





RELIGIOUS HERITAGE DAYS IN GASPÉSIE/ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE!

215 heritage sites and circuits to discover on September 8, 9, and 10 2023

Montréal, August 28 2023 — The Québec Religious Heritage Council (CPRQ) is thrilled to announce that the activities for this year's Religious Heritage Days are now available for consultation on the event's website, <u>journeesdupatrimoinereligieux.ca</u>. With 215 sites and circuits to discover, from Gatineau to the Îles-de-la-Madeleine passing through Rouyn-Noranda in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, there's surely something on offer to pique your curiosity!

Just like every year, participation in the event is on a voluntary basis, according to the capacity of the site to welcome visitors. Activities—tours, concerts, conferences, exhibitions and guided circuits—are offered free of charge, but participants can demonstrate their appreciation by leaving a donation onsite to support initiatives to preserve the sites and keep them open.

In parallel with these numerous activities, part of the Quebec Religious Heritage Council's team, joined by a delegation from Louisiana made up of the founders of the Nous Foundation and the director of the *West Baton Rouge Museum* will be participating in several activities of the Religious Heritage Days in the scope of a biliteral cooperation grant between Québec and Louisiana through the Ministry of International Relations and the French Language

Plan out your Days in Gaspésie / Îles-de-la-Madeleine!

Adding filters to the activities online allows users to consult different pages by the type of activity, the region, the date, etc. Don't forget to plan out your itinerary!

In total, 12 sites in the region have registered activities for the event: the Church of Saint-Bonaventure, the Church of Saint-François-Xavier de Bassin, the Church of Saint-Pierre-de-La Vernière, the Church of Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire de Fatima, the Church of Sainte-Madeleine de Havre-aux-Maisons, the Church of Sacré-Cœur de Grande-Entrée, the Church of Immaculée-Conception de Pointe-aux-Loups, All Saint's Memorial Church, the Church of Holy Trinity de Grosse-Île, the Church of Saint-Peter-by-the-Sea at Old Harry and the Church of Saint-Joseph de l'Anse-au-Griffon and its former rectory. Concerts, tours, onsite sessions with artists and painters; discover the sites that await you and the stories they have to tell.

For more information about these activities, you can consult their pages on our website with links listed below:

Bonaventure 1. Église Saint-Bonaventure

Gaspé 2. Église Saint-Joseph de L'Anse-Au-Griffon

Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine 3. <u>Les églises des Îles-de-la-Madeline</u>

4. Église All Saints' Memorial Church

- 5. Église Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire de Fatima
- 6. Église Sacré-Coeur de Grande-Entrée
- 7. Église Saint-François-Xavier de Bassin
- 8. Église Sainte-Madeleine de Havre-aux-Maisons
- 9. Église Saint-Pierre-de-La Vernière
- 10. Église Immaculée-Conception de Pointe-aux-Loups
- 11. Église Saint-Peter-by-the-Sea de Old Harry
- 12. Église Holy Trinity de Grosse-Île

It's time to get active on social media and in the news!

Don't forget to share your favorite moments with the hashtags #journeesdupatrimoinereligieux, #jdpr and #cprq on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn!

The Religious Heritage Days are an annual event coordinated by the Québec Religious Heritage Council, a non-profit organization operating across Québec whose mission is to support the conservation and promotion of Québec's religious heritage.

Watch our 2023 promotional video!

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Invitation to the media:

- Regional press releases have been prepared to allow you to learn more about the
 activities on offer in each region. This press release is also available in French. <u>Click here</u>
 to view them
- Please don't hesitate to contact us for an interview.
 Privileged access can be granted to participating sites.
- The Québec Religious Heritage Council (CPRQ) possesses an image bank that can be made available to media upon request.

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