

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, May 1

The Loss of Spouse Support Group meets on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We have occasional coffee meet-ups during the year as well. Feel free to refer friends or those you accompany. To receive notices and the Zoom link please e-mail: LossSpouseSupport@gmail.com

Thursday, May 11

Year-end Parish Coordinators' Meeting, 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome.

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Monthly prayer time for the Friends of Mercy at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Wednesday, May 17

Connect and Grow - Come and share your experience of visiting in an atmosphere of confidentiality and support. Join us on Zoom from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

Save the Date!

Saturday, June 10

Transformed by the Body of Christ - a Parish Vitality event at St. John Fisher Parish in Pointe-Claire. For all those involved in parish liturgical ministry and all those who wish to be transformed through liturgy.

Emmaus



Do we not feel our hearts burn within us as we walk with others on their journey with aging or illness? Do we not sense the privilege of being present to Christ who is present to them? May this Easter season open our eyes to see more clearly the presence of the Risen Jesus in all our encounters!

Words of Legacy – In the Steps of Jeanne Mance

As part of our 30th anniversary, SASMAD launched a video with the reflections of **Sr. Madeleine St. Michel**, founder of SASMAD. The video (available for the moment only in French) will be released in our website shortly for all to enjoy. Check out the launch page on our website for more information: <https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/sasmad/en/words-of-legacy/>
 A wonderful way to celebrate our roots!

Focus on the Victims of Abuse Training

As you know, all SASMAD (and any parish) volunteers are now required to attend a full day session about abuse prevention hosted by the Archdiocese. The dates for the Spring sessions have been released: [https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/archdioces e/responsible-pastoral-ministry](https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/archdiocese/responsible-pastoral-ministry)

Sign up for a date that suits your schedule. If the dates don't work for you, do not worry! More dates will be added later this year.

We continue to do volunteer updates for all (police check, volunteer form and ID badges). Contact Cathie for more information.

Basic Formation

We have a group of seventeen new volunteers who will be completing their basic formation session this month!

We have volunteers from St. Edmund of Canterbury, St. Thomas à Becket, St. Kevin, Notre-Dame-de-Consolata, St. Malachy and St. Richard parishes.

Basic formation in **French** is also being offered please [view our website](#) for dates and info.



We continue to have MANY new requests. Thank you to all those who have recently agreed to a new accompaniment.

We still have people waiting to be matched in Lachine, LaSalle, Villeray and Côte-St-Luc.

Pastoral Home Care – SASMAD English sector

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