

IMPORTANT DATES:

**Monday, October 7**

**The Loss of Spouse Support Group** will meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. An in-person gathering will also be scheduled soon. If you would like to add your name to our mailing list, please contact Cathie at [cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org)

**Friday, October 11**

**Friends of Mercy Prayer Time** at 3:00 p.m. online. Link will be sent via email.

**Monday, October 21**

**Connect and Grow:** a chance for all volunteers to share about their experience of visiting. **Online** at 7:00 p.m. Link will be sent in an email closer to the date.

**Fridays, Nov. 8, 22, 29 & Dec. 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**The Chosen:** Online faith-sharing on the life of Christ.

**Wednesday, November 13**

**Mass for Deceased Priests** at St. Patrick's Basilica at 12:10 p.m.

**Friday, November 15**

**Farewell Mass** for Bishop Alain Faubert at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, 7:00 p.m.

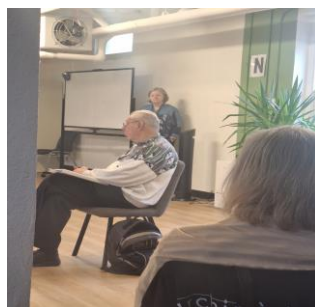


## Giving Thanks!

We have much to be thankful for in our ministry of spiritual care for those who are sick and elderly! We have a wonderful new group of volunteers who were trained last month, and another group trained in French with **Christiane Lemaire**. Our service is expanding with training taking place in Joliette and Ste-Hyacinthe. **God is good!**

One of the most recent blessings we have received was our day of retreat together with **Deacon Gerry Turpin** where he shared his experience of working with the Inuit and Cree communities up North. What a witness to the power of presence!

God continues to guide our SASMAD ministry and bless those we visit through your commitment, your careful listening and your care for others.



**Deacon Gerry Turpin – Retreat 2024**

**Training: Focus on the Victims of Abuse**

As you know, all diocesan volunteers are required to take the abuse prevention training offered by the Archdiocese. The next session in English will be held on **Sat., November 2, 2024**, 9 a.m-4 p.m. at the diocesan offices downtown (2000 Sherbrooke St. West, H3H 1G4).

To register or to find dates for the formation in French, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have already taken the formation, you do not need to take it again.

Please notify Cathie with the date that you have completed the training so we can complete your volunteer file.



**Basic Formation Fall 2024:** (pictured above) **Gerry Sims, Linda Carfagnini**

**Joyce Constantin, Marlynne Danaher Shama Masih, John Wilkinson, Kathleen Landry, Jeyarathnarajah (Jey) Gaspar, Isabelle Moore, Lyndabel Musngi and Cathie Macaulay.**

For those who would like to complete unfinished modules of the formation, an **online session** will be taking place in **November 2024** (Modules 1,2,3) and **January 2025** (Modules 4,5,6). Contact Cathie for more information.

Would you or someone you visit like to join our prayer team at **Friends of Mercy?** If you have an intention to pray for or would like to become a member, contact [misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com](mailto:misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com)

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