

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 122 – MARCH 26, 2025 Communication to Parish Fabriques Tailored Support for the Future of Your Parish



To Members of Parish Teams, To our Clergy, PCLs, and LPAs, To the faithful active in their communities, To Members of Religious Communities, To Archdiocesan Staff,

### Dear Members of Fabriques and Parish Communities,

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal is proud to announce the creation of the **Corporation immobilière catholique romaine de Montréal** (CICRM), (*Roman Catholic Real Estate Corporation of Montreal*). A first of its kind in Quebec and Canada, this new initiative was established in response to requests from numerous parishes seeking structured support in property management and real estate matters.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Stefano Marrone as President and CEO of the CICRM. Many of you have already had the opportunity to work with him in his previous role as Head of Real Estate and Development for the Archdiocese since 2021.

### A Service to Support You - Without Obligation

We recognize the challenges involved in managing parish buildings and the desire of many communities to adopt a more strategic approach to ensuring the sustainability of their mission. The CICRM was created to offer guidance and support tailored to the realities of each parish, with no obligation to participate.

### What Services Do We Offer?

The CICRM provides customized support in key areas, including:

- Enhancing and repurposing spaces: Exploring projects that respect the history and role of your church within the community.
- Rental opportunities: Identifying potential tenants to generate revenue while continuing your pastoral mission

- Developing socially impactful projects: Transforming certain spaces into initiatives that meet local needs while securing long-term revenue for the parish.
- Reinvesting in the mission: The corporation can assist Fabriques in generating passive income through site redevelopment. These revenues, which remain the property of the Fabriques, can be used to support and reinvest in their pastoral mission. While the corporation will operate on a non-profit basis, its primary goal is to help parishes sustainably manage their properties and ensure long-term support for their mission and heritage.
- Property sales, if necessary: Assisting parishes that choose this option by ensuring that transactions respect their heritage and benefit the broader community.

# A Comprehensive, Turnkey Approach

Navigating real estate procedures can be complex. The CICRM is here to support you at every step, backed by a highly skilled team of experts, handling administrative, technical, and legal aspects so that you can remain focused on your pastoral mission.

## Why Work with the CICRM?

- Specialized expertise dedicated to parishes
- A respectful approach to both heritage and ecclesial mission
- Commitment to fostering projects with a positive impact on the community
- Clear, transparent, and streamlined management to help lighten the administrative burden on parish fabriques

We hope this initiative will serve as a valuable resource for your parish. We're available to discuss opportunities tailored to your specific needs.

Let us remain in dialogue to build our Church's future together.

Feel free to visit our website: <u>https://cicrm.org/en/home/</u>

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our services, please do not hesitate to contact us: info@cicrm.org or SAF@diocesemontreal.org

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In solidarity,

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal La Corporation immobilière catholique romaine de Montréal (CICRM)