

A Beautiful Ending to the Year!

IMPORTANT DATES

Strength Finders

The Office for English Pastoral Services is hosting a Living Your Strengths interactive workshop on June 1st at 9:00a.m. at St. Monica's Parish. Due to the demand, another session will be planned in the Fall. Details to come.

Bereavement Groups

Widow(er) Support Group will end the year with a breakfast on Monday, June 3. We will meet at Ben and Florentine on St. Charles Blvd. at 9:30a.m. As we have had requests for an evening meeting to accommodate those who are not available during the day, we have an evening group that will meet next on Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockaberry on Sources Blvd.

The Men's Bereavement Group will meet on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00p.m. with facilitator Bill Curran. This group is for men who have experienced any significant loss.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pastoral Home Care Retreat Friday September 28th from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. at St. John Fisher Parish. Details to come.

As the pastoral year winds down for the summer, we are blessed to reflect on many fruits of our ministry. We have had three recent basic formation session, two in French and one in English. The formation at St. Thomas à Becket will finish up in June and is training 16 new volunteers for the English sector. We have been blessed to celebrate the ordination to the permanent diaconate of two of our SASMAD volunteers, **Nick Giampaolo** (Marie Auxiliatrice) and **Dawood Masih** (St. Francis of Assisi) on May 24th. We anticipate the upcoming priestly ordination of **Bruno Cloutier** (ND de la Trinité in Verdun) who has been an active SASMAD volunteer for the last four years. He will be ordained on June 22nd at 1:00 at ND de la Trinité.

Summer is a time to reflect, catch our breath and enjoy a different pace of activity. You are encouraged to keep up your visits over the summer, but to take some time too to take a break and renew yourself. Please keep an eye out for vulnerable seniors especially as the temperature starts to climb and those who are isolated become more at risk. Your engagement, your faithfulness and your kindness is very much appreciated and this is the heart of our service. Thank you for all that you do and all that you are! The SASMAD office will be open throughout the summer if you need help and support.! The Bridge will resume in September. Have a safe and restful summer!

FRIENDS OF MERCY

Do you know someone who is unable to visit but would like to support SASMAD in prayer? Why not ask them to join the **Friends of Mercy**? For more info contact Arlene Provoteaux at arlene2155@videotron.ca

Visit Reports

Please remember to fill out your visit reports on a regular basis. Here is the link: <https://www.bishopdowd.net/sasmad>

ID Badges

Our SASMAD ID badges are ready! Many of the badges are now available through your team leaders. If you have not had your picture taken yet, contact us and we will arrange it.

Updating List

If you are a SASMAD volunteer and you have not yet had your police check, please contact Cathie so we can make arrangements for this to be done in the summer.



The CND Sisters are looking for someone to provide pastoral care to the English Sisters in their infirmary in NDG. This is a paid position for two half days a week. The person would need to be bilingual, have good pastoral skills and be available to begin soon. If you or someone you know is available, please contact Cathie before June 15th.



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