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PREVENTION – VIGILANCE – DISCLOSURE
FOCUS ON THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE - Awareness and Training Program

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dr. Delphine Collin-Vézina, clinical psychologist and full professor at McGill University, Director of the Centre for Research on Children and Families and Director of the Canadian Consortium on Child and Youth Trauma, explains that the psychological consequences of various forms of abuse are manifold and differ from one victim to another. She says, "Each person has his or her own life journey. Each person also has his or her own path of healing, and for different reasons. Some people will be able to bounce back from a situation, they will of course still experience certain consequences following the events they have experienced... So it's really important to have a personalized approach, to look at each person and understand that person's reality. And not expect that each victim will present exactly the same profile, that would be a really big mistake."¹

Module 1 – 'It's not just about sexual abuse' - which ends February 19, 2022, provides an opportunity to raise our awareness of the various forms of abuse, their distinct definitions, their prevalence, as well as the misconceptions that surround them ; Module 2 – 'Struck to the core' - which begins February 22, 2022, helps us understand the various impacts of abuse (psychological, sexual or physical) on the victims and on their loved ones.

The Module 1 offers some initial knowledge, it is a prerequisite training, it is important and necessary to complete it before you can follow the Module 2. There is still time to register for the Module 1. Please find attached the timetables for Module 1 and Module 2.

"Focus on the Victims of Abuse" provides the basic knowledge required in order to participate in the Victim-centred Approach that Archbishop Lépine encourages us to adopt. The Office of Responsible Pastoral Ministry invites you to register for Module 2 and wishes you a fruitful training session.

For any additional information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Benedicat Tibi Dominus †

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*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40*

¹ *Awareness and Training Program – FOCUS ON THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE : Prevention – Vigilance – Disclosure, Facilitator's Manual, Module 2 – Shocked to the core, Montreal, 2022, p. 25*