



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul *Ontario Regional Council*

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TO ALL CONFERENCES AND COUNCILS:

Re: Pass-up Contributions

This letter is to request pass-up contributions from Conferences and Councils to ONRC and National. The assessed pass-up contribution is \$250 per Conference and Council to ONRC, and \$260 per Conference and Council to National.

We ask that Conferences pass up their \$510 assessed contribution to the next higher Council which will be a Particular Council or, in the case of Isolated Conferences, to ONRC. Particular Councils will then pass up their assessed contribution for their Council and Conferences within their Particular Council to the next higher level, which could be a Central Council or ONRC. Central Councils will pass up their assessed contribution for their Central Council, Particular Councils and Conferences to ONRC.

Should your Conference not be in a financial position to cover the assessed amount, we suggest that your Particular or Central Council consider covering your assessed amount if they are in a financial position to do so. If a Particular or Central Council is not in a financial position to cover the assessed amount, please reach out and let me know. Should Conferences and Councils have excess funds, these surplus funds should be passed up to the next higher Council, as stated in Sections 2.2.10, 2.3.13 and 2.4.15 of the Rule Book, to support our work done locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Should you prefer to make your pass-up contributions in smaller payments, you can consider making monthly or quarterly payments rather than one payment for the entire amount.

ONRC passes up a total of \$120,000 to National in 4 payments (March, June, September and December) to cover our contribution. We pass up more than our assessed amount to help cover for those Conferences and Councils across Canada who cannot financially cover the assessed amount.

As you know, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a global family where we all help one another to help our friends in need. Pass-up contributions assist regionally and nationally to do work such as starting up Conferences/Councils and helping provide seed money for systemic change projects or other ways of helping our friends in need. Some systemic change projects, to help get at the root cause of poverty to help our friends, at the regional level include the Ozanam Education Fund and Vinnie's Wallet. At the National level, there is the Seeds of Hope project, and the North of 60 program to help our native friends in the north is a project both regionally and nationally.

Thank you in advance for your pass-up contributions, and thank you for all that you do to help our friends in need.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Dollard
President