

## Christmas is About Love

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### **Monday, December 6**

Support after the loss of your spouse from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Guest speaker: Fr. Mike Shaw.

For more info, contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183.

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The monthly prayer gathering for the Friends of Mercy will not be held in December but will resume in January.

SASMAD offices will be closed from **December 22 through January 3**, inclusively.  
Merry Christmas!

### SAVE THE DATE:

**World Day of the Sick 2022** celebration on **Saturday, February 12** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with Archbishop Christian Lépine at St-Isaac-Jogues Parish - details to come.

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Do you or the person you visit have a special **prayer intention**? Contact the Friends of Mercy at [misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com](mailto:misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com)

As we move toward Christmas and the coming of Jesus, let us use this time of preparation to focus our hearts on acts of loving service to others. Your visits and your faithful connection to those who are sick, elderly, or isolated, brings to life the message of Christmas: love coming close to us in the person of Jesus Christ.



### **SASMAD/PHC Basic Formation**

Welcome to our new PHC-SASMAD visitors in the English sector. We have 15 new volunteers who will be completing the basic formation on December 9.

#### **Congratulations to:**

Hector Andreu, Suzanne Brousseau, Leslie Calip, Myrna Castro, Theresa Coffey, Eileen Curran, Deborah Foley, Donna Hildebrand, Patricia Ja-Doi, Juliana Kong-Ire, Eric Lasota, Wanda Latkowska, Marie-Claire Newman, Violette Raherimaminiaina, Milagros Veyra.

Congratulations as well to the new volunteers in the French sector! We are delighted that you are now part of the SASMAD family!



**Christmas Prayer**  
by Pope John XIII

O SWEET CHILD OF BETHLEHEM,  
GRANT THAT WE MAY SHARE WITH ALL OUR  
HEARTS IN THIS PROFOUND  
MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS.  
PUT INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN AND WOMEN  
THIS PEACE FOR WHICH THEY  
SOMETIMES SEEK SO DESPERATELY  
AND WHICH YOU ALONE CAN GIVE TO THEM.  
HELP THEM TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER,  
AND TO LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
CHILDREN OF THE SAME FATHER.  
REVEAL TO THEM ALSO YOUR BEAUTY,  
HOLINESS AND PURITY.  
AWAKEN IN THEIR HEARTS LOVE  
AND GRATITUDE FOR  
YOUR INFINITE GOODNESS.  
JOIN THEM ALL  
TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE.  
AND GIVE US YOUR HEAVENLY PEACE.  
AMEN.

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### **SASMAD and World Youth Day!**

In partnership with Mission Jeunesse, SASMAD hosted an intergenerational encounter with youth and the Sisters of Ste- Anne on November 16, as part of diocesan World Youth Day activities. It was a great meeting between the young and young at heart!

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