

Synod Conversations

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, April 4

Grief support after the loss of your spouse. Please note the time change of our regular meeting: 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. New members are welcome. For more info, and the Zoom link, contact:

LossSpouseSupport@gmail.com

Friday, April 8

Synodal Conversation with SASMAD (in English), from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration before April 6 at:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/sasmad/en/home-2/>

Monday, April 11

Prayer Time with SASMAD and the *Friends of Mercy* at 3 p.m.

Link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82485607791>

Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 10 to
Easter Sunday, April 17**



We have been talking for a while now about the Synod that was initiated by Pope Francis last October. Now it is your turn to have your voices heard! SASMAD/PHC will be hosting two sessions, one in English and one in French to gather the reflections of volunteers on the Synod questions. You are invited to participate on either **Thursday, April 7** (in French) or **Friday, April 8** (in English). You can register [here](#).

Are you curious about what a synod is all about? It is a consultation of the people of God, a “walking together” to see where the Holy Spirit is moving in the hearts of the faithful and in the Church. Come and add your voice to the conversation. Feedback from our session will be considered as part of the diocesan report and this report will be part of the feedback that the Canadian Bishops will bring to Rome. Your voice is important.

Pope Francis noted that it is especially important to hear the voices of those who may be on the margins, those that we may need to put more effort into connecting with. With this in mind, we have adapted the Synodal questions for you, as volunteers, to consult with those you visit and to receive their responses for inclusion in this Synod process. Whether they are practicing Catholics, non-Catholic or non-religious, their wisdom is important. You can find instructions on this adapted process on our website:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/sasmad/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2022/03/Adapted-Process-for-the-Synod.pdf>

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Cathie or the SASMAD office.

ONGOING FORMATION

If you missed the excellent webinar held March 16 on **Identifying Elder Abuse** offered by *Seniors Action Quebec*, you can view the recording [here](#). Stay tuned for an upcoming formation on the subject of **Ageism** that is currently being planned. Also being planned, for the Easter season, is a retreat with **Archbishop Christian Lépine**.

FRIENDS OF MERCY

Our *Friends of Mercy* prayer ministry recently reported that in 2021 they received 943 prayer requests through 263 e-mails. In 2022 so far, they have received 166 requests. There are currently 91 members. Thank you to **Arlene, Francine**, and **Sr. Claire** for their dedication to this project. You can submit any prayer requests to: misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com

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