

Bridge

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Important Dates

<u>November 9th</u> Annual SASMAD Pilgrimage to Granby with the Trinitarian Fathers. Two teachings (*in French*), Eucharist and free time. \$50 with a hot lunch, \$40 if you bring your own lunch. To register call 514-272-4441

November 16-17, 2018

Parish Vitality Conference at Loyola High School

Check out the Pastoral Home Care booth at the Catholic Community Rally from 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 16th followed by the awarding of the Bishop Crowley Award and the conference keynote address with Fr. James Mallon

Saturday-Plenary sessions and workshops from 9 a.m-3 p.m. followed by a Mass presided by Fr. Mallon at St Ignatius of Loyola

(Conference is in English, French translation available)

> Register online: www.parishvitality.com

Things are moving at SASMAD!

We have been as busy as bees at SASMAD this Fall with lots of requests for visits, projects and transitions. Our English sector had their ninth annual retreat with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine on September 28th, attended by about 40 people. We have also been working on our missionary launch in the diocese, including the missionary tables taking place around the city (<u>https://diocesemontreal.org/en</u>). Parish PHC/SASMAD teams have been meeting to organize around the ever-growing need we are seeing to accompany isolated seniors and those dealing with serious illness in our neighbourhoods.

Our *Friends of Mercy* Prayer Association is up and running! Meant for beneficiaries of our service and retired volunteers who would like to support our ministry in prayer, you can sign up by contacting Cathie or Sr. Claire Williams SSA at: williams-cssa@uoutlook.com

There is currently a new formation underway in French with seven new volunteers being trained. One of those is a new SASMAD Coordinator who will work with our team three days a week. SASMAD is currently branching out with volunteer initiatives in Quebec City, Valleyfield and Haiti!



We extend our best wishes to Anaclet Bahori our administrator at SASMAD for the last five years who has gone on to new things. He will remain connected as a SASMAD volunteer. Wishing you many blessings, Anaclet!



Have you had your picture taken yet for your SASMAD **identification badge**? If not, please contact 514-925-4300 ext. 354 or your parish coordinator.

We bid farewell to Stacy Charasidis who has served as Associate Director of the Office of English Pastoral Services and now shares her talent as Director of Human Resources for the Archdiocese. We warmly welcome Martina McLean as the new Associate Director of O.E.P.S. Welcome, Martina!

Stay tuned for dates for basic formation of new volunteers to take place in the Fall/Winter. Know someone who is interested in becoming a volunteer? They can register by calling 514-925-4300 ext. 354.

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