

A New Year of Service

On behalf of our whole team at SASMAD - **André Dupré, Bérénice Acosta, Francine Baudalet, Blanca Rodriguez, Maria Regina Melo, Christiane Lemaire** and our new coordinator for Central Montreal, **Thalia Vaussenat** - I would like to wish you a happy 2023 and an abundance of blessings to you and your family in this New Year.

This year will see us building on the mission given to us and confirmed in our Fall strategic planning retreat. The Spirit led us to focus on three main calls for our service:

1. **To consolidate the links** within our team in complementarity with the *Les Amis de Jeanne Foundation* to create a space of communication and trust.
2. **To return to the essentials of Matthew 25**, the source of our mission statement and to read the "signs of the times" about how to live this out in our current context. May joy be our compass.
3. **To be close to our volunteers** and to provide them opportunities for support. Solicit and maintain attitudes of trust, respect, and communication.

God is good!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, January 9

The Loss of Spouse Support Group meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. All are welcome. We have occasional coffee meet-ups during the year as well. To receive notices and the Zoom link please e-mail: LossSpouseSupport@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 17

Connect and Grow

7:00-8:30 p.m.

A new opportunity to share your experiences of visiting the sick/elderly and to grow from them. Held in an atmosphere of confidentiality and prayer.

All PHC/SASMAD visitors are welcome. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87366352963?pwd=NXo4cXFxczhRTStERXRWd3RlZjNyQT09>

Thursday, January 19

Friends of Mercy Prayer Time at 3:00 p.m. Prayer with the theme of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Do good; seek justice
(Isaiah 1:17)

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86833274815>

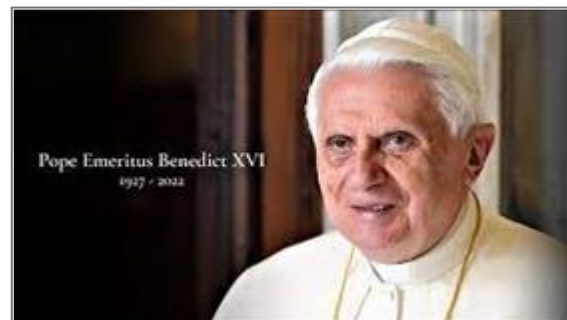
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2023

Saturday, February 11

This year we will meet once again at [St. Isaac Jogues Parish](#) (SASMAD headquarters) for celebration of the 31st annual World Day of the Sick, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

- 10:00 a.m. Rosary
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. Adoration; Opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation.
- 12:00 p.m. Mass for World Day of the Sick presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine.
- 1:00 p.m. Soup and Fellowship

A shuttle will be available to bring you from the Metro (Crémazie) to the parish and back again. 514-272-4441



"Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave."

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Carita Est*.

[Click here to view the funeral Mass of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.](#)



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