

The 71st Annual Convention of the Ontario Provincial Council  
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS REGISTRATION FORM**

For Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Must be Submitted with Convention Registration Form**

One Registration Form per person (print or photocopy forms if needed)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Each delegate will have the opportunity to attend **two** breakout sessions. **Make four selections and number in order of preference (1,2,3 and 4)**. Register early as your selections will be assigned on a first received basis. Spots are limited but every effort will be made to accommodate your top two selections. *Refer to the **Breakout Sessions Speakers Information** pages for more details about the organizations listed.*

Choice #s:	ORGANIZATIONS
	 <p><b>Covenant House Toronto   Homeless Youth Shelter</b> provides 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, aged 16 to 24, and has a range of services, including education, counseling, health care and employment assistance.....</p>
	 <p><b>HomeShare</b> recognizes that two people have needs and something to offer. A home provider offers accommodation to a housemate in exchange for an agreed level of help.....</p>
	 <p><b>Ontario 211</b> is the source Canadians trust when seeking information and services to deal with life's challenges...</p>
	 <p><b>Saint Elizabeth Homecare - Journey Home Hospice</b> Ontario is expanding access to palliative and end-of-life care for homeless people in Toronto...</p>
	 <p><b>SISTERING</b> is a women's organization that offers practical and emotional support to women through programs which enable them to take greater control over their lives.....</p>
	 <p>The <b>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</b> (acronym SSVP) is a lay catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, and respect...</p>

***Include with your Convention Registration Form and mail to Sue Lubowitz as per the form's instructions.***

## Breakout Sessions Speakers Information



**Sistering** is a women's organization that offers practical and emotional support to women through programs which enable them to take greater control over their lives. Sistering provides information and referral to housing, education, health care, therapists, drug and alcohol treatment, legal services, case management and other community agencies and organizations. In addition to our practical services; daily hot meals, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, Sistering also provides counselling, crisis intervention, advocacy and emotional support to women who have experienced violence and trauma. We also provide a variety of social and recreational programs to women who are homeless or under housed, living in poverty and isolation, which promote opportunities for inter-personal development. The model of service is drop-in. The average length of stay is day program, with unlimited attendance. This drop-in location is pet friendly.



### **Covenant House Toronto | Homeless Youth Shelter**

[www.covenanthousetoronto.ca/](http://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca/)

**Covenant House Toronto** provides 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, aged 16 to 24, and has a range of services, including education, counselling, health care and employment assistance.

#### **Immediacy**

Kids come to us in crisis, desperately needing help. We provide for their basic human needs - food, clothing, a shower and medical attention - immediately.

#### **Sanctuary**

Kids who are trying to get off the street are often scared and mistrustful. We protect our kids from violence and degradation by providing them safety.

#### **Communicating Values**

By setting an example, we show our youth that wholesome, caring relationships are based on trust, respect and honesty.

#### **Structure**

Street life is unstable and unpredictable. We provide structure and a reasonable set of expectations to give our kids a chance to focus on their future.

#### **Choice**

We help our youth make positive choices. We give them the encouragement they need to believe in themselves and to change.



**HomeShare** recognizes that two people have needs and something to offer. A home provider offers accommodation to a housemate in exchange for an agreed level of help.

No two HomeShare programs are exactly alike, but there are many common threads:

- many HomeShare programs aim to enable older people to remain independent in their own homes by finding a housemate willing to cost-share or help with household tasks
- many programs have been set up to meet the accommodation needs of students in places where accommodation is scarce or expensive;
- some HomeShare programs have been set up to promote solidarity between generations;
- some HomeShare programs cater for the needs of disabled people.

HomeShare programs are run by not-for-profit agencies which:

- aim to meet identified needs within their own communities;
- provide guidelines for the operation of the program;
- manage the applications process. Often they screen applicants, match them individually and provide support.

## Breakout Sessions Speakers Information



Ontario®

What is Contact Ontario 211?

211 is the source Canadians trust when seeking information and services to deal with life's challenges.

**211's** award-winning telephone helpline (2-1-1) and website provide a gateway to community, social, non-clinical health and related government services.

**211** helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 150 languages.

**211** connects people to the right information and services, strengthens Canada's health and human services, and helps Canadians to become more engaged with their communities.

When you don't know where to turn, turn to 211.

**211** in Canada began in 2001 as a community-supported initiative to make finding the right community and social services easier for residents. By 2012, 211 was available everywhere in Ontario.



Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul  
Ontario Regional Council

### Mission Statement

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (acronym SSVP) is a lay catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

### Values

The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians, we:

- see Christ in anyone who suffers;
- come together as a family;
- have personal contact with the poor;
- help in all possible ways.

### Logo

The **Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, (the International Council General) has adopted a logo and recommended it to the Society in every country.

The **National Council of Canada** has adopted this logo.

- The fish is the symbol of Christianity and, in this case, represents the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.
- The eye of the fish is the vigilant eye of God seeking to help the poor in our midst.
- The crossing at the tail or the tie-knot represents unity and oneness among members and also the union with the poor.
- The circle bounding the logo signifies the global or worldwide stature of the SSVP, an international Society
- The phrase *serviens in spe* means *to serve in hope*, the hope that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Saint Elizabeth  
Well beyond health care

### Journey Home Hospice

Ontario is expanding access to palliative and end-of-life care for homeless people in Toronto. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, recently announced funding for a new four-bed hospice for the homeless population, with another six beds to be added over the next two years. The new hospice, which will open soon in downtown Toronto, will provide high-quality care to 40 to 50 people in need each year. Ontario is partnering with Hospice Toronto, Saint Elizabeth Foundation and Inner City Health Associates on this project to address the demand for end-of-life and palliative care for the homeless population in the province's largest city. The new hospice, named Journey Home Hospice, will offer flexible care suited to the unique and complex needs of homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless.