



Social Justice Resources

On behalf of the National Social Justice Committee, I would like to introduce our monthly National Social Justice Newsletter, Changing Times. I would invite anyone with an interest in this important area of our work as Vincentians to join our mailing list for future editions. It is available to members and non-members. Our goal is to collaborate across Canada on the various topics that come under the social justice heading while creating a network of communication and information for both members and the public. We welcome articles and comments on how we can improve future newsletters.

Our founder, Frederic Ozanam, was an ardent supporter of such issues as a living wage and worker pensions as well as being credited as one of the early voices within the Catholic Church towards the development of Catholic social teachings. As the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul began to grow from that one founding conference to the vision that Ozanam had of a network of charity, we too hope to grow a network of social justice across Canada whose goals will be to address the issues that keep people in poverty as well as developing programs aimed at helping these new friends of ours to escape poverty, or at least find the hope that their children will have a better future. The concept of such a network also provides our grass roots conference levels to have a voice in social justice efforts at their local levels.

Collaboration is also a key component of any success we may achieve. There is a very strong emphasis on collaborating within the Society as well as the larger Vincentian family and its various branches. A collaborative effort regarding poverty can also occur in each community by having our local Vincentian working with other like-minded agencies, charities and organizations to address the barriers that keep people in poverty.

We invite you to subscribe to the [SSVP - NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADA NEWS newsletter](#) and visit our national website to learn and share information about social justice. Our Social Justice Committee includes such areas as Advocacy, Systemic Change, Prison Ministry, Refugee Efforts and Climate Change as well as other topics, both nationally and locally.

Please join us in our efforts.

Jim Paddon, Chair
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National Action Plan - [Safe, Secure and Affordable Housing is a Human Right](#) (2021-02-03)

[Statement on Immigration Reform](#) (2019-04-18)

[The Social Justice Guide](#) (updated 2021-03-18)

[What is Advocacy, and what does it have to do with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul?](#)

[Environmental Stewardship and Ecological Conversion](#)