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**We are a Roman Catholic  
organization supporting activities  
which promote the spirit of the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ**

**"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden"**

(Matthew 5:14)



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**Dear Friend,**

Montreal's unique geography plays into this year's campaign theme. As Montrealers we tend to forget that we live on an island (unless we are stuck in traffic on a bridge!). And we sometimes forget that Montreal was named after Mount Royal, our hill in the heart of our city.

It is the same hill that Saints Marguerite d'Youville, Marguerite Bourgeoys, Kateri Tekakwitha, and Saint Brother André saw when they helped to make Montreal the great city it is today. The Church has cared for the sick, helped the poor, educated the young, and has tended to the spiritual needs of the people around the city since the founding of Ville-Marie. This work continues today.

We are, like the above mentioned Saints, also called upon to help our neighbour. To those who have supported **Pillars** in the past - Thank You. For those considering a donation this year - please give generously. **Pillars Trust** acts as the fundraising arm for charities associated with the English-speaking Catholic Church in Montreal.

A donation to **Pillars** will support the parish vitality and leadership initiatives in a growing number of parishes through the work of Terrel Joseph, our parish vitality facilitator. It will contribute to the education of our seminarians through the Diocesan Priesthood Guild. It will support the campus ministry of the Newman Centre, the work with youth at Father John Baxter's Camp Caritas, the English Speaking Catholic Council and the spiritual direction offered at the Ignatian Centre. Finally, it will help a number of smaller but no less important community activities for which **Pillars** provides funding. One donation serves many worthwhile causes.

So please give to **The Pillars Trust Fund**, let's continue to make our "city upon the hill" shine brightly as an example of a caring, loving, and generous community for the world to see!

Sincerely in Christ,

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