

People Get Ready



**The Pillars Trust fundraising campaign train is pulling out of the station.
Will you be on board?**

People get ready

There's a train a-coming

You don't need no baggage

You just get on board

All you need is faith

To hear the diesels humming

Don't need no ticket

You just thank the Lord

- Curtis Mayfield (1965)

Our annual campaign kicked off on the weekend of November 5th and 6th in all of the 34 English-speaking parishes and missions in the diocese of Montreal.

We've been preparing for months, speaking with whoever will listen about *what Pillars Trust does* and *the value we bring* to Montreal's English-speaking Roman Catholic community.

Did you receive our letter, answer our call? Maybe you heard your priest or a Pillars Trust ambassador speak about the campaign at Mass last weekend. Can you feel the momentum building?

If you can, that's good, ...because we have some pretty lofty goals and high hopes about how far we can spread God's love on your behalf through Pillars Trust.

With your help, the Pillars Trust tradition of supporting activities which promote the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ carries on. The *Diocesan Priesthood Guild and Vocations office*, the *Youth Ministry Office*, the *Newman Centre*, *Adult Religious Education Services*, the *Late Sunday Mass* at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, the *Parish Vitality Conference* ...just a few examples of Roman Catholic causes that are "**Powered by Pillars Trust**".

There are three easy ways to give.

1. **By mail.** Just fill out the coupon provided with our campaign materials and send it back in the postage paid envelope we provided.
2. **Online.** Visit us at www.pillarstrust.org and click to donate.
3. **Give us a call or send us an email.** Contact us anytime at (514) 937-2301 ext. 255 or at ptf@catholiccentre.ca
We're happy to help!

When you donate to Pillars Trust, feel great about what you're doing to strengthen our faith community and promote English-speaking Montreal Catholics.

“Well done, good and faithful servant, ...carry on, in the service and mission of The Lord!”



Here's a shout out to one of our own. On Saturday October 29th, Holy Family Parish played host to the celebration of Richard Brisebois' 25th anniversary as a Deacon in the diocese of Montreal. Deacon Richard is the office administrator of The Pillars Trust Fund Inc.

The celebration was a most memorable and joyful occasion. The attention to all details was obvious and the church was full of family, friends and fellow deacons. The video of Richard's ordination on October 29th, 1991 was particularly memorable. It was a wonderful celebration for Deacon Richard, his wife Brenda and their children Darryl and Jennifer. On behalf of Pillars Trust, congratulations Deacon Richard and Brenda and thank you for all your years of service to the church of Montreal.

Eggs and Energy

The room was buzzing with energy and excitement as friends of Pillars Trust gathered for a “THANK YOU” breakfast on Tuesday, October 25th at the offices of The Archdiocese. Donors, beneficiaries and clergy mingled, laughed and exchanged ideas over a wonderful breakfast served up by The Knights of Columbus. The president of Pillars Trust, John Murphy, welcomed everyone warmly, thanked them for their support and good work and highlighted the importance of the fundraising campaign which kicked off on the weekend of Nov. 5th and 6th across all 34 English-speaking parishes in the Diocese. The positive atmosphere at the event bespeaks a keen awareness that when Pillars Trust succeeds, twenty-two beneficiaries and faith-inspired projects succeed. We are the sole fundraisers for our English-speaking Catholic Community. In the words of President “Murph”, donate “early and often” to Pillars Trust. 😊



Name this Newsletter! (suite)

And the winner is ... “*Boaty McBoatface*”! **Just kidding!**

In our June Newsletter we asked you for suggestions for a name for our newsletter and received a number of great, thoughtful entries. That said, we’re still open to more. Please send your suggestions to ptf@catholiccentre.ca.

If we choose yours, we’ll set you up on a dinner date with Pope Francis. (**Again, just kidding!** *Unless Pope Francis reads this Newsletter and is open to our suggestion and is free for dinner the next time he’s in town.*) 😊

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What have you done for me lately? Well, here’s a list of a few initiatives that Pillars Trust has recently supported or will be supporting in the coming weeks and months:

- LaSalle 50+ Senior Centre with a one-time donation of \$5,000.00
- The Parish Vitality Conference 2016 (Nov. 10 – 12) with a donation of \$5,000.00
- The English Speaking Catholic Council Rally (November 11)
- The November 2016 Catholic Business Professionals Networking Event
- The 2017 Lenten Mission (TBA)

Keep living your faith and get on board the ‘Little Campaign Train That Could’!



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

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