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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Responsible Pastoral Ministry is every pastoral action committed to never exercising sexual, emotional, financial or physical abuse against any minor or vulnerable person, in order to protect the dignity and integrity of all people, because they are "in the image of God". Aware of its duty to watch over the safety and integrity of those to whom it brings the message of the Gospel, the policy of the Responsible Pastoral Ministry of the Archdiocese of Montreal aims to: prevent the abuse towards children, young adults and vulnerable people; protecting clergy, staff and volunteers against allegations of wrongdoing ; preserving the image and reputation of the Catholic Church in the diocese of Montreal ; training and supporting the clergy, staff and volunteers; and reporting of all incidents involving abuse, neglect and/or injury.

In this regard, the Archdiocese of Montreal is implementing the "Awareness and Training Program on the VICTIMS OF ABUSE VIRAGE" to raise awareness and train clergy, staff and volunteers within the Catholic Church of Montreal on the impact of abuse on victims and the importance of being vigilant and promptly denouncing any behavior or any unacceptable or worrying situation to the Ombudsman. All candidates for religious orders and current staff of diocesan institutions, whether clerical, pastoral or otherwise, paid or volunteer, will receive this training, and all new staff members are urged to receive the training as well.

The objectives of the program are to provide training on the mechanisms of PREVENTION – VIGILANCE – DISCLOSURE.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Benedicat Tibi Dominus †

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*« En vérité, je vous le déclare, chaque fois que vous l'avez fait à l'un de ces plus petits,
qui sont mes frères, c'est à moi que vous l'avez fait ! »
Matthieu 25:40*