

IMPORTANT DATES

Strawberry Tea

SASMAD Team Coordinators
Thursday, May 9th 10:00a.m.-
12:00 p.m. followed by our
regular meeting

Basic Formation

(in English)

Tuesday evenings
May 14th through June 18th
6:30-9:00 p.m.
St Thomas a Becket Parish

*Registration Required at 514-
925-4300 ext 354*

And two sessions in French

May 4,11,18,25 at St Isaac
Jogues Parish **OR**

May 11, 12, 25, 26 at Notre
Dame des Sept Douleurs in
Verdun Call 514-272-4441

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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
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Don't forget to fill out your
VISIT REPORTS on a regular
basis. You can log in at:

<https://www.bishopdowd.net/sasmad/>

Where we are...

A word from our director:

The year 2018-2019 was marked by the move and centralization of resources in a new workplace. The welcome of the Parish team at Saint Isaac Jogues, the Parish Priest, Father Nicolas, vicar Philippus, Lyne the secretary and Richard allowed us to make a smooth transition. This year, new staff joined the Sasmad management team: Ms. Maria-Regina Melo, part-time coordinator and Ms. Bérénice Acosta Samano, administrative assistant, without forgetting Francis who gives us a hand in the update of the database. It is now more than urgent to hire a full-time coordinator for the Laval-Repentigny region. Throughout the year, we have developed links and partnerships with those involved in the "missionary shift", that is to say, our pastors and parish communities, some deaneries and Offices / Services of the diocese.

We also lived with you, Sasmad volunteers, moments of grace such as retreats, a pilgrimage, the World Day of the Sick, ongoing formation, etc. All this in order to nourish the sacred fire that lives in you and to take care of you without whom the Service simply would not exist.

We should also mention all the efforts made in the recruitment and training of new volunteers, the promotion of the Service, the development of Sasmad in some other dioceses, the setting up of our Prayer Association "The Friends of Mercy" and the collaboration with social service, health and community organizations. All this work, for the sole purpose of meeting the spiritual or religious needs of sick or elderly people at home, allows us to say that the Sasmad has become an important player in home care. The 300+ annual requests for spiritual accompaniment bear witness to this. In short, the 2018-2019 pastoral year has been fertile in progress and this wealth reveals out loud that "Yes, there is life in this Catholic Church in Montreal, yes there is life in this diocese. Hallelujah".

André Dupré, Director of Sasmad

Thanks to all who attended our recent formation sessions. About 50 people attended the session on Grief given by Bill Curran on April 11th and we had a wonderful morning (in French) with Alessandra Santopadre who spoke about her work with asylum seekers and refugees and the connections between our ministries. Thanks to all!



Pastoral Home Care – SASMAD English sector

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