

On the Mission... in a RED zone!

IMPORTANT INFO:

Saturday October 10, 2020

Francine Baudelet, SASMAD Coordinator will once again lead us in an hour of prayer (in French) from 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Register to get the link by calling the SASMAD office at 514-272-4441. Her lovely PowerPoint will be made available to volunteers in both languages.

The diocesan **Spiritual Support Line** continues to be active.

Anyone can call between 10:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. seven days a week at 1-888-305-0994

Did you know that **English Mass** is now being broadcast daily on Salt and Light TV from Mary Queen of the World Cathedral? For more info see:

<https://tinyurl.com/English-Mass-MQW>

The Archdiocese of Montreal has published an e-book with reflections on pastoral care during the pandemic by Msgr. Christian Lépine. Click here to download it for free:

<https://tinyurl.com/ebook-Msgr-Lepine>

Friends of Mercy

If you have any **prayer requests**- or would like to join in regular prayer for those we visit, please contact our Friends of Mercy at:

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Are you up to date with your **VISIT REPORTS**?

You can log in at:

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

The month of October is when we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, which will be held all over the world on October 18th of this year. Focusing on "Mission" has special meaning to us all this year. With Catholics worldwide, we pray and support all missionaries who are bringing care, compassion and the word of God to those in need all over the globe.

In our own context it is a good time to reflect on our local role as missionaries as SASMAD volunteers. This year, unlike any other, our service to the ministry of visiting the sick and elderly persons in our community has the added dimension of supporting those disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 virus and has had us all reflect on how we can be present to others in a 'hot' zone. For us, for now... this is by telephone/videochat.

With inspiration from the many women and men of faith who have gone before us, we continue to bring words of hope and love to many isolated seniors, those who are dealing with acute or chronic illness and those suffering from mental health challenges.

In the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic, Catholic Sisters became the unexpected heroes of care and compassion as journalist Kiley Bense writes: *"One hundred years on, the work of the sisters provides us a model to follow and aspire to in this uncommon time: one that presses us to look for ways to support our neighbors rather than shrinking from them, to acknowledge our fears but to find courage in the strength of our communities, and ultimately to put others before self,"*

Let us be inspired by their mission, on OUR mission! To read more see full article at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3vzcozu>.



As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, focusing on gratitude in our phone visits can be a blessing! What are you grateful for this day, this year, at this time of uncertainty?

SASMAD News

Our widow and widower support group continues to meet each first Monday of the month. For more info please contact Anne at parsoa2003@yahoo.com.

We will continue to be in touch every Monday with our **Check In** e-mail. If you are not receiving it and would like to, contact Cathie.

Our **Parish Coordinators** met on September 17th and shared all the good works happening in your teams! Contact your team leader for all the info shared.

We are updating our **volunteer list**! If you are no longer visiting or would like to be removed from our list, please contact Cathie.

Stay tuned for news of our new SASMAD website!

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