

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 89 – NOVEMBER 7, 2023
THE BISHOP IGNACE BOURGET DIOCESAN MEDAL OF MERIT

**To members of pastoral teams,
To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs,
To the faithful active in their communities,
To members of religious communities,
To Archdiocesan staff,**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than 40 years, our Diocesan Church has recognized the involvement of individuals or institutions by presenting them the *Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Medal of Merit*.

This diocesan recognition coincides with the following goals:

- **To enliven** pastoral creativity and to inform communities, neighbours, families, youth people and neighbourhoods of the most rewarding initiatives at the service of the Mission.
- **To highlight** the important contribution of an organization or an individual to the world transformation, for having listened to the joys and struggles of the people.
- **To encourage** the members of the Diocese to get involved in one of the Christian and civilian community aspects: faith education; reception of migrants and refugees; concerns for the elderly, the sick and isolated people; safeguarding our common home, etc.

I strongly invite you to suggest not only individuals, but also teams and organizations worthy of receiving this recognition for their action in view of the goals listed above. Please send your detailed suggestion **before Friday, December 1st, 2023**, to the following email address: vg@diocesemontreal.org

The next presentation of the *Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Medal of Merit* will take place as part of the Archbishop's Homecoming-Retrouvailles with the pastoral staff around the feast of the Epiphany, more precisely on **January 10, 11 and 13, 2024**.

More details will follow.

In the Risen Lord,



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