

Madame Vanier worked energetically for the Voluntary Air Department of the St. John's Ambulance during the First World War, and was a representative of the Canadian Red Cross in France during the Second World War.

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In June, 1964, General and Madame Vanier sponsored the Canadian Conference on the Family. The Conference was held at Carleton University, Ottawa. Since the family life of the Vaniers has been a rich and rewarding experience, it has, therefore, been the wish of the distinguished couple that a close look at family life in Canada through such a conference might help more people to find the happiness which they themselves have experienced.