

Moving into Fall!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, September 11th

from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Francine Baudelet, SASMAD coordinator will host a pray session in French for our volunteers. She will prepare a lovely PowerPoint that will be available to you for prayer anytime. Contact 514-272-4441 or sasmad@diocesemontreal.org to register.

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Bilingual Zoom gathering with Msgr. Christian Lépine from 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Archbishop Lépine has offered to connect with all our SASMAD volunteers again to share experiences and to offer spiritual guidance in our ministry. An invitation will be sent to you shortly and you can register through the link that is sent.

Be sure to mark your calendar!

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/>



September brings with it a new energy, a bite in the air and an upswing of activity. This year, in the midst of our 'new normal', there is an added uncertainty and caution to the rhythms of Fall. We know that in times of insecurity, we rely on one another and on God. We are so grateful for your presence in the lives of those you visit, and we want you to know that SASMAD is here for you. Our team wants to be a source of support and to listen to you and what is going on in your life and with your visits. Do not hesitate to talk to us if you feel the need.

Thank you for the many responses we received to our online survey. We received over 50 responses just from the English sector! It was important to get a sense of what is helpful to you and where your comfort levels are as we move forward with our visits. What was clear was that a great many of you felt that you would like to wait for in-person visits until there is a great improvement in the rate of transmission of the Coronavirus. Your safety and the safety of those you visit, most of whom are very vulnerable, is utmost in our minds. It is clear that your telephone visits are making a difference and that, while it is not the same as being face to face, it is the best way to support our seniors at the moment. So, for the moment our guidelines remain the same (see below). May you continue to find God in the unexpected this Fall!

Deconfinement recommendations from SASMAD:



RED: COMMUNION VISITS at home

YELLOW: VISITING OUTSIDE respecting health guidelines: 2 metre distance, wear a mask, hand washing each time you touch something.

GREEN: TELEPHONE OR VIRTUAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Please feel free to discuss any particular situation with your coordinator.

Seniors Action Quebec provides conferences on topics that are important to Quebec seniors. They have two upcoming events this month that may be of interest to you and those you visit:

Culture of Change in Long Term Care in Quebec

September 9th 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Safe Use of Medication: Do I Still Need this Medication?

September 22nd 9:30-11:00 a.m.

To register for these online workshops, contact:

<https://www.seniorsactionquebec.ca/en/events/upcoming.html>

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