

## Important Dates

### World Day of the Sick 2019

The diocesan celebration of World Day of the Sick will be held on Saturday **February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019** at our new home base, St Isaac Jogues parish (1335 Chabanel E). Our day will include: lauds, Sacrament of the Sick, Eucharist and a simple community meal of soup and bread. The church and hall are wheelchair accessible via elevator. We will have a shuttle service from Cremazie metro for those taking public transportation. **PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE SHUTTLE BY CALLING 514-272-4441**

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Reminder that our Widow's Support group continues to meet **each first Monday of the month** from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Edmunds's parish. The next meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup>. New members are very welcome. We are planning a group for widowers in the New Year, please contact Cathie for more details.

## A BIG YEAR IN SIGHT!

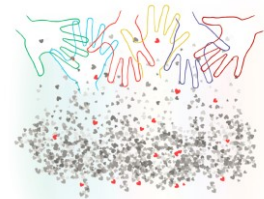
Happy New Year to all our volunteers and friends as we begin 2019! May the Lord bless this New Year and guide us in service and ministry.

This year promises to be as full as last year with our regular events: World Day of the Sick on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, formation for new volunteers this winter, promotion of our service in parishes and social service agencies, team meetings, coordinators meetings, meeting with new people requesting our service and matching them with volunteers, our growing Friends of Mercy network, our fall retreat and ongoing formation opportunities for our volunteers. Such privileged work! We are constantly attentive to where the Holy Spirit is calling our SASMAD ministry and we look forward to the new ways the Lord will be leading us in 2019. Many thanks for your faithful service and support!

Planning to attend our diocesan celebration of World Day of the Sick on February 9<sup>th</sup>?

Would you like to help out at the Mass or with the reception afterward? If so, let Cathie know and we will give you a job! If you cannot attend and would like us to pray for someone who is sick, please submit your intention and it will be prayed for as part of our day of prayer.

Our cards for World Day of the Sick 2019 are ready!



Each year we prepare a card to distribute to those we visit to celebrate World Day of the Sick. The card for 2019 are now available for pick up at 2000 Sherbrooke St W. or through special arrangement. Contact Cathie or your PHC parish coordinator to reserve your (free) cards in French or English by calling or e-mailing the PHC office.

Congratulations to the 15 new SASMAD volunteers who completed their formation in French at Notre Dame d'Egypte in Laval in December. An English formation will be held this winter. Details to follow. Any interested new volunteers can contact the PHC office to register and begin the police check.



Our **Friends of Mercy** Prayer Association is growing! Meant for beneficiaries of our service and retired volunteers who would like to support our ministry in prayer, you can sign up by contacting Cathie or Sr. Claire Williams SSA at: [williams-cssa@outlook.com](mailto:williams-cssa@outlook.com)

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