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“Name this Newsletter”!

Greetings to all our English-speaking Catholic friends! Hope all is well with you. We’d like to chat with you more about what Pillars Trust is up to and we figure one of the first things to do is come up with a catchy name for this newsletter.

The name should grab your attention so Pillars can keep you focussed on news of how God is at work in our midst in the projects you support through your donations to The Pillars Trust Fund.

Send your suggestions to ptf@catholiccentre.ca. We’ll give you a shout out in a future edition if we choose your name.

Nice to meet you (again)

Sometimes it’s a bit of a relief to make a formal reintroduction to someone you’ve known in passing for a while. Although we’ve been around since 1972, at times we feel that a reintroduction is necessary. So let’s break the ice. This is really all you need to know about “Who We Are and What We Do”:

- Pillars is a fundraising organization for the English-speaking parishes of the Diocese of Montreal.
- We raise and manage money to support projects to fulfill the spiritual and temporal wants and needs of **Pastors, Priests, Parishioners** and **Catholic organizations** across the Diocese.

What’s so great about that? Well, no one else does what we do. Pillars is the sole fundraising arm for the English-speaking Catholic Community in Montreal.

Have a project in mind that could use some financial support? Let us know. If it aligns with the Pillars mission, we’ll happily consider it.

On that note, ... did you know that?

- Pillars was founded in 1972 at the request of Bishop Leonard Crowley and currently works very closely with Bishop Tom Dowd, a Pillars Board member, to stay true to its roots of service to our community
- Since 1996, Pillars has given
 - Over \$1 million dollars to support our **Pastors and Priests** through donations to the Diocesan Priesthood Guild
 - Over \$1.2 million dollars to support **Young People** through various Diocesan Youth Ministry projects and The Newman Association of McGill
 - Over \$800 thousand dollars to support **Adult** spiritual development through religious education and the Catholic Information Centre
 - Over \$140 thousand dollars to various **Good Works** each year, including timely recent donations to Archbishop Lépine’s Refugee Aid Fund and the Benedict Labré House
 - Over \$440 thousand dollars to the **English Speaking Catholic Council** to advocate on our behalf on various social, political and cultural issues



So when you support Pillars’ annual Fall Fundraising Campaign, you can feel good about what you’re doing to strengthen our faith community and to preserve and promote our identity as English-speaking Montreal Catholics. Amen to that!



2016 Fall Fundraising Campaign News

We're gearing up for a seriously great fundraising campaign. You'll hear more about it over the next few weeks and months but you should know that we've been working hard to re-connect with our Pastors and Priests and donors. Stay tuned for news about a late-summer/early fall **pre-campaign event** to afford donors, priests and our beneficiaries an opportunity to meet and see the direct and concrete connection between **"The Giving"** and **"The Result"**.

Networking for Catholic Professionals

Pillars was pleased to support the inaugural meeting of Networking for Catholic Professionals, held at The Newman Centre on April 12th. Adriano D'Angelo and Sébastien Froidevaux from the Archdiocese of Montreal are the founding members and they were assisted by Aaron Warnongbri and Michael Gentile, both from Pillars, in the implementation of this first meeting. Michael spoke eloquently and movingly about living his faith in the workplace - the successes and challenges – a great example of the vitality and potential present in our Montreal Catholic community.



Our Catholic Action Heroes!

Pillars is looking forward to working in lock-step with the newly formed **Catholic Action Montreal**, an exciting community-driven development for our English-speaking Catholic Community. **Catholic Action** is a prime example of the leadership of Bishop Tom Dowd, a Pillars Board member. **Catholic Action** held its first AGM on April 20th at Loyola High School where its new Board was elected, one of whom is Mr. John Murphy, President of Pillars. **Catholic Action** already has a membership of 180 and climbing. Look Out!



"Hello Mudda, Hello Fodda, here I am at ..."

Camp Caritas in the Laurentians is but one example of a program Pillars has gladly supported over the years. Founded in 1972 by Fr. Baxter for boys aged 12 to 17, its mission is **to equip youth to make good choices and follow a right path in life**. The variety of sports and other fun activities foster growth, self-discovery, tolerance, friendship and leadership. (Google Camp Caritas to **read testimonials**).

Keep living your faith and have a great summer everybody!

Stay tuned for more news from Pillars. Have an idea for a project we could help with?

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