



Forming a Conference in The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

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Opening Prayer



L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

L: Come Holy Spirit, live within our lives.

All: And strengthen us by your love.

L: Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.

All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

**L: Let us reflect on the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, recalling his unity and presence among us:
“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

(short silence)

All: Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting. Make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so that we may bring them your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves, in this mission of charity. Perfect in us your love and teach us to share more fully in the Eucharistic sacrifice offered for all.



All: Hail Mary, ...

L: Most sacred heart of Jesus,

All: Have mercy on us.

L: Immaculate heart of Mary,

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Vincent de Paul,

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Louise de Marillac,

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam,

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Rosalie Rendu,

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Margguerite d'Youville,

All: Pray for us.



Serving in Hope



**Under the vigilant eye of God,
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
It is an International movement which
spans the globe, seeking to help the
poor in our midst.**

**By uniting Catholics in our mission to
serve in the hope of Our Lord Jesus
Christ.**



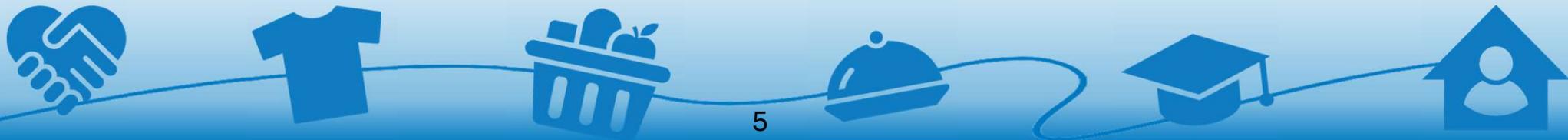
Blessed Frederick Ozanam (1813-1853)



The problem which divides people today is not a political problem; it is a social one. It is a matter of knowing which will get the upper hand: the spirit of selfishness or the spirit of sacrifice; whether society will go for ever-increasing enjoyment and profit, or for everyone devoting themselves to the common good.



1832 Conférences d'histoire - a dynamic forum of discussion and research at the Sorbonne University in Paris France.



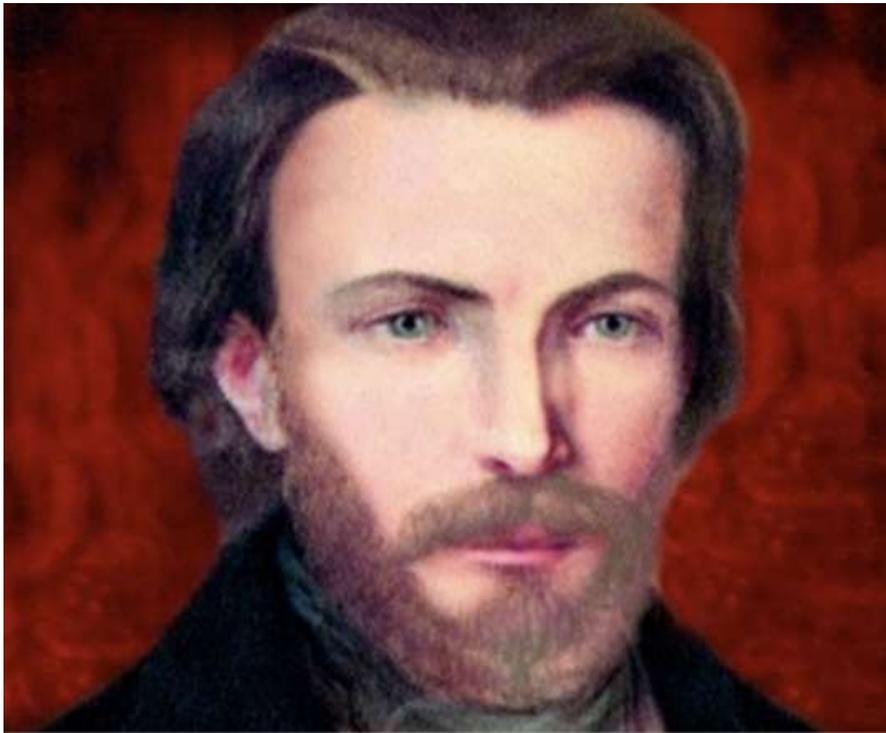


The Call

**“What are you doing for them
(the poor), you and your
fellow Catholics...?”**

Show us your works!”





A Movement in Faith

“The blessing of the
poor is that of God...
Let us go to the poor”





Spiritual Director

Sister Rosalie Rendu

Daughter of Charity of Saint
Vincent de Paul

**How to minister to the poor
with love and respect**



Saint Vincent de Paul



Simplicity

Frankness, integrity, genuineness

Humility

Accepting the truth about our frailties, yet knowing that all that God gives us is for others

Selflessness

Dying to our ego – life of self-sacrifice

Gentleness

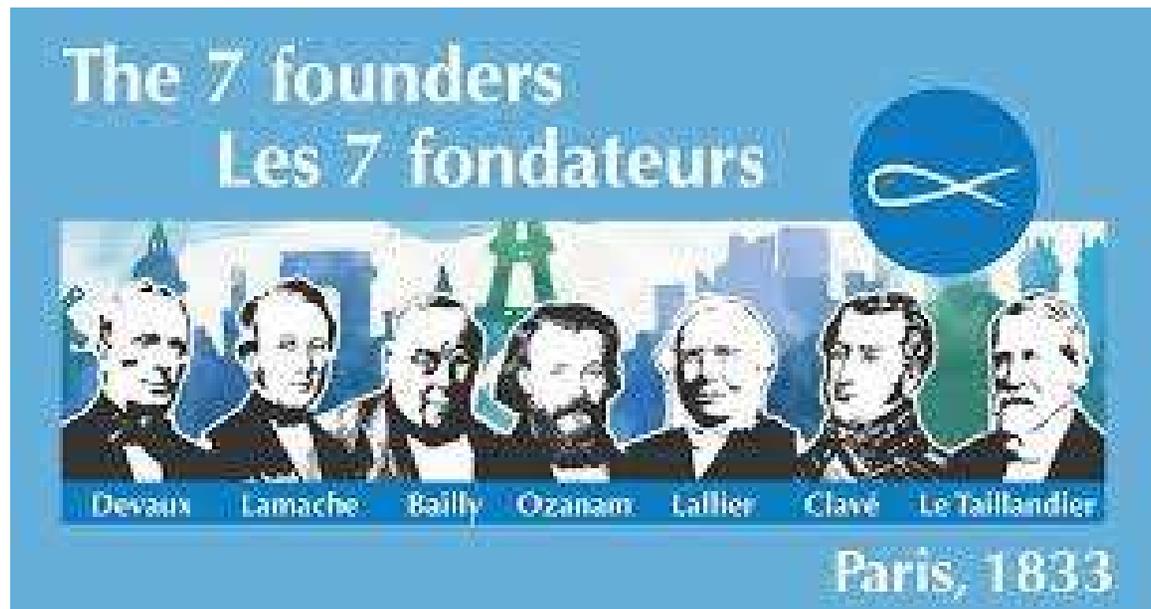
Kindness, tenderness and patience in relationships with others

Apostolic Zeal

Passion for the full flourishing and eternal happiness of all



April 23, 1833 Conference of Charity



Pope Leo XIII



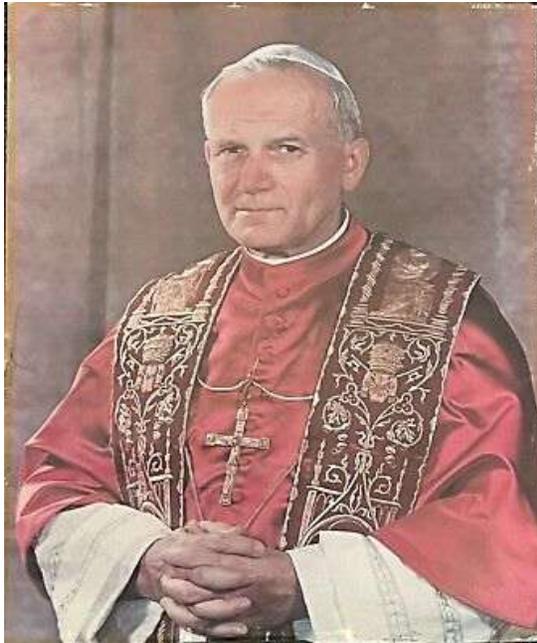
In his landmark encyclical of 1891, **Rerum Novarum**, the **Pope**, and the **Church** with him, **confronted a society torn by dispute and addressed it in pointed terms.**



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Saint Pope John Paul II



April 28, 1983

“In your **conference meetings**, you should find not only the practical means of discovering and serving in an organized way the poor who surround you, **but also a spiritual deepening, a Christian reflection, which balances prayer and action.** For one must allow oneself to **be transformed by the words of Christ**, in order to render Him present in our world.”





Pope Leo XIV

First Homily May 8, 2025

“A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that **afflict our society.**”





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Vocation of Members

Called to **follow Christ** through service to those in need, bearing witness to His compassionate and liberating love.





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Vision

As a lay Catholic organization, we will embrace the world in a network of charity,
serving Christ in the suffering, the poor and the marginalized,
bringing them love and respect, aid and development, hope and joy,
in a
more just society.



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Just Society

See, Judge, Act

Home visits

Food security

Home security

Social security



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Just Society

Basic Needs

Availability

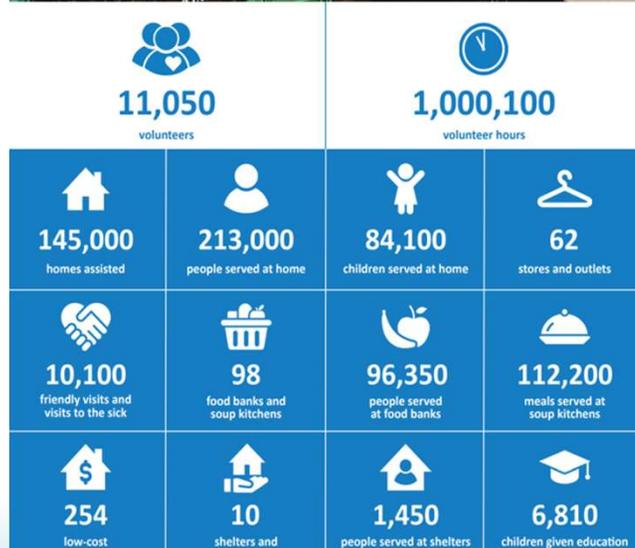
Accessibility

Social Dignity

Sustainability



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Just Society

Accompany

Parish Conference – relationship, provision, advocate

Collaboration

- **Diocese** – shared response
community participation/advocacy
- **Regional** – provincial advocacy,
shared learning, **North of 60**
- **National** – national advocacy, fundraising, governance,
shared tools and resources,
Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH)
- **International** – Twinning, Disaster Relief
Holy See, Governance



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Vision

We also

seek to deepen our spirituality and the mutual love and support amongst members, so that, seeing how we serve those in need with one mind and heart, *people are attracted to the Society* and to **Christ who animates it.**



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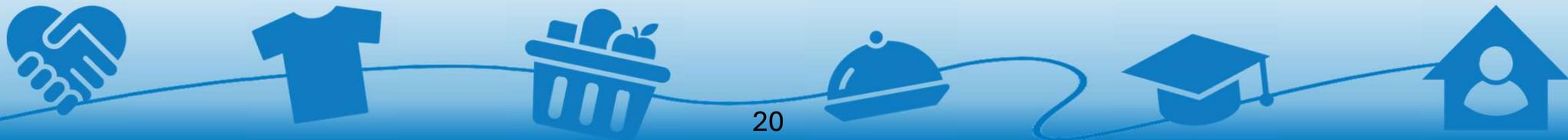
Spirituality



Faith in Christ and the Life of Grace

“Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”

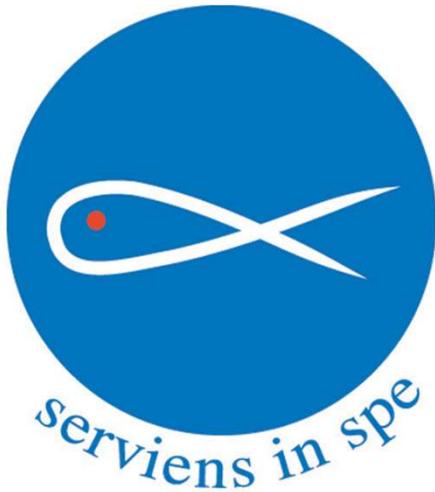
(Rom. 5.1-2)



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Spirituality



Our mission is a response to the
Message of Our Lord in the
Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 25, Verses 31 – 40

“I assure you, as often as you did it for one of
my least brothers, you did it for me.”



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Character

ecclesial, missionary,
Marian and Vincentian
for the apostolate of evangelization
and charity



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Canonical

Private association

Private means associations established by the individual initiative of the faithful (Canon 299, § 1) (subjective criteria) for purposes within their competence (objective criteria).



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Canonical

International Private Association
(Canon 299, § 1)

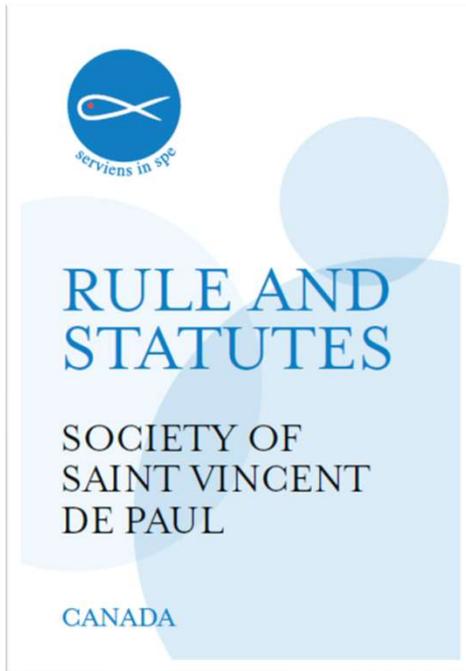
Private associations have a great deal of internal
autonomy and

Always act under their own name
while always remaining subject to

The watchful eye of ecclesiastical authority.



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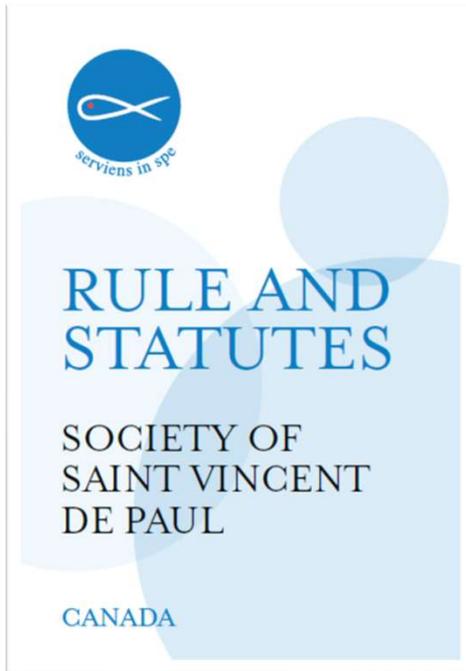


Rule

Vision/Mission/Values
Fundamental Principles
Persons in Need
Spirituality
Membership
Organization Canada
International Confederation



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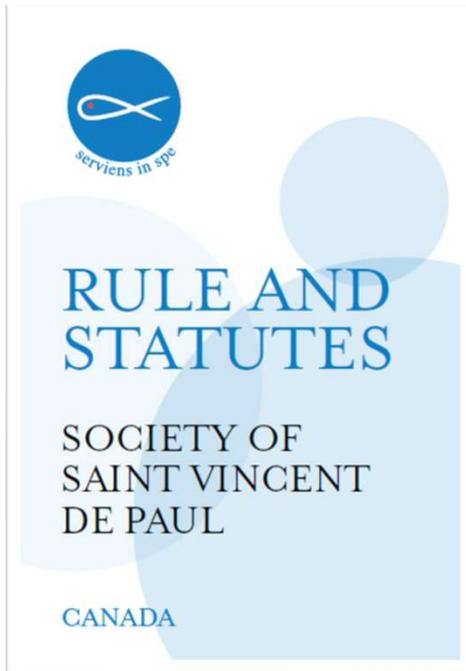


Mission

To live the Gospel by
serving Christ in the poor
with love respect,
justice and joy.



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Values

See Christ in anyone who suffers

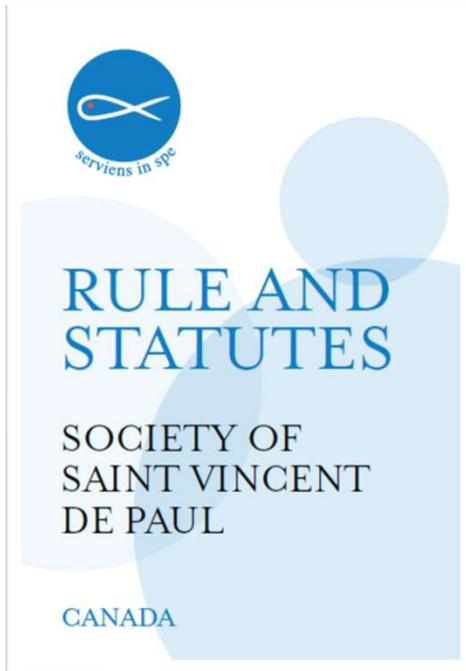
Come together as a family

Have personal contact with the poor

Help in all possible ways



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Organization

International Confederation
(153 countries/territories)

National Council Canada

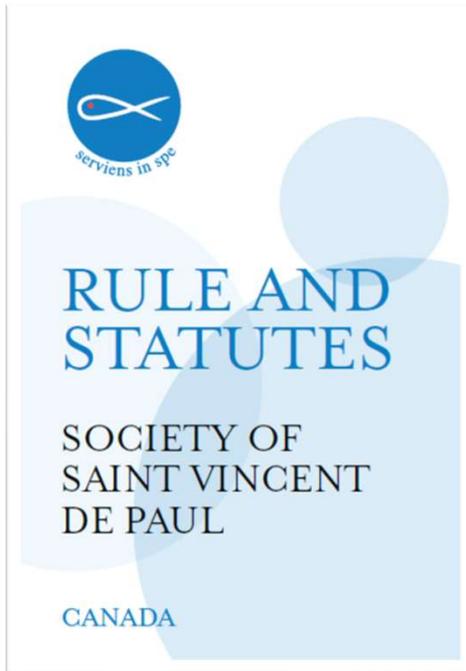
Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario

Western (AB, NWT, SK, MB)

BC & Yukon



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Governance Canada

National CRA number

Conference /Council sub number

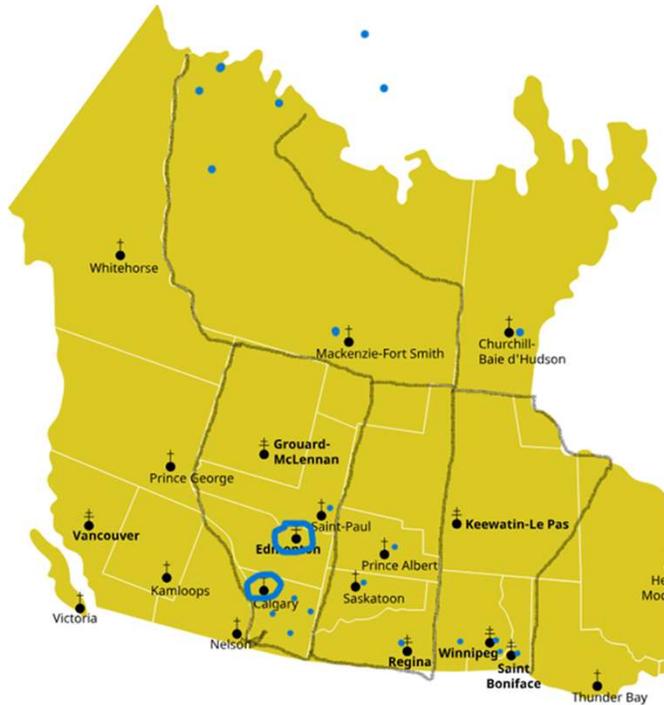
Elected President

Corporate Bylaws BOD

(assets or employees)



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Western Region Council

Alberta North

Edmonton (5 councils, 22 conferences)

Alberta South

Calgary (4 councils, 28 conferences)

Taber, Lethbridge, Brooks, Medicine Hat

NWT (Yellowknife, Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik)

Saskatchewan (Prince Albert, Regina)

Manitoba (2 Winnipeg, Brandon)



St. Anthony's Conference, Calgary



2023 Overview



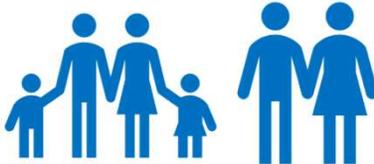
Families Assisted
680



Children Served
416

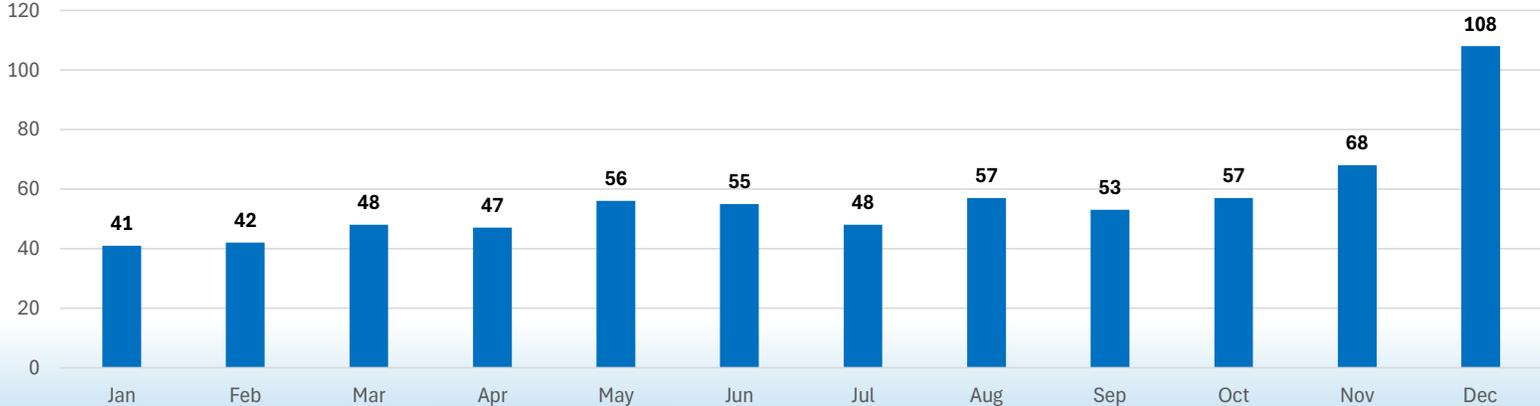


Adults Served
1237



Total Recipients
1653

Hampers Distributed



St. Anthony's Conference, Calgary



2023 - 2024 Comparison



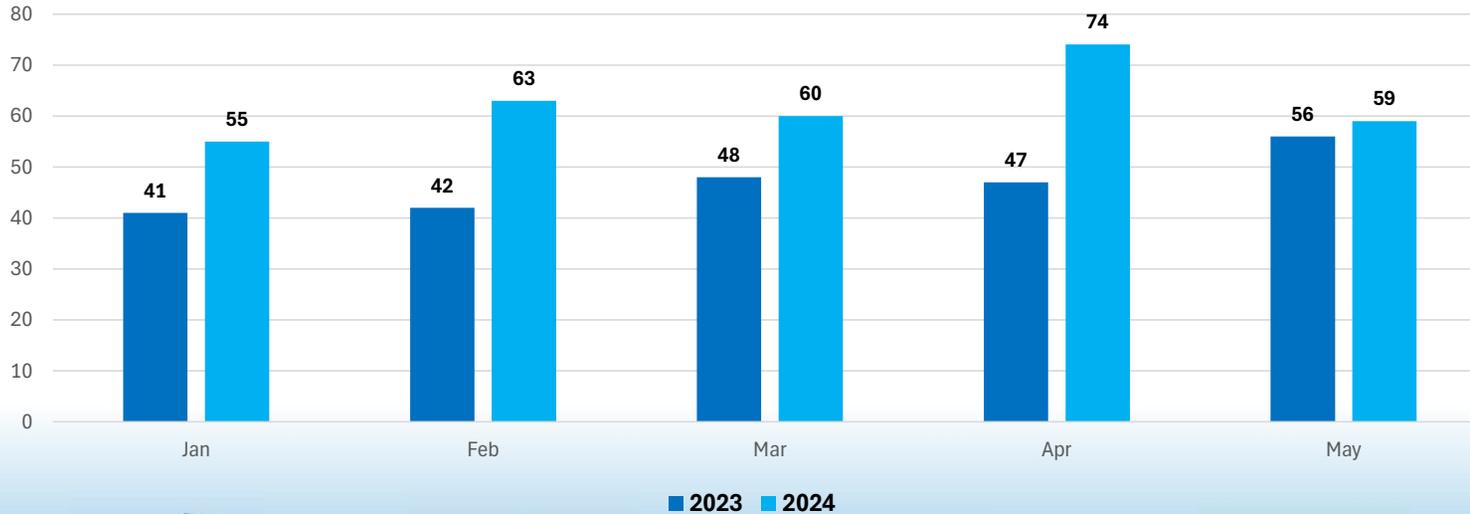
Jan – May 2023



Jan – May 2024



2023-2024 Comparison – Hampers Distributed



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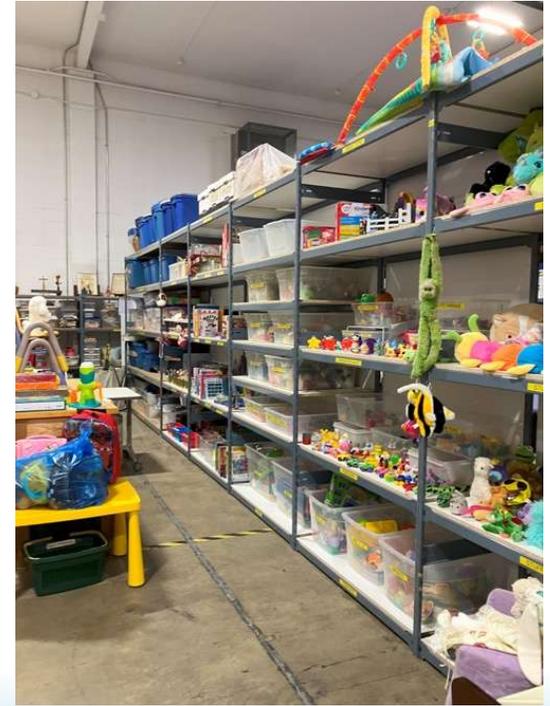


2023-2024 Comparison - Hampers Distributed





Edmonton Distribution Centre





Edmonton Clothing Room



Edmonton Store





Cree Nations, AB



Saddle Lake, AB





North of 60 Restoration of Father's House Paulatuk, NWT





North of 60 St. Pius, Calgary & Our Lady of Victory, Inuvik







Closing Prayer



All: Our Father

L: Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,

All: Pray for us.

L: Saint Vincent de Paul,

All: Pray for us.

L: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam,

All: Pray for us.

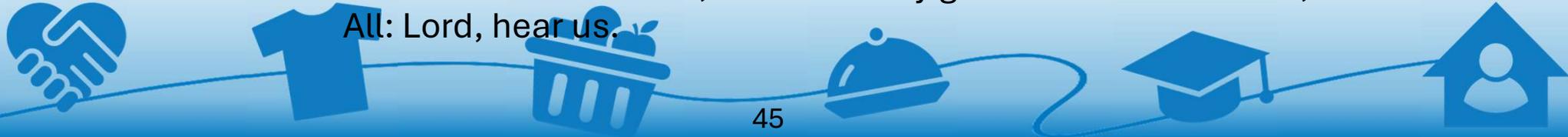




Closing Prayer



- L: For all the benefactors of the poor, that God may reward them with eternal life,
- All: Lord, hear us.
- L: For our Society and all its members, that God may renew our spirit of unity and of service,
- All: Lord, hear us.
- L: For all who are sick and suffering, that God may give them courage and consolation,
- All: Lord, hear us.
- L: For all our deceased members, the deceased poor and our deceased benefactors, that God may grant them eternal rest,
All: Lord, hear us.





Closing Prayer



L: For the unity for which Christ prayed, that all may be one in truth and charity.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: For those who have no homes, that they may quickly find a place in which they can live a decent and happy life.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That if it be God's will, Frederic Ozanam, our founder, may be canonized by the Church.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: That our Holy Father the Pope may be granted the protection, guidance, strength and consolation that he needs to discharge his duties as Christ's Vicar on earth.

All: Lord, hear us.

L: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen





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