



Sharing the Good News



Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

*On behalf of the
communities
we serve,
a heartfelt*

Thank You.

IN SERVICE OF
GOD'S PLAN
FOR OUR
COMMUNITY

1 Million Children Praying the Rosary



Мільйон
дітей
молиться
вервицю
за мир у
всьому
світі

Якщо ви хочете, щоб ваша дитина взяла участь у цій ГЛОБАЛЬНІЙ ініціативі миру, будь ласка, перейдіть за посиланням нижче, щоб дізнатися більше.

Вівторок, 18 жовтня 2022 року, 19:00 - 19:30 EDT

» [One Million Children praying the Rosary \(acn-canada.org\)](https://acn-canada.org)

We shared this “Aid to the church in need” event with the Ukrainian Families, inviting them to register their children so they could join other children from around the world in praying for Peace and Unity in the World.

St. Ignatius Spirituality Centre & Catholic Action Volunteers

Dear Friends,

Our work at 9451 Gouin Boulevard has come to an end, however it has showered us with new Canadians and childhood milestones.

We have been blessed to meet and assist hundreds of families as they started their new lives in Canada, many in Quebec and others in New Brunswick and Manitoba. We have also made friends with some of them. The children who attend our daycare, debuted their French and English lessons, thanks to some novice Jesuits, Nader and Samuel, as well as through crafty activities.

A **HUGE** thank you to our many volunteers for their service at the welcome desk early on, for driving to appointments, to assisting the daycamp and daycare teams on outings and all the other “one of” assistances we received. Rest assured that your help is greatly appreciated by the newcomers.



Ignatian Spirituality
Centre of Montreal



Catholic Action
Montreal



First baby born as a resident of the Ukrainian project, welcome Daniel, a new Canadian.



First grandchild of an Ukrainian employee of the project, Welcome Nathan, a new Canadian.



We celebrated Ali's 1st birthday and 1st steps this month as well!

English Speaking Seniors – Making up for lost time

KEEPING OUR BUS DRIVERS BUSY

With renewed confidence our seniors and other community members have been busy breaking their isolation by enjoying this fall season. We had 9 apple picking trips, a fall Kinkora senior outing, picnics, and a myriad of other creative ways to enjoy our city and surrounding areas.

We even took young kids to a farm for a school project. We are thrilled to be able to bring joy to these, often, underserved groups. Thank you to the volunteer drivers that make these trips possible.



**Eva Marsden
Group
At Quinns Farm**



The Seniors from the YMCA visited : Les fromages du verger, Pommeraié Saint Joseph-du-lac, and enjoyed a picnic lunch. The threat of rain did not stop this eager gang.



**Lasalle D & D seniors,
Picnic, walk, and
collect leaves as they
enjoy a beautiful fall
day at Camp Kinkora!**



Catholic Community News



FOUNDATION OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
IN OMNIBUS CARITAS

A summary update to their members:

Dear members,

Thank you for participating in this year's Annual General Meeting. In total, 55 members attended – 22 in person and 33 online. Those present attended to the regular business of the AGM, including accepting the auditor's report and electing directors for the upcoming year. We took the opportunity to thank Michel Remy for his three terms of service on the Board of the Foundation, and welcomed Patrick Beirouti as a new director. In addition, Michael Robinson, the Foundation's bookkeeper, was thanked for his excellent and dedicated service over the years; he will be retiring this December.

A major point of business before the members was **the mandate to sell the Catholic Centre building** – after a spirited discussion of the options available to the Foundation, the members voted to approve the motion. With a clear mandate from our members, the Board may begin the process of selling the building. The first step is to consult with the tenants individually to begin to work out a plan for each of them. Once this initial consultation is complete, we will develop a prospectus and negotiations with developers can begin. Throughout this process, we will keep members and tenants informed via e-mail and the website. We plan to hold 'town hall' meetings towards the end of the calendar year to share the information gathered and to encourage discussion with members and tenants.

Catholic Action will keep you up to date as we learn more about the journey on this new path of the Foundation of Catholic Community Services.



You're invited to ask us anything!



The “Ask us Anything” livestream event was an evening of sharing information about our organizations with the larger community. If you missed the event you can watch it here, (fast forward to 14:27).

[Ask Us Anything - YouTube](#)



Featured organizations:

- † Catholic Action
- † Devine Renovation
- † English Speaking Catholic Council
- † Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal
- † Momentum, Catholic Single Mothers
- † Nazareth House
- † The Pillars Trust Fund



QCGN continues to advocate for the English Speaking Community

October 13th the QCGN held their annual AGM. As you know **Catholic Action** is a member and **Anna Farrow of the English Speaking Catholic Council, sits on their board.**

QCGN Members Strongly Endorse Battle Against Laws and Policies Eroding the Rights of English-speaking Quebecers

Montreal, October 14, 2022 – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) emerged from its 27th Annual General meeting Thursday evening equipped with a strengthened advocacy mandate, as members pledged to continue battling provincial and federal legislation that erodes the rights of English-speaking Quebecers. Members resolved unanimously to demand the Government of Canada withdraw Bill C-13, which dramatically alters the Official Languages Act in ways that would profoundly damage the vitality of English-speaking Quebec. Should the federal government prove unable or unwilling to quash the proposed legislation, QCGN members demanded it be significantly overhauled to ensure that language rights in federally regulated businesses apply to both English-speakers and French-speakers. This would ensure equity between French and English and safeguard linguistic duality as a national value. You can read the resolution here: [QCGN-AGM-Resolution9.pdf](#)

Members also instructed the Board of Directors to bring forward a resolution demanding the Government of Quebec to immediately suspend application of Bill 96 and refer it to the Quebec Court of Appeal so that its legality and constitutionality can be duly examined.

You can read for the full press release here: [QCGN-AGM.2022.10.14-243.pdf](#)



Breaking Isolation – We bought a BUS!

Thank you to our many generous donors who contributed to our GOFundMe initiative to purchase a new “used” bus.

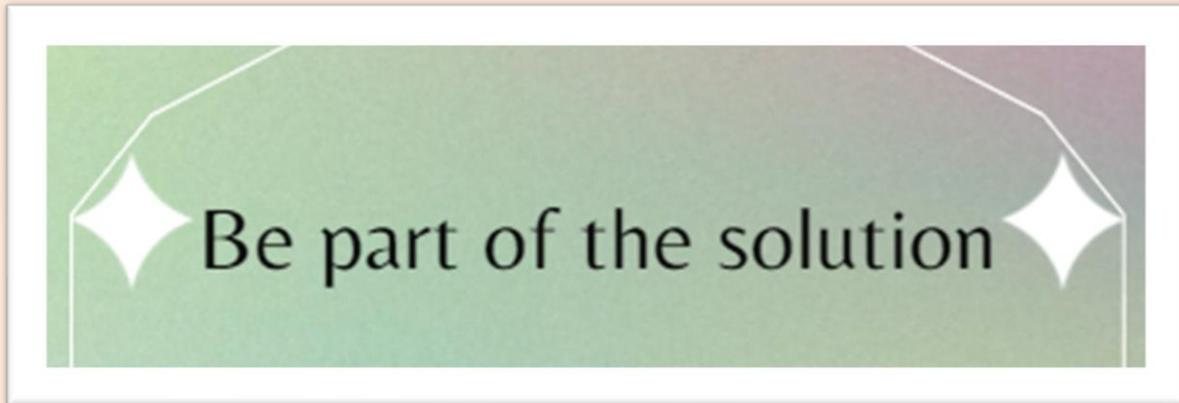
We are extremely happy to report we hit our \$80,000 target and purchased a 2017- 20 seater mini bus.

Special thanks to St. Patrick’s foundation who put out the challenge to the Father Dowd Foundation to “match” their gift which they did. These two great foundations helped us keep this great service alive.



Thank you again to all, stay safe and God bless!

Catholic Action “Expertise Pool” Openings



- † Grant Search and writer: jwong@catholicaction.ca
- † Clinical Counsellor for Ignatian Spirituality Project: jwong@catholicaction.ca
- † Fundraising Committee Volunteer: jwong@catholicaction.ca
- † Membership Drive Committee Volunteer: jwong@catholicaction.ca
- † Centre Ste. Antoine needs drivers Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00 for their meal delivery program jwong@catholicaction.ca
- † One Voice Senior community needs drivers with a class B license to drive the minibus to various outings which assist in breaking isolation
- † ANY INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: JWONG@Catholicaction.ca

Bible Trivia



Bible Trivia September Edition

1. Finish this proverb: "Where there is no vision, ..."
2. "And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh." Who is the dreamer in this verse?
3. Finish this Proverb: "Labour not to be ..."
4. Complete this verse: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth....."
5. Complete this verse from Job: "...for the price of wisdom is"
6. Who does God call: "...my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."?
7. Who said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."?
8. Who said: "Come now and let us reason together...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."?

Click below for the answers:

[Bible Trivia – Catholic Action Montreal](#)

Late Sunday Mass- Returning Soon

ALMOST THERE

THE LATE SUNDAY MASS

Returning soon - with a renewed spirit



Reflect with Jesus on your past week...
Start your new week with peace and joy!

Under our board member Arnel Javier's guidance, we will be calling on our members, lectors, and friends, to join the Late Sunday Mass committee as we renew this celebration of the Eucharist!

Already interested? Email me: jwong@catholicaction.ca

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Please help us – Join one of our committees

*Your gifts would be welcomed as we begin our strategic journey. Please consider joining one of these committees we are creating that will align with our strategic goals. Working with a board member, we have these options that will allow you to **“Use Your Gifts to Serve Your Neighbour”***

Not sure you have what it takes? Give it a try and let the Holy Spirit do the rest as we collaborate and inspire each other in service of Our Lord.

***Membership** – Calling and updating the membership list, sharing our message with other parishes and organizations.*

***Fund raising** – Building and implanting a fund-raising plan*

***Marketing/Branding** – Using your creative gifts – help us establish and implement our marketing and branding strategy.*





We are grateful for your spirit of community!



*The term 'Charity' is an old-fashioned notion often generating pity.
"We are a Catholic organization, and we don't want pity, we want partners to do the Lord's work."*

***Please consider Catholic Action in your annual charitable giving budget
NEW** we are now able to receive gifts of shares
Contact jwong@catholicaction.ca for more info***

Help us to continue helping others in Jesus' name.

God Bless!

<https://catholicaction.ca/give/>