

- **Vincentian family news**

- Store

- Since March of this year, we have welcomed 8 new conference members and 11 new Store members to the family;
 - Since September our latest Co-op student Hayden, from Pauline Johnson Collegiate has worked hard at the Store Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 – 3:00. He has been instrumental in getting our furniture rotated on and off the sales floor and into staging and shipping.

- We ask that you keep the following Vincentians and their family members in your prayers as they deal with a myriad health issues: Frank Boerboom, Marg Hughes. Kathy Buliung, Helen McDougall, Anna Pietrobon and Mary Risi.

- **Updates**

- **On Council activity**

- Effective July 1, 2025 a new executive group began their term in support of our local service:
 - New to their roles: President Theresa McDougald, Vice President (Conferences) Rob Campbell, Director of Social Justice Kristine Paul, Director of Community Outreach Pat Lenz, Vice President (Store) Sarah Hern
 - Continuing in their roles: Spiritual Advisor Carolyn Boerboom, Treasurer Frank Boerboom, Secretary Jeanette Lee, Vice President (youth) Peter Giordano

- **on conference activity**

- In early October Ivana Cameron was installed as President of St Pius X conference. She will be joined at meetings of Particular Council (our Board of Directors) by Darcy Tigcheloar. Thanks to Rob Panko for his years as St. Pius X conference president and to Lorraine Cook for also representing the conference on the Council.
 - Black Bag Sundays
 - Sacred Heart conference, Paris hosted our truck at their church on the weekend of October 19 to accept donations from parishioners.
 - St. Pius X conference will do the same on the weekend of November 16th, World Day of the Poor.

○ **on Store operations**

- Thanks to several Store Vincentians who have accepted specific responsibilities in support of our service to those in need:
 - Wendy & Leo Renzella for managing donations of furniture;
 - Norma Schritt for new bed inventory & ordering;
 - Sarah Hern for coordinating furniture pick up & delivery trips;
 - Theresa VanPypen for arranging food and personal hygiene item purchases to supplement donated supplies; and especially,
 - Charlotte Urbanowicz who is working her way into her new role as Volunteer Coordinator under the mentorship of former Coordinator, Theresa.

- We are grateful for all our Vincentian members who volunteer their time, energy and talents. We are, however, always in need of more! We need volunteers both for weekdays and Saturdays for reception, cash, blue room, furniture (sales and handling), truck drivers and furniture movers and delivery. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our fabulous group of Vincentian volunteers, please ask them to email volunteer@ssvpbrant.ca and type “wishing to volunteer” in the subject line. Existing members always bring on board the highest quality volunteers! As our friends at Halton Particular Council say “**ABR: Always Be Recruiting!**”

● **Events Past and Upcoming**

- On Saturday September 27, the Vincentian Family celebrated the **Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul** at St. Mary’s. Terri Enns, one of our newer Vincentians, presented the candle on behalf of us all. Incoming President, Theresa McDougald, was installed to her position. St Mary’s CWL and friends provided a lovely light meal and the 55+ Vincentians in attendance enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

- **On Thursday, October 16 the Store held a Community BBQ** for all our shoppers and neighbours. Check out a brief story and photo on [Celebrating 7 Years at 143 Wellington – Society of Saint Vincent de Paul](#) our website.

- **Saturday, November 22, 2025, is our Annual Formation Day** “Compassion in Action: Serving with Love and Dignity” with inspiring (and entertaining) guest speaker Mike Moore. Treat yourself to a day with your Vincentian family. Click here to register – by Friday, November 14th. [Annual Formation Day 2025 - Compassion in Action: Serving with Love and Dignity](#)

● **... with a little help from our friends ...**

- Community collections of food and personal hygiene items have filled our shelves:
 - In early October, Knights of Columbus, St. Basil collected 1700 lbs. of food and personal hygiene items!!

- **Assumption Scares Hunger:** Despite wind & rain, the overwhelming amount of organization and work paid off with 310 banana boxes worth of food collected!



A great big THANKS to [Mitten](#) Siding Products, Paris for their very generous donation of time and energy at our store! They helped to organize over 20,000 pounds of food that was generated from the Assumption College “We Scare Hunger” campaign!

- And, to top it off, donations from St. John’s College, St. Basil, Our Lady of Providence (OLP), Sacred Heart and Madonna della Libera were picked up last week. Check out our Facebook page for photos celebrating this generosity.
- Students from OLP will be on site on November 17th to assemble Christmas trees and .

- **Words of inspiration**

- “It is a ruse of the devil, by which he deceives good people, to induce them to do more than they are able, so that they end up not being able to do anything. The spirit of God urges one gently to do the good that can be done reasonably, so that it may be done perseveringly and for a long time.”
 - Colleague of Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, reminds us to “give ourselves a break” - so that we may continue to serve. Hear more about this at our upcoming Formation Day.

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