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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

(Proverbs 3:5)

November 2020

Dear Friend(s),

Our condolences to those of you who may have lost a loved one during this pandemic. We pray for the safety and well-being of all our donors and friends.

Despite all upsets, we at Pillars Trust listened to the community and we were quick to react to COVID-19. We were there for several parish initiatives and for parishes which started live streaming to spread the Good News to their parishioners. We gave several grants for spiritual programs as well as grants to purchase audio-visual equipment. Accompanying this letter is an insert showing parishes that received support and some that are requesting support. Here are some notes we received from a few of the great priests serving in our city:

*“Thank you so much for your grant it really helps us to better outreach our parishioners and meet their pastoral needs during this time ... Thank you for your support!
God Bless you all to keep up the good works.”*

Fr. Joy Abraham

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

“Many thanks, on behalf of the wardens and parishioners of St. Monica's, for this generous support from Pillars.

With the recent restrictions imposed on places of worship, our digital platforms are all the more important.”

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

Our ongoing financial commitments remain: The Newman Center at McGill University, the home for spiritual and intellectual life at McGill; The Ignatian Centre, dedicated to bringing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to the population of greater Montreal; The Diocesan Priesthood Guild of Montreal which financially supports seminarians; Camp Caritas, a dynamic youth sports camp with a difference; Parish Vitality, spearheaded by Terrel Joseph to improve parish life; The English Speaking Catholic Council, which advocates for Catholic values in society and to our governments. All the above are supported by the Pillars Trust Fund, and despite the challenges of the pandemic, all of these groups are energised and continue to help our community.

Pillars Trust will not allow the pandemic to hurt our spirit or to stop making Montreal a caring community, so we are sharing good news. We are proud to be working with the Nazareth Community in a major project this year. The Nazareth Community provides a home for those who would otherwise be homeless. We are matching donations (up to \$75,000) made to the Nazareth Community for the purchase and renovation of John's House, a new residence for young Montreal men, who without this home would be living on the street, struggling with mental illness and/or addiction. John's House will be opening in November and is named after Fr. John Emmett Walsh.

So again this year we say thank you to our donors. We literally couldn't do all these things without you. If you haven't given in the past, please give generously this year. Your gift will really help in continuing to spread the Good News and to help those most in need. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael E. Kieran
President

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PARISH - BENEFICIARIES
OF
THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

HOLY NAME OF JESUS	Live Streaming Equipment & New Website
JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD	Divine Renovation Kick Start
MISSION MARIA AUXILIATRICE	Guide Books on Parish Renewal
ST. BRENDAN	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. JOHN BOSCO	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. KEVIN	CCO Coaching
ST. LUKE	Divine Renovation Kick Start & Divine Renovation Coaching
ST. MONICA	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. THOMAS A BECKET	Divine Renovation Kick Start & Divine Renovation Coaching
ST. WILLIBRORD	Divine Renovation Kick Start

DISCUSSIONS WITH PARISHES - REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM
THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

ST. EDMUND OF CANTERBURY	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. JOHN FISHER	Live Streaming Equipment
ST. WILLIBRORD	Live Streaming Equipment

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