

DO YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MONTREAL?

HERE ARE THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF PLANNED GIVING:

1 GIFT BY WILL
Through your will, you can bequeath some or all of your assets, such as: bank accounts, equity and bond investments, guaranteed investment certificates, land, immovables, residue of your pension plan, life insurance on your death, etc. If you wish to make a bequest to the Archdiocese of Montreal, please do so on behalf of: CORPORATION ARCHIEPISCOPALE CATHOLIQUE ROMAINE DE MONTRÉAL.

2 DONATION OF PUBLICLY TRADED OR OTHER SECURITIES
Donation of publicly traded shares (or other securities such as bonds, units of mutual funds or stock options) is beneficial for a donor who wishes to make a donation to the Archdiocese without requiring its liquidity. This type of donation is particularly attractive in the case of shares or securities whose value has greatly increased, since the capital gain realized through the increase in the value of the shares will not be taxable.

3 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR PURCHASE OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY
You can transfer to the Archdiocese a life insurance policy that you currently hold or you could subscribe to a new life insurance policy, naming the Archdiocese as beneficiary.

4 DONATION OF AN RRSP OR RRIF
Consider the gift of a RRIF in your lifetime: anyone aged 71 or older who does not need the income from compulsory withdrawal from their RRIF.



If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Benoît Cardin**, CPA, CGA, Director, Development and Planned Giving at **514-925-4342** or by e-mail at **bcardin@diocesemontreal.org**

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†H.E. Most Rev. Christian Lépine

Dear Friends of our Annual Collection,
In this newsletter, I would like to highlight the significant contribution being made by Pastoral Home Care (SASMAD), a service offered under the auspices of the Catholic Church of Montreal in the form of spiritual accompaniment for the sick and the elderly in their homes.

SASMAD helps to foster a Church of outreach, a Church that bears witness to the presence of a merciful Christ who reveals Himself to us through a loving concern for those who are wounded or suffering.

This pastoral home-care apostolate is part of the “missionary shift” we are undertaking and addresses a desire of our Holy Father Pope Francis; it is, in fact, an apostolate supporting the gift of life, available to all the sick, homebound and their families, regardless of their illness, disability, age or living conditions.

In heeding Christ’s message in the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 25:40): *“I tell you solemnly in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me,”* we recognize that caring for our neighbours is a great responsibility.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank you for your commitment and your generosity toward the Catholic Church of Montreal.

May God keep you in his joy and help us remain steadfast in hope. He is always with us, no matter what befalls us.

†H.E. Most Rev. Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

GOD MAKES HIMSELF CLOSE

SASMAD is a diocesan service offered by the Catholic Church of Montreal in existence for more than 27 years. SASMAD complements the pastoral health care ministry of our priests and their Christian communities in order to reach out to the home-bound who are in need of spiritual and religious support. Over the years, SASMAD has established close collaboration with different institutions in the public health network with their home support programs.

- 400 wonderful SASMAD volunteers to date have been recruited and trained by an excellent leadership team, consisting of six coordinators working on the front lines and continually who handle sensitive and urgent situations;
- This service responds to the rising requests for accompaniment (300 - plus annually).

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, "I was sick and you visited me," serves as the foundation for the Service's mission, which can be summarized as follows:

Witnessing the presence of God, by reaching out to others in a loving way and, as such, enabling God to get closer.

HOW DO SPIRITUAL NEEDS FIT WITH HOME CARE?

Drawing God closer, sometimes without even mentioning Him, essentially means being an ongoing, loving and open-minded presence.

It involves deep listening and being present in the moment, to help people escape their sense of isolation, through conversation and other kindnesses that soothe the heart and enable the people being visited to find peace, calm, hope, stability and meaning in their lives.

Is there anything more spiritual than love, helping one another, generosity, sharing, patience, comfort and compassion? The list could go on and on... and pastoral care providers live out this ministry with loving hearts, in their desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Religious support forms part of pastoral home care services and can be given should the need be expressed by the person being visited. For instance, making God present through the Eucharist, or any other sacrament, is very important to those who believe. It becomes invaluable in helping them to live in the moment. This spiritual care can be offered directly at home by volunteers.

SASMAD publishes two monthly newsletters, one in French (**Liens entre nous**) and one in English (**The Bridge**). Subscription is free upon request at: sasmad@diocesemontreal.org

Another pastoral care initiative, **The Friends of Mercy**, has been established in the form of a Prayer Network devoted to the sick under the care of SASMAD.

If you feel a personal call to volunteer or know people who could benefit from that service, do not hesitate to contact us.

André Dupré
Diocesan Director, SASMAD



HERE IS HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP

By giving to the Annual Collection, you support various projects under the mantle of the Archdiocese of Montreal, such as:

Youth Ministry "Mission Jeunesse"

- More than 5,000 adolescents and young adults benefit from various activities including:
- Training courses, retreats, pilgrimages and sports tournaments for the youth of this Diocese.

Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family

- Accompaniment and preparation for more than 700 couples considering marriage.
- Many conferences and seminars on issues related to ethics and end-of-life care.

Accommodation for elderly or sick priests at Angus Square

- Health care and quality of life respecting the dignity of human life are provided.
- 57 priests live at Angus Square: 10 are non-autonomous, 22 are semi-autonomous and 25 are autonomous.

Migrants and Refugees

- A shelter (welcome centre): « Le Pont », accommodates at least 20 people on an ongoing basis.
- Accompaniment to 10,000 agricultural migrants who arrived in 2017.
- More than 703 refugees sponsored, and more than 351 applications submitted.

Pastoral Home Care (SASMAD)

YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDER SPECIAL MASS

Thanksgiving for the benefactors of the Catholic Church of Montreal presided by His Excellency, Archbishop Christian Lépine

ON OCTOBER 19, 2019 AT 10 A.M.

MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD BASILICA
1085, rue de la cathédrale,
Montréal (Qc) H3B 2V3

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.:
Refreshments in the parish hall

YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

Note: To help us cater for refreshments, please confirm your attendance to Coralie Blain,
☎ 514-925-4300, ext. 238 or
✉ cblain@diocesemontreal.org

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN,



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