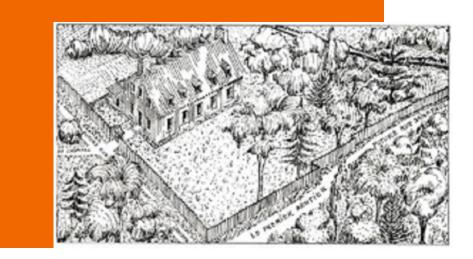Upon her arrival in Montreal on May 17, 1642, alongside Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, Jeanne Mance took an active role in founding the city on lands that were officially donated by the governor. She oversaw the construction of a medical centre in the tiny colony, and it was named Hôtel-Dieu. She was the only nurse there until she sent for members of the Religious Hospitallers of St Joseph in 1659. She treated the sick and the injured with compassion and devotion. She was the first secular nurse in all of Canada, and she remains a source of inspiration to this day. She stayed on as the head of Hôtel Dieu hospital until her death in 1673.

The Archdiocese of Montreal initiated a request for her beatification in 1959 and subsequently sent it on to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican. Her heroism and her virtues were recognized by the Vatican in 2013 and, on November 7, 2014, Pope Francis declared her venerable, the first of the three steps towards sainthood.

On May 17, 2012, to mark the 375th anniversary of the founding of Montreal, mayor Gérald Tremblay announced that the municipal council, following a special meeting, had adopted a decree officially recognizing Jeanne Mance as one of the co-founders of the city, alongside Paul Chomedey de

Maisonneuve. Mr. Didier Loiseau, mayor of the city of Langres, birthplace of Jeanne Mance, also attended the ceremony.

The venerable Jeanne Mance was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in April 2020. The mission of this national charitable organization is to recognize and celebrate medical heroes of the past, present and future.

Sister Madeleine Saint-Michel, herself a member of the religious order of the Religious Hospitallers of St Joseph, could not have made a better choice than Jeanne Mance as patron of Les Amis de Jeanne Mance foundation, which she founded in 1999. Even today, "nos amis" are the sick, the poor, those who pray for the sick and the deceased, as well as our kind benefactors who support the works of SASMAD/PHC.