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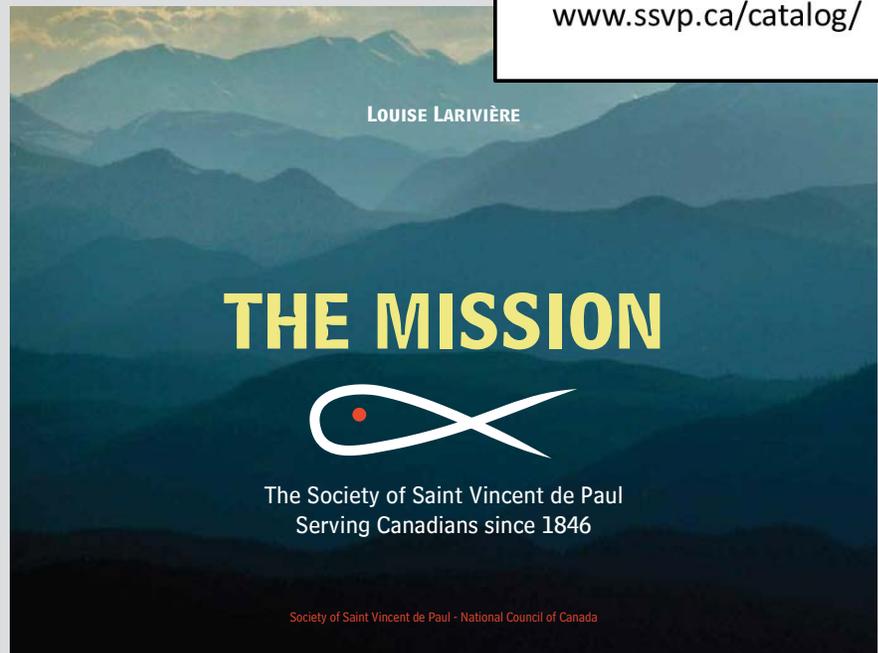
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From left to right: Isabella, Alanis and Katherina  
Members of The Conference of Our Lady of Snows, Canmore Alberta



Cam Milmore  
President of The St. Peter's Conference, Saint John's, Newfoundland



From left to right: Lily Zitko and Jim Paddon  
at the Ontario Regional Council Spring meeting, April 2016

Standing at one end of this country that is ours, at the beginning of April 2016, on the shores of the Bay of St. John's Newfoundland, I had the impression that I was really completely taking in the scope of the trip on which I was setting out. In the intense cold, before me, a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean! It made me think of all those who had crossed that ocean hundreds of years ago, of those who had built America, and of the many and often dangerous challenges they had to face. In the middle of the 19th century, the first Vincentians undertook a mission

on Canadian soil that was almost as perilous - that of relieving poverty. Today, history has shown that they were right to undertake this mission. From Newfoundland to British Columbia, I met Vincentians whose generosity is nothing short of amazing. This trip from the east to the west of Canada allowed me to better define and grasp their hopes and aspirations; I hope that these 6000 kilometres of human discovery will touch you as they did me.

Louise Larivière, author