

Important Dates

World Day of the Sick 2019

The diocesan celebration of World Day of the Sick will be held on

Saturday, February 9,
at our new home base,
St. Isaac Jogues Parish
(1335 Chabanel St. East).

Our day will include:
Lauds, Sacrament of the
Sick, Eucharist and a
simple community meal
of soup and bread.

The church and hall are
wheelchair accessible via
elevator. We will have a
shuttle service from
Crémazie metro for
those taking public
transportation.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR
SPOT ON THE SHUTTLE
BY CALLING
514-272-4441

A reminder that our
Widow's Support Group
continues to meet **each**
first Monday of the
month from 9:30-11 a.m.

at St. Edmund of
Canterbury Parish. The
next meeting will be
February 4. New
members are very
welcome. We are
planning a group for
widowers in the New
Year; please contact
Cathie for more details.

A BIG YEAR IN SIGHT!

Happy New Year to all our volunteers and friends as we begin 2019! May the Lord bless this New Year and guide us in service and ministry.

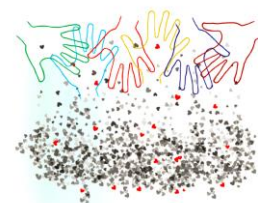
This year promises to be as full as last year with our regular events: World Day of the Sick on the 9th of February, formation for new volunteers this winter, promotion of our service in parishes and social service agencies, team meetings, coordinators meetings, meeting with new people requesting our service and matching them with volunteers, our growing Friends of Mercy network, our fall retreat and ongoing formation opportunities for our volunteers. Such privileged work! We are constantly attentive to where the Holy Spirit is calling our SASMAD ministry and we look forward to the new ways the Lord will be leading us in 2019. Many thanks for your faithful service and support!

Planning to attend our diocesan celebration of World Day of the Sick on February 9th? Would you like to help out at the Mass or with the reception afterward? If so, let Cathie know and we will give you a job! If you cannot attend and would like us to pray for someone who is sick, please submit your intention and it will be prayed for as part of our day of prayer.

Congratulations to the 15 new SASMAD volunteers who completed their formation in French at Notre-Dame d'Égypte in Laval in December. An English formation will be held this winter. Details to follow. Any interested new volunteers can contact the PHC office to register and begin the police check.

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Cards for World Day of the Sick 2019 are ready!



Each year we prepare a card to distribute to those we visit to celebrate World Day of the Sick. Cards for 2019 are now available for pick up at 2000 Sherbrooke St. West, or through special arrangement. Contact Cathie or your PHC parish coordinator to reserve your (free) cards, which are available in French or English, by calling or e-mailing the PHC office.

Our **Friends of Mercy** Prayer Association is growing! Meant for beneficiaries of our service and retired volunteers who would like to support our ministry in prayer, you can sign up by contacting Cathie or Sr. Claire Williams SSA at: williams-cssa@outlook.com

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