



# Sharing the Good News



My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest.

*Exodus 33:14*

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

**Thank You.**

IN SERVICE OF  
GOD'S PLAN  
FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY

# Community News - Temporary Housing Project



**Catholic Action Montreal WELCOMES  
our new Ukrainian Friends  
Please donate these items**



**Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body wash  
Shaving cream and Razors  
Toothpaste and toothbrushes  
Deodorants  
Body Lotion  
Markers, coloring books, and school supplies  
Pillows, sheets, blankets (new only)  
Winter Items: Winter Coats, snow suits, hats, scarfs  
, gloves/ mittens ( to be donated in clear recycling bags  
only.) (Please no clothes, no shoes/boots.)**

As you know Catholic Action is part of the team that is welcoming our new friends from Ukraine.

Our volunteers are there to offer some basic essentials as they arrive for their short term stay at the old villa.

Margaret Caine, the new executive director of Catholic Action, has revised the list of needs as listed in column on the left.

Please share these needs with your family and friends allowing us to continue to assist these newcomers.

God Bless!



## Spotlight Todd Sinnett

### About Todd Sinnett - The Director of the Temporary Housing Project



An educator, with military (Second Lieutenant in Canadian Infantry) and law enforcement expertise, certified in Emergency Management (FEMA) and currently working on his theses on the Armenian Genocide, the soft spoken Todd Sinnett's recipe of gifts makes him an excellent director at the temporary housing project for the newcomers from Ukraine. Todd and I worked together last summer establishing the environment at the old Villa St. Martin to create a safe, welcoming, and efficient temporary housing environment to allow the new arrivals the time and space to get settled in Montreal and or other parts of Canada.

This year again, we partnered to get the facility up and running for a slightly different version of the same project. In a few short weeks, Catholic Action's volunteers were building dressers, hanging curtains, filling up the supplies for our "Welcome Room".

Under the covers there are a myriad of challenges that Todd had to deal with, various government inspections, hiring of staff, logistics for supplies to name a few. His quiet but firm demeanor is the perfect leadership style that makes the facility

purr like a kitten. When we spoke together these are some of the thoughts he shared.

***In the second go around the similar project we ran last year, what do you find are the biggest differences?*** "This year's version of the project, I am the primary liaison with the various government agencies. As you know Judy, there are a lot of moving parts, the staff, the newcomers, the facility maintenance, but our team is good, which helps keep things running smoothly."

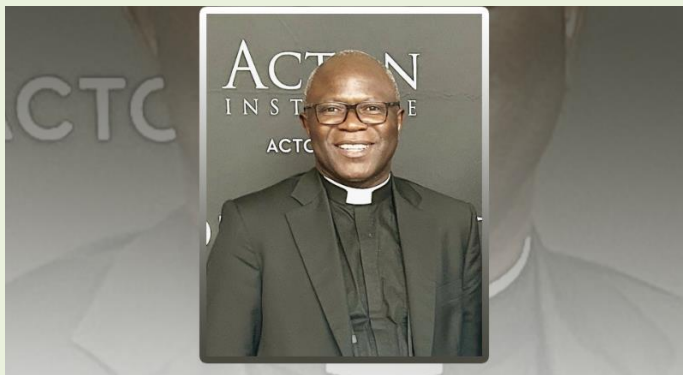
***How are you enjoying this experience?*** "Yes, the fulfillment of helping people, the work is important, some of these people are in dire straights, it is important to do God's work and support them."

***How important is your relationship with Catholic Action to the success of this project?*** "From the first go around last year, when your volunteers helped with the set up, you hired all the staff to run the day care, day camp and preschool, the volunteer drivers etc. and this year we may not have made our timelines without your volunteers support with the building of furniture, installation of curtain rods, setting up the welcome room. I know we can count on Catholic Action always."

***Is there any message you personally would like to share with the Catholic community?*** "Firstly, thank you! Your generosity of sharing your time with us to assist the newcomers was a key part of our program. But a bigger message we can write to our local governments is the significant shortage in available affordable housing. Something needs to be done, it is an important problem for Quebecers, newcomers, and the community at large. Once again, thanks to our community for their generosity."

**PHOTO:** Todd Sinnett and Anzhela Kuzina leading the team at the Temporary Housing project. **Anzhela** was part of the 2022 team, we hired. Catholic Action gave her a solid reference which contributed to her being hired by the YMCA for their schooling project starting in September.

# Community News (cont'd)



**Appointment of Jean-Marie Bilwala Kabesa as Episcopal Vicar**

**Father Jean-Marie Bilwala Kabesa, I.M.C.** (Istituto missioni Consolata) will hold the position of Episcopal Vicar for the French-speaking communities of the four western sector deaneries in our Diocese: Centre-Ville; Sud-Ouest; Saint-Laurent/Bordeaux-Cartierville; and the West Island. He will begin his new duties on September 1.  
[https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/latest-news/appointment-jean-marie-bilwala-kabesa-episcopal-vicar?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=appointment\\_of\\_jean\\_marie\\_bilwala\\_kabesa\\_as\\_episcopal\\_vicar&utm\\_term=2023-08-30](https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/latest-news/appointment-jean-marie-bilwala-kabesa-episcopal-vicar?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=appointment_of_jean_marie_bilwala_kabesa_as_episcopal_vicar&utm_term=2023-08-30)

**If I Understood Synodality, Would I Have This Look on My Face?**

**Sep 12, 2023  
07:00 PM EST**

by **Curtis McKenzie, SJ**

[bit.ly/exploreSynodality](https://bit.ly/exploreSynodality)

For more information contact [cancommunications@jesuites.org](mailto:cancommunications@jesuites.org)

**What's it all about? Check out this link to learn more!**

[https://diocesemontreal.org/en/lets-connect/coming-events/if-i-understood-synodality-would-i-have-look-my-face?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=appointment\\_of\\_jean\\_marie\\_bilwala\\_kabesa\\_as\\_episcopal\\_vicar&utm\\_term=2023-08-30](https://diocesemontreal.org/en/lets-connect/coming-events/if-i-understood-synodality-would-i-have-look-my-face?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=appointment_of_jean_marie_bilwala_kabesa_as_episcopal_vicar&utm_term=2023-08-30)

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

LaSalle  
D & D  
Seniors

Breaking  
Isolation



***Our volunteer bus drivers had a busy August helping our senior community enjoy the summer with various outings.***

***Camp Kinkora, Cruise at the Old Port, or a relaxing tea party lunch, were some of the activities they enjoyed!***

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

**CM** *The Late Sunday Mass*

***Its Never too 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**



*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>.*

***GOD IS GOOD!***

# 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 -People & Places



## Bible Trivia..."How many"?

1. In the book of Revelation, John was instructed to write down what he saw and send it to how many churches that are in Asia?
2. Jesus summed up "the Law and the Prophets" into how many commandments?
3. How many sons did Jacob have in total?
4. After Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many of them praised God with a loud voice and thanked Jesus?
5. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
6. What was the relationship between Jacob and Abraham?
7. How long had Lazarus been dead before Jesus raised him from the dead?
8. How many demons did Jesus cast out of Mary Magdalene?



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”*

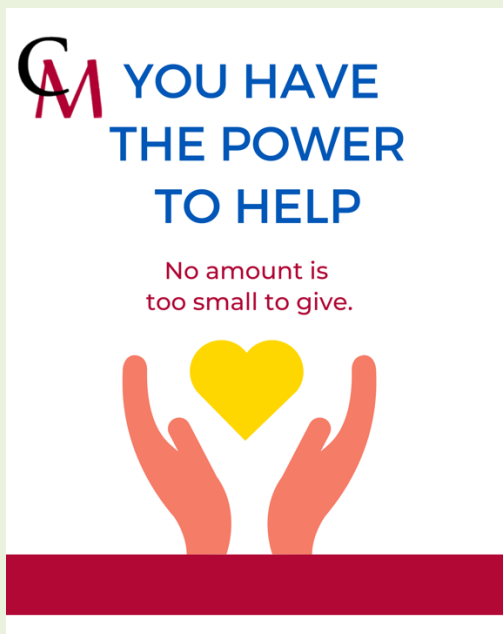
*Not sure you have what it takes? Give it a try and let the Holy Spirit do the rest as we collaborate and inspire each other in service of Our Lord.*

**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/>

