

# AUTHORIZATION OF THE CLASS ACTION AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On May 2, 2023, the Superior Court of Québec authorized the class action against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal and the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Corporation of Montreal together forming the Archdiocese of Montreal (court file no.: 500-06-000992-194). Mr. A.B. (designated under initials) was given the status of representative of all the members of the group targeted by the collective action, having himself been a victim of sexual assault by the priest Brian Boucher.

A Settlement Agreement in the amount of **\$14,808,280 (less attorneys' fees and costs of the case)** for the compensation of up to 123 members was reached. If this number of members is exceeded, additional terms may be added to enhance the Settlement.

## **THE COLLECTIVE ACTION AND AGREEMENT IS FOR YOU IF:**

1. Between **1940** and the **present**;
2. You have been the victim of one or more **sexual assaults**;
3. Committed by a diocesan ordained minister (bishop, priest, deacon) or by a lay employee who was under the responsibility of the Archdiocese of Montreal.

**\*\*\* This definition excludes victims of religious priests, i.e. priests belonging to a religious congregation \*\*\***

## **FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO OPT OUT OF THE CLASS**

**If you do not wish to be part of the class or benefit from the Settlement Agreement**, for example because you prefer to bring an action in your own name against the Archdiocese of Montreal, it is necessary that you send a notice to the Clerk of the Superior Court of the Montreal Courthouse: **1 Notre-Dame Street East, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1B6**, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

If you have already filed an individual lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Montreal seeking compensation for a sexual assault committed by one of their diocesan ordained priests or lay employees, you are already excluded from the class. In order to be included in the class, you must discontinue this individual lawsuit no later than 30 days from this notice. Persons who are excluded from the Class are not eligible for the Settlement Agreement.

**The hearing on the approval of the Settlement Agreement and legal fees will be held on June 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the Montreal Courthouse, in room 16.06.**

**Class Members who wish to object to the Agreement or fees may contact Plaintiff's counsel for the objection process.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO REGISTER TO THE CLASS ACTION**

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