

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 109 – OCTOBER 16, 2024
THE BISHOP IGNACE BOURGET DIOCESAN MERIT

**To Members of Parish Teams,
To our Clergy, PCLs, and 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 45 years, our Diocesan Church has recognized the involvement of individuals or institutions by presenting them the *Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Merit Award*.

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 a **detailed letter** explaining your suggestion **before Friday, November 22, 2024**, to the following email address: meritediocesain@diocesemontreal.org

The next presentation of the *Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan 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 8, 9 and 11, 2025.

In Jesus,

Charles Langlois, PSS
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia