



# Sharing the Good News



**SUMMER  
PRAYER**

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go.  
May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.  
May you walk and talk with God every day.

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

**Thank You.**

IN SERVICE OF  
GOD'S PLAN  
FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY

# Community News



DCA Camping Association is happy to announce that once again their camps will be going to Camp Kinkora this summer.

**Their four amazing camp are:**

❖ **DIOCESAN FAMILY CAMP**

(for families of all shapes and sizes, July 16-22nd, 2023, [www.dfckinkora.com](http://www.dfckinkora.com))

❖ **DAYLIGHT CAMP (DLC)**

(youth 6 -13yrs, July 23-29th, 2023, [www.kinkoradlc.com](http://www.kinkoradlc.com))

❖ **YOUTH IN ACTION**

(youth 6-13 yrs, July 30-Aug. 5th, 2023, [www.youthinactioncamp.com](http://www.youthinactioncamp.com))

❖ **VISIONS CAMP**

(for teens 13-19 yrs, August 6-12th, 2023, [www.visionscamp.ca](http://www.visionscamp.ca))

**Registration has begun on our website [www.dcakinkora.org](http://www.dcakinkora.org)**

Discounts are available for siblings. Subsidies are available upon request. As you probably know, our four-week-long summer camps are run by volunteers and your support is always greatly appreciated. If you know anyone who would like to get involved as a camp counselor (minimum age 16 for the youth camps) during one of our weeks please let us know.

Can you assist with funding for kids or families? If you are interested, sponsoring a family of 4 would be \$1500 if the children are 2 and above. An adult is \$400 and children are \$350. Children under 2 are free.



Catholic Action held it's AGM May 30<sup>th</sup>. Father Ray Lafontaine opened the event with prayer. We shared the good news of our works through "Our Year In Review" video which can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/r9xwKkZqP2I>

We thanked Arnel Javier for his 4 years of board work and welcomed Father Kevin Kelly as a new member. Father Kevin closed the meeting with prayer. It was a true reflection of "community of spirit". Thank you to all who attended.



## defending refugee rights



On March 25th 2023, Canada and the USA expanded the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) to apply to the entire Canada-US land border. This means that **Canada is closed to asylum seekers** who pass through the USA, with very few exceptions. Since late March, the majority of people who have requested protection at the Canada-US border have been returned to the USA, where they risk detention and deportation to countries where they face persecution.

**There are no other pathways** to refugee status for people arriving in Canada via the USA. There's no line to wait in, no immigration program for these individuals.

Welcome Collective is part of a coalition of community and advocacy organizations participating in a major action to draw attention to this violation of refugee rights: a walk from Montreal to Roxham Road over 3 days in June, the weekend before World Refugee day [[Facebook](#)].

Do you want to join us or help out? **Please complete our short survey** to sign up for updates on the march, offer to volunteer, or join the march!

[Fill out the survey](#)

# Diocesan News (cont'd)

Join us next month for a

## Video Divina Evening

of fellowship and discussion;  
popcorn and drinks included!

Friday, June 2, 2023  
St. Monica Parish

6405 de Terrebonne St.  
Montreal, QC H1B 1A8

*Video Divina*




*Meeting God through  
media art and film*

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER.**

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/parishvitality/language/en/videodivina-june2023/>

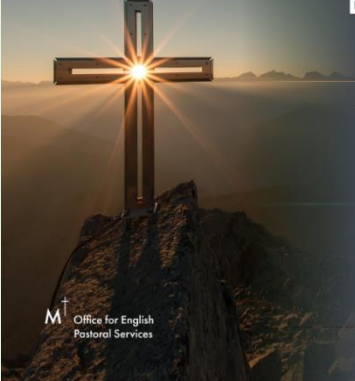



 Parish Vitality

## Transformed into the Body of Christ


A Parish Vitality Event

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
St. John Fisher Parish

 A large, dark cross stands on a rocky mountain peak. The cross is illuminated from behind, creating a bright glow and casting a long shadow. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a soft sky.

 Office for English Pastoral Services

[www.parishvitality.org](http://www.parishvitality.org)

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**Learn more by clicking this link:**

<http://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/parishvitality/language/en/transformed-into-the-body-of-christ-pvc2023/>

# *The wheels on the bus go round and round!*



*“In collaboration with WIN Intergenerational Network, the Westhaven Intergenerational Gardening Day on May 24th, is a day where students and Older Adults will come together to plant a Garden at Westhaven Community Centre and learn from the Depot about gardening. We look forward to being with the students and the Older Adults, watching them help each other and share their garden knowledge. With thanks to the community bus, the students will be picked up and returned to the school safely. This enriching experience is possible because of the support from Catholic Action Montreal, the volunteer drivers and the community bus. The community bus provides opportunities for community organizations to plan and implement innovative and inclusive programs and events. With gratitude, thank you.” **Tracie Swim***



*The bus continues to serve the senior community on weekly outings as well.*

*Late Sunday Mass ALSO the Last Chance Mass— please join us*

***Its Never to Late to Celebrate our Lord!***

**The Late Sunday Mass or  
Last Chance Mass is here for you.  
Had to work, had a commitment?  
Missed your regular celebration?**

**Please join us for the  
Late Sunday Mass at  
St. Willibrord's Parish at  
8:00 PM**

**351 Rue Willibrord, Verdun, QC H4G 2T7  
OR 200 feet from Verdun Metro**



**CM**  
**BELIEVE**

*We are serving an important community  
with this Eucharistic celebration.  
People who missed their regular mass are grateful for this  
opportunity to come and hear “The Good News”.*

*We are thrilled to announce that Father Anthony Atansi will be  
returning to our team on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

# *Catholics on serious decline ...especially in Quebec*



**CNA** | Catholic News Agency

**The Catholic population in Canada has declined by almost 2 million people in the last 10 years, the Canadian census has found in a report that indicates the religiously unaffiliated now outnumber Catholics.**

The latest census figures, compiled in 2021, show the Catholic Canadian population has declined to 10.9 million. Catholics now make up about 29.9% of the country's people. According to the 2011 census, the Catholic population that year was 12.8 million.

Just 53.3% of Canadians, 19.3 million people, now identify as Christian, a decline from 67.3% in 2011 and 77.1% in 2001. Statistics Canada, Canada's national statistical office, presented the latest figures in an Oct. 26 report.

Catholicism is still the most popular religious affiliation in all provinces and territories except for Nunavut, the sparse population of which has a large Anglican component.



**Quebec is the only majority Catholic province, but Catholic numbers declined "considerably," Statistics Canada said. In 2011, 74.7% of Quebec residents reported that they were Catholic. The 2021 figures indicate 53.8% of Quebec residents identified as Catholic, a 21% reduction.**

**CNA contacted the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Quebec for comment but did not receive a response by publication.**

You can read the full article here:

[Canada census shows 2 million fewer Catholics as disaffiliation grows | Catholic News Agency](#)

# How you can help your neighbours.



## Help the Homeless & Newcomers

**Are you looking to make a difference, positively impact someone who needs assistance?**

After meeting with some of our partners there are some important shortages in their organizations that serve the homeless and asylum seekers.

The needs are very specific. Do not offer items they do not ask for so their volunteers do not have to sift through unwanted or damaged goods.

Perhaps get together with friends or maybe make it a parish project.

If you want to deliver your donations yourselves please do.

If you would like Catholic Action to deliver them, please email: [jwong@catholicaction.ca](mailto:jwong@catholicaction.ca)



Welcome Collective help asylum seekers start their lives by offering free furniture and household items and clothing etc. Their current needs are:

**Bedding and blankets, towels, pots and pans, school supplies and backpacks, winter coats and boots, especially large sizes.**

<https://www.welcomecollective.org/en/donate>



Chez Doris is the only women's shelter in Montréal offering 24/7 service. They strive to meet their needs in an inclusive and non-judgmental environment. Their current URGENT needs can be found here:

<https://www.chezdoris.org/en/get-involved/donate-items/>



Nazareth Community, a non-for-profit organization (Ville Marie district) provides housing with support for individuals who struggle with mental health issues, homelessness, trauma and addictions. We all know how expensive things are at the grocer these days. **They have a shortage of ground coffee.**



# *Bible Trivia The Triduum Edition*



## **Bible Trivia**

### **Bible Trivia: New Testament Verses**

1. Complete the following, `The light of the body is....`
2. `Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; the first, \_\_\_\_\_, who is called Peter, and \_\_\_\_\_ his brother; \_\_\_\_\_ the son of Zebedee, and John his brother....`
3. `\_\_\_\_\_ not, that ye be not \_\_\_\_\_`
4. `Be not forgetful to entertain \_\_\_\_\_: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares`
5. `...Ye should earnestly contend for the \_\_\_\_\_ which was once delivered unto the saints.`
6. `If any of you lack wisdom, let him...`
7. `Avoid foolish \_\_\_\_\_, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the \_\_\_\_\_; for they are unprofitable and vain.`
8. `Sanctify them through thy \_\_\_\_\_: thy word is \_\_\_\_\_.`
9. `By faith \_\_\_\_\_ blessed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ concerning things to come`
10. `He that hath the son hath \_\_\_\_\_, and he that hath not the son of God hath not \_\_\_\_\_.`



Click here for the answers: <https://catholicaction.ca/bible-trivia/>

# *Please help us – Join one of our committees*

*We are grateful for your spirit of community!*

*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*

**Communication** – *Using your creative gifts – help us to make sure our messaging is clear.*



*Please consider a monthly donation – Help us continue our service to those in need! Click on the link below ☺*



How we have helped this year:

- † Ukrainian families find homes
- † Ukrainian Children have fun at Daycamp and learn at Daycare
- † Afghan women get free from the Taliban
- † English speaking senior groups break isolation with local trips to grocery stores, shopping, museums, camp, etc.
- † Challenged adults go to Camp Kinkora
- † Momentum Single Mothers – various projects
- † Found OBGYN services for a student with no insurance or money
- † Found and set up and took a newborn with hip dysplasia get services at the Shriners hospital from full brace to no brace (above)
- † Many service for the homeless, the hungry.
- † Partnered and collaborated with many community groups.

**Please DONATE - Catholic Action Montreal**

or

**Membership Join or Renew below - Catholic Action Montreal**

**HELP US**  
*help others.*



*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](mailto:jwong@catholicaction.ca) for more info

*Help us to continue helping others in Jesus' name.*

*God Bless!*

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

