



**Catholic Action
Montreal**

Sharing our gifts
to serve our neighbour



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TO OUR MEMBERS

*Message from the Chair
AGM 2023*

Dearest Members,

I hope and pray that this message finds you well.

Here we are at that time of year once again when we gather for our annual AGM and review and celebrate all that we have accomplished together as a community.

It has been a year of continued service and growth - as well as change and the preparation for transition. In late March we lost a cherished member of our Board of Directors – Fr. Robert Assaly, whose positive energy, thoughtful contributions, and friendship we deeply miss. We ask for continued prayers for his family.

In the Fall, as many of you know, our current Executive Director, Judy Wong, announced her plan to retire from her position as Executive Director of Catholic Action Montreal. This resulted in very heartfelt responses from the CAM Community and beyond – all expressing their appreciation of Judy and all of her efforts towards the mission of Catholic Action Montreal and in appreciation for the many positive connections and relationships she has built on behalf of CAM with individuals and organizations within the Catholic Community and with numerous partner groups in the community at large.

Judy very generously offered to stay on as we began the search for our next ED. Though we hoped and prayed we would find just the right person rather quickly – that wasn't to be. We found ourselves needing to re-post the position and are completing our second round of interviews. Judy's generous desire to help us keep Catholic Action going while we continue this process has allowed Catholic Action to continue to grow and serve in meaningful ways throughout the year. For this and for all of Judy's countless contributions throughout the years, we are eternally grateful. You will see the highlights of the past years' goings on in Judy's upcoming Annual Report presentation.

Once a new Executive Director is hired, we look forward to beginning to implement the strategic plan that we completed last spring (as well as freeing Judy to enjoy a well-deserved retirement!). We are excited about the goal of including more and more members of our CAM membership in shaping the future of Catholic Action Montreal - especially in the areas of our 4 Strategic Pillars. There is so much we can do when we gather the gifts, interests, expertise and hearts of our wonderful community towards our mission of putting our Faith into Action with the goal of having a meaningful, life-giving, and life-affirming impact in people's lives and within the community at large.

Be assured that we will update you once a new Executive Director has been chosen. In the meantime, please continue to keep Catholic Action Montreal in your prayers, and keep an eye out for opportunities to share your unique gifts and abilities in contributing toward the Greater Good and building God's Kingdom through our guiding values of Faith, Stewardship and Service.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each member on your Board of Directors – a very thoughtful, experienced, service-minded group of people who do so much to support and grow the mission of Catholic Action, and whose collective counsel and wisdom I am so grateful for. I am equally grateful to those who have served on the Board in the past, and those who will be moving on – for all their efforts in helping to lay the foundation of Catholic Action and bringing us to where we are today. We excitedly look forward to new participation on our board of Directors moving forward. The future is bright, indeed!

As always, a huge debt of gratitude goes out to our Executive Director, Judy Wong, whose passion, faith, commitment, and boundless energy and compassion has been such a blessing and has had a tremendous impact on the growth of Catholic Action and on the lives of so many.

And lastly, but most importantly, on behalf of our Board of Directors, I want to thank each of you for your continued support, input, and involvement as we - united and guided by faith - strive to serve, care for, and bring hope to others with humility, compassion and respect. We are always happy to hear from our members, who we represent and serve. Please do not hesitate to contact any of your board members to share your thoughts, suggestions, feedback, and/or what you are doing to serve others in your community.

We want to know about and celebrate what you do, so please do share your stories with us! We continue to look forward to collaborating with you in exciting ways as we move forward.

*Be assured of our prayers for you and may God Bless you and keep you.
Anna Graham Chair of the Board of Directors – Catholic Action Montreal*

Board of Directors:

Executive board: Anna Graham,

Patrick Gillespie (Treasurer), Cathie Macaulay (Secretary), Paul Donovan,

Board: Archbishop Christian Lépine, Jeremy Bieman, Kathleen-Rose Kennedy Chevalier
Jessica-Anne Jalea, Arnel Javier.

Executive Director: Judy Wong

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions on the Financial Statement, please email jwong@catholicaction.ca

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
3:58 PM				
2023-05-17				
Accrual Basis				
Action Catholique Montréal Catholic Action Montreal				
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison				
January through December 2022				
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Amts rec'd from Federal Gov't				
CEWS	0.00	24,974.26	-24,974.26	-100.0%
Total Amts rec'd from Federal Gov't	0.00	24,974.26	-24,974.26	-100.0%
Gifts rec' from other charities	62,073.50	34,500.00	27,573.50	79.9%
Investments	-625.01	23,266.77	-23,891.78	-102.7%
Late Sunday Mass collections	2,375.00	5,230.00	-2,855.00	-54.6%
Membership Fees	206.20	2,040.49	-1,834.29	-89.9%
New Bus Purchase	-24,017.50	0.00	-24,017.50	-100.0%
Other gifts - not receipted	3,377.44	555.10	2,822.34	508.4%
Tax-receipted gifts	17,281.75	17,968.48	-686.73	-3.8%
Total Income	60,671.38	108,535.10	-47,863.72	-44.1%
Expense				
Bank Service Charges	464.75	336.94	127.81	37.9%
insurance D&O	908.92	817.50	91.42	11.2%
Office Supplies	287.00	784.23	-497.23	-63.4%
Outside Services	869.07	1,176.20	-307.13	-26.1%
Payroll Expenses	59,126.76	57,435.68	1,691.08	2.9%
Professional Fees	3,433.61	6,417.96	-2,984.35	-46.5%
Rent Expense	4,368.73	6,682.52	-2,313.79	-34.6%
Transportation expense	4,732.85	4,650.51	82.34	1.8%
Total Expense	74,191.69	78,301.54	-4,109.85	-5.3%
Net Ordinary Income	-13,520.31	30,233.56	-43,753.87	-144.7%
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Action Catholique Montréal Catholic Action Montreal Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of 31 December 2022

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Chequing/Savings				
Claret	22,529.86	23,266.77	-736.91	-3.2%
Royal Bank	101,799.36	123,368.11	-21,568.75	-17.5%
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>124,329.22</u>	<u>146,634.88</u>	<u>-22,305.66</u>	<u>-15.2%</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	789.28	6,450.74	-5,661.46	-87.8%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>789.28</u>	<u>6,450.74</u>	<u>-5,661.46</u>	<u>-87.8%</u>
Credit Cards				
TD Visa	3,690.70	0.00	3,690.70	100.0%
Total Credit Cards	<u>3,690.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,690.70</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Other Current Liabilities				
CEBA	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.0%
GST/HST Payable	-1,403.05	-1,089.55	-313.50	-28.8%
GST/QST Payable	-6,927.52	-1,769.53	-5,157.99	-291.5%
Payroll Liabilities	2,034.34	3,377.44	-1,343.10	-39.8%
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>33,703.77</u>	<u>40,518.36</u>	<u>-6,814.59</u>	<u>-16.8%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>38,183.75</u>	<u>46,969.10</u>	<u>-8,785.35</u>	<u>-18.7%</u>
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Equity				
Unrestricted Net Assets	99,665.78	69,432.22	30,233.56	43.5%
Net Income	-13,520.31	30,233.56	-43,753.87	-144.7%
Total Equity	<u>86,145.47</u>	<u>99,665.78</u>	<u>-13,520.31</u>	<u>-13.6%</u>
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THE YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS – 2022-2023

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A year of welcoming, and breaking isolation.

Last summer, our volunteers showed exceptional dedication by going above and beyond their usual duties. We were thrilled to collaborate with Villa St. Martin Retreat Centre, a valuable addition to our Catholic Action team.

Starting with their capital fundraising initiative we introduced them to some of our partners including St. Patrick's Foundation. They have developed an excellent relationship and our moving forward with Father Kevin Kelly's renovation initiative.

Since Father Kevin was introduced to Catholic Action, he called on us for his important project assisting the Ukrainians as they arrived in Montreal .

As a temporary residence, the Ignatian Spirituality Centre (old Villa Saint Martin), re-opened its doors on June 16th to welcome Ukrainians, fleeing the war. Father Kevin invited us to meet with the minister of Immigration, the Red Cross and other 3rd party government groups. Catholic Action managed and scheduled the volunteers that were the welcoming group and drivers to take the Ukrainians to their Service Canada and Bank appointments. We assisted them with finding furniture and housing and sometimes jobs. However, Catholic Action's most important work, was managing the day camp in the summer and the daycare once school started. These programs allowed toddlers and young children to be just that. These families had traveled for days and before that, lived in siren-raging bomb-booming environments. All were overjoyed with the programs, including French lessons by 2 young Jesuit interns. Our minibus took the kids to weekly outings and again Catholic Action volunteers as well as those from the Jesuit Refugee Service assisted us with chaperoning. It was very important work with a fragile community and our volunteers in their different capacities all played an important role in getting these families welcomed and established in our city.



We were invited to talk about our work with the Ukrainians, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. We enjoyed a fabulous celebration of Christ with a vibrant church community. They were very generous with a donation to support our work.



Splash Park and Ice Cream



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!

Isolated Minority Language Seniors

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Our One Voice Group is a great example of why Catholic Action exists. This group started with the English-Speaking Senior Centres, that were partially funded by the Father Dowd Foundation. It was apparent, early on, that there was no means for these important groups to share their best practices, collaborate on innovation and collectively represent the interests of the diverse and multicultural English-speaking seniors in the Greater Montreal region. At the behest of the Father Dowd Foundation, Catholic Action partnered with ESCC to create the "One Voice" coalition to serve the needs of underserved, English-Speaking seniors with the ultimate goal to reduce isolation.



Once this group was well established, Catholic Action transferred the management over to Seniors' Action Quebec. The work of this group fits more appropriately, under their umbrella.

The Covid environment highlighted the importance of the work of this group. In the almost 6 years of our existence, the coalition has continued to evolve including health care professionals, senior centre executive directors, advocates, etc. This cross-section of expertise, coupled with the leadership of the centres themselves, has evolved to a powerhouse team working to improve the inadequate service currently available to our English-speaking seniors.

Breaking Isolation - Minority Language Seniors

In support of our seniors, our volunteers, using a minibus took them on grocery runs, dollar store and lunch outings. We visited Chinese buffets, Pizza Hut, Walmart, the Atwater Market and assisted a SASMAD project carrying members to a retreat. Trips to Camp Kinkora, and apple picking, and museums, were back on the agenda and lately, the popular "Quebec's Cabane A Sucre".



**Wheelchairing around the
Museum of Fine Arts**



**Sortie du printemps à la Cabane à Sucre
de la Famille Constantin à Saint-Eustache
Les ami/es du Café-Rendez-Vous-Y
du YMCA du Parc - 22 mars 2023**

G/N/W

Catholic Action Delivery items in need

Catholic Action’s partnerships allow us to bring these type of opportunities to those who need assistance. In this example, we brought walkers and canes to seniors who could not afford them.

**More Mobility for our Seniors
BREAKING ISOLATION**

Catholic Action received a generous amount of walkers, shower seats, and canes to improve the mobility of our seniors, on a limited budget.

We offered them out to the senior centres around the city. We delivered them to Yellow door, the Council for Black Aging in LaSalle, the Eva Marsden low cost housing group, Bountiful Blessings and a few individual deliveries.

Needless to say we received many words of thanks and appreciation. One man we met was literally walking doubled over. Once he had his walker, he was able to stand straiter and see in front of him, he was beaming with gratitude.

to me ▾



**THE COUNCIL FOR BLACK AGING
COMMUNITY OF MONTREAL INC.**

Hello Judy!
Thank you so much for the walkers and canes you delivered! Our members are grateful for your act of kindness.

In another example we brought brand new sleeping bags and blankets to the Resilience Indigenous homeless shelter.

CA Catholic Action received this request from Resilience Montreal.



**SHARE THE WARMTH
SLEEPING BAGS & BLANKETS NEEDED**



HELP the HOMELESS

Catholic Action Community (continued)

Partnering with Afghan women to bring their sisters to safety



Assisted the Afghan Women of Montreal get sponsorship to help 9 Afghan women immigrate to Canada from Afghanistan.



"God of Justice and Mercy,
Hear my cry;
Hear the wail of my sisters.

See our lives in disorder,
Our dreams of peace and security
in the dust. . . .

We are cast aside by the
powerful.
Our strength ebbs with each sigh
of despair.

Stress is our constant
companion,
We watch our world crumble
and can only weep.

But You, God, can give us
strength.
You can nourish our souls and
revitalize our minds.

You can touch us with Wisdom,
Banish sorrow from our brows. . .

You have granted Wisdom to
women of ages past.
You have healed the sick and
brought forth life from the old.

You have raised up the lowly and
felled the powerful.
You have been just and sure.

When the Taliban moved in and reversed the advancement of women in Afghanistan, our partner, the Afghan Women of Montreal, were looking for ways to help. They reached out to Catholic Action to assist them in communicating with the Federal Government.

A series of communications led to 9 women, with heart breaking stories, quietly leaving that terrifying and restrictive environment, and arriving in different parts of eastern Canada.

There are many more that need our prayers.

Catholic Action Community (continued)



Once again, we were asked to lead the Black History event for the LaSalle D & D 50 + centre. It was huge success with over 75 participants, and representatives from all levels of government participating.



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Partnering with BLG (Borden, Ladner, Gervais), we were able to assist WIN (West-end Intergenerational Network) become incorporated and our days away from becoming a non-profit organization.

"Based in the west-end of Montreal, WIN brings together a variety of passionate community organizations, public institutions and citizens who believe in the opportunities, benefits and importance of connecting Seniors and young people in constructive ways. Our network has far-reaching benefits that extend to the whole of Montreal and beyond!"

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**West-end
intergenerational
Network**

“The Late Sunday Mass” *Also known as “The Last Chance Mass”*



Catholic Action offers the Late Sunday Mass as a “Last Chance Mass” for those who may have missed their regular celebration. This celebration offers a simple, spiritual event, which people have been drawn to.

**Please join us at St. Willibrord’s Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM.
351 Rue Willibrord, Verdun QC H4G 2T7**

We often participate in an optional short Adoration following the Eucharistic celebration.

Thank you for our new “used” bus!

To the many of you who supported our bus replacement project THANK YOU!

We raised over \$75,000 and replaced our 2009 minibus with a newer 2017 version.

We have served the Ukrainian children, isolated seniors, Christian groups like SASMAD, Catholic Single mothers, Nazareth Community, and others.

The importance of this vehicle to many is unmeasurable. Without it some people would never leave their homes.

A special THANK YOU to the Father Dowd Foundation and St. Patrick’s Foundation for contributing significantly to this important project.



Catholic Action Community (continued)

In response to the request of Father Raymond Lafontaine, Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful and Director of the Office for English Pastoral Services (O.E.P.S.), we gathered as a community, Catholic Action continues to host this meeting of Catholic Organizations serving our community in different ways.

Looking around the group, Catholic Action have been blessed to collaborate with each group. Father Ray likes that meet on a quarterly basis with the intention of further collaboration to serve you, our community, best!



Catholic Action is a participating member of the QCGN's community vitality round tables, working to advocate and protect the rights of the English-Speaking community.

Specifically, we sit on the Community Vitality Roundtable on Organizational and Network Health. The importance of this work is to protect our English services in the Health Care System.

**Community Vitality
Roundtables**

Working Together for a More Vital Community



We remember Father Robert Assaly



REST IN PEACE

FATHER ROBERT ASSALY

*An incredible life sparked by kindness and joy
To his family, and brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*Our deepest condolences for the loss of
Father Robert.*

*To us, he will be remembered for his boundless
generosity and irresistible humor.*

*As a board member to Catholic Action,
Father Robert contributed his wisdom and
humour time and time again.*

He will be dearly missed.

CATHOLIC ACTION MEMBERS
AND VOLUNTEERS

Dear God,

*We lift-up Father Robert in prayer and ask for
Your loving care and protection for their soul.*

*Please bring them into Your loving arms and
grant them peace and rest. May they feel Your
presence and know the fullness of Your love and
grace. In your precious Name we pray, Amen.*

Catholic Action Membership & Partners - Thank you



Archdiocese of Montreal
 Office of English Pastoral Services
 Responsible Pastoral Ministry
 Social Action
 SASMAD
 Le Pont
 Montreal Catholic Challenge
 English Speaking Parishes (projects with
 individual parishes)
 Afghan Women's Centre of Montreal
 Aide to the Church in need
 Almage
 AOTC (Accenture)
 ARC Community Outreach
 Arthritis Rive-Sud
 BLG
 Catholic Women's League
 Centre for Reproductive Loss
 CHSSN
 Chez Doris
 CIUSSS
 Collective Community Services
 Concordia EngAGE Perform Centre
 Contactvity Centre
 Cummings Senior Centre
 Diocesan Camping Association
 ESCC English Speaking Catholic Council
 Eva Marsden
 Extra Miles Senior Group
 Father Dowd Foundation
 Gay & Gray Seniors Group
 Holy Name of Jesus
 Camp Kinkora

Jesus Light of the World
 John Molson School of Business
 Knights of Columbus
 LaSalle D & D 50+ Senior Centre
 LaSalle Multicultural Centre
 Loyola High School
 Momentum (Catholic Single Mothers)
 Nazareth Community
 Ndg 50+ Café
 New Hope Senior Centre
 Peter McGill Community Council
 Pillars Trust
 Promis
 Quebec Community Groups Network
 Reisa
 Resilience Montreal
 Respecting Elder Communities Against
 Abuse (RECAA)
 Sacred Heart
 Santa Rita Scalabrini (Asylum Seekers
 Project)
 Seniors Action Quebec
 Sisters of Scion
 Sisters of St. Anne
 St. Antoine Senior Centre
 St. Columba House
 St. Kateri au Centre Ville
 St. Patrick's Foundation
 St. Thomas a Beckett
 St. Willibrord Parish
 Volunteer West Island
 Welcome Collective
 Yellow Door
 Westend Intergenerational Network (WIN)



LET US PRAY

Catholic Action's
 membership remains
 strong. Sadly, some
 members have passed,
 other have moved. We
 were very limited in our
 recruitment as we were
 unable to visit you in your
 parishes.

Please invite your family
 and friends to become part
 of us,

The English-Speaking
 Catholic team that use our
 gifts to serve the Lord.

"We remember before our
 God and Father your work
 produced by faith, your
 labor prompted by love, and
 your endurance inspired by
 hope in our Lord Jesus
 Christ."

(Thessalonians 1-3)

Special note of Thanks to our donors & members



How can we share our gifts with each other?

The groups we serve all have needs. Can you translate English to French, (all groups), do you have counseling experience (Centre for Reproductive Loss), and can you drive someone in need, meals on wheels, or maybe dabble in website design/update? Can you teach a Yoga class, English, computer? These are a few of the common requests. How about becoming a board member and lending your professional expertise to a team? There are many one-time or full-time opportunities throughout the year. You would be surprised how easy it is to help. Is your organization missing a service, check-in with us, we can help? Join our expertise pool and help us help our neighbour – go to the website and click on the “expertise” tab.

Your opinion matters! Tell us what you think? As a member what else would you like to see us doing? We'd love to hear your ideas. Drop us a line at jwong@catholicaction.ca

