



Archbishop of Montreal

Pastoral Letter:

Message to the 610 seminar participants of VVA Phase II

December 16, 2022

Dear Collaborators churchwardens, employees, catechists and SASMAD volunteers,

In just a few days we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Redeemer Son of God. In this spirit of Joy and Hope I am reaching out to you simply to say **Thank You!**

Just last week we completed the first cycle of Phase II of our mandatory Focus on Victims of Abuse (VVA) training program. From October 15 to December 6, more than 600 churchwardens, employees, catechists, SADMAD volunteers and clergy participated in one of the 10 one-day-long seminars presented in church facilities across the archdiocese. I sincerely thank you for your support and offer you my best wishes for a peaceful and blessed Christmas celebration for you and your loved ones.

Here are a few encouraging and inspiring testimonies collected during the fall seminars:

“Continue searching for ways to expand, extend and share this as a best practice throughout the Church worldwide.”

“This is one of the most effective sessions I ever received about the issue of sexual abuse, especially from church authorities.”

“The session was very enlightening. I am glad the Archdiocese is the leader in the path of reconciliation.”

“The creation of the Ombudsman position is fantastic. It gives me hope for the future of the Catholic Church.”

“The training was excellent. The presence of a victim makes the training concrete.”

We all know how essential it is to continue working together to achieve lasting results in this very important issue. In a concerted effort to contribute to the success of our reform and transformative change, I need your support for the upcoming seminars. That is why I am reaching out to you and ask that you kindly forward this message to your colleagues and friends in the ministry to invite, encourage and motivate those who have not yet participated. They can easily register for one of the next **8 VVA training seminars** to be held from **January 21 to April 29, 2023**.

They can register now by clicking on the **EventBrite link** for their preferred date and location. This training is offered free of charge and each of the sessions will be facilitated by inspiring speakers and they will include significant moments of interaction.

Thank you again most wholeheartedly for your ongoing commitment and ecclesial collaboration.

Christmas Blessings upon you all, in Christ the Redeemer.

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**CALENDRIER – CALENDAR 2023
FORMATION VVA PHASE II PARTIE 2**

Jour / Day	Date	Début/Start Fin/End	Français English	ENDROIT/LOCATION	Lien EventBrite Eventbrite link
SATURDAY	21/01	09:00 à 16 :30	VVA11- EN	MARIE AUXILIATRICE DE RIVIÈRE-DES-PRAIRIES MISSION (EAST MONTREAL)	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vva11-putting-victims-first-en-tickets-488156929517
SAMEDI	28/01	9 :00 AM to 4 :30PM	VVA12- FR	NOTRE-DAME DES CHAMPS CHURCH REPENTIGNY	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva12-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489040081047
SAMEDI	18/02	09 :00 à 16 :30	VVA13- FR	ST-THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH (WEST ISLAND)	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva13-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489078315407
SATURDAY	11/03	09:00 à 16 :30	VVA14- EN	MÈRE DES CHRÉTIENS MISSION (SOUTH WEST MONTRÉAL)	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vva14-putting-victims-first-en-tickets-488268262517
MARDI	21/03	06 :30pm à 9h : 30pm	FR	NOTRE-DAME-DE- L'AMOUR DIVIN CHURCH LAVAL EAST – 2 EVENING SESSIONS	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva18-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489085797787
MERCREDI	22/03	06 :30pm à 9h : 30pm	FR		IMPORTANT : Réserver 1 billet pour chaque partie (donc 2 billets pour participer)
SAMEDI	25/03	09:00 à 16 :30	VVA15- FR	ÉGLISE PIE X CHURCH LAVAL WEST	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva15-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489079980387
SAMEDI	22/04	9 :00 AM to 4 :30PM	VVA16- FR	MARIE REINE DES CŒURS SHRINE (MTL CENTRE) (MÉTRO CADILLAC ACCÈS)	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva16-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489082116777
SAMEDI	29/04	09 :00 à 16 :30	VVA17- FR	St-SIXTE CHURCH	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/billets-vva17-virage-victimes-dabus-fr-489083551067

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