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IMPORTANT DATES:

<u>Monday, May 3</u> Widow and Widower Support Group 9:30 -11:30 a.m. For more info, contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183

> Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

<u>Tuesday, May 11</u> SASMAD prayer time at 3 p.m.

(bilingual) with images and prayers by Francine Baudelet. Contact sasmad@diocesemontreal.org to register for the Zoom link.

<u>Thursday, May 13</u> Strawberry Tea PHC Coordinators' Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Zoom.



Celebrating Our Volunteers!

We all know that the work of the Church in Montreal could not continue without the faithful work of volunteers like yourself. We thought you might be interested in learning more about the profile of SASMAD volunteers from our 2019 statistics:

In all sectors, the vast majority of SASMAD volunteers are women. The total average is 77% women and 23% men. The average age of volunteers, across all sectors, is 67.8 years. The majority of volunteers are from cultural communities (54%). 17% of SASMAD volunteers are from Africa, 13% from Latin America, 11% from the Caribbean, 7% from Europe and 6% from Asia. The Central region has the highest proportion of SASMAD volunteers who are women religious, 40 in all, across the sectors. 70% of SASMAD volunteers are retired.

The majority of SASMAD volunteers, about 75%, speak two or three languages.

What a generous and diverse group we are! We are so grateful for all that you do and all that you are!

On May Day each year, we reflect on the needs of workers globally. This year we pray particularly for the needs of front-line workers, health care staff and those who work in seniors' residences. We also think of all those who are without work, and those whose work has significantly shifted throughout the pandemic. You can read the letter from the Quebec Bishops: Towards a Just Recovery <u>here</u>.



To donate to the annual Archdiocesan campaign, please click <u>here</u>.

May is the month of our Mother, Mary.

Here is an icon called **Our Lady of the Journey**, by Iconographer <u>Kelly Latimore</u>.

Mary, guide us, protect us, and lead us to your son.



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