

That Jesus Christ May Be the Heart of the World

The priest does not belong to himself. He is given as an oblation of love in the service of Jesus Christ himself and His Church, by the grace of Jesus Christ—who is the perfect offering for the Salvation of humanity and the High Priest par excellence.

This total self-giving, the priest lives it out most perfectly in the celebration of the Eucharist, where he stands at the altar, saying: “This is my body given for you,” making present the sacrifice of Christ surrendering His life out of love for His Church: “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

The formation of priests is rooted in a desire to prolong this self-sacrificial love; thereby acquiring vital importance. Supporting this formation gives witness that this two-thousand-year-old word of Jesus Christ remains relevant, given that, even today, men still give themselves totally to God for His Church. Your spiritual and financial support is for this reason not a mere contribution to a project; your support is an integral part of the Church’s Mission, because the Church is united and indivisible in its members and its aspirations.

L’Oeuvre des Vocations de Montréal (OVDM) gratefully acknowledges your active participation in the life of the Church, for in supporting the formation of priests, you contribute to the enduring vitality of a dynamic ecclesial life centered with the priests on the Good Shepherd, the Word of God, and the Sacraments. The parish community is meant to be centered on the Eucharist, the presence of Jesus Christ, and he who presides over the Eucharist also presides over the parish community.

May Jesus Christ, who is the Heart of the World, fill your hearts with His Mercy, and may your prayer and generous donations bear abundant fruit for the building of God’s Kingdom in the Archdiocese of Montreal and throughout the world.

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