulation signifiée plus de 30 jours avant l'arrivée donnera droit au plein remboursement. Pour une annulation reçue 30 jours avant le 9 juin, 2010, remboursement moins 50\$. Aucun remboursement ne sera consenti pour une annulation sans avis.

Lodging on Campus/Hebergement sur le campus

Room Type/Type de chambre

Room with private washroom – queen sized bed, hot breakfast included – International Living Learning Centre. \$81.00 + tax per night (please note, the price is per room, not per number of people in the room). Reservation # 887646

Chambre avec salle de bain privé – lit queen, déjeuner chaud inclus – International Living Learning Centre. 81\$ par nuit + taxe (notez que le prix est par chambre et non par le nombre de personne dans la chambre). Réservation # 887646

Room with shared washroom – single bed, continental breakfast included – Pitman Hall Residence \$50.00 per night + tax
Chambre avec sale de bain partager – lit simple, déjeuner continental inclus – Pitman Hall Residence 50\$ par nuit + taxe
Reservation # / Réservation # 783655

Please reserve directly with Ryerson University/Vous devez réserver directement à l'université Ryerson :
at/au 416 979-5296 or toll free / ou sans frais at / au 1-866-592-8882 or/ou on line at/au

www.ryerson.ca/conference/accomodations