



INAUGURATION OF THE PÈRE-LOUIS-TREMPE NATURE RESERVE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S ORATORY OF MOUNT ROYAL

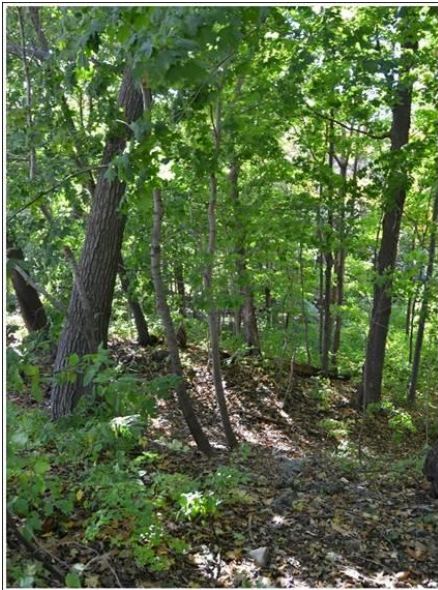
Montréal, October 31, 2014 – Saint Joseph's Oratory is happy to announce the inauguration of the Père-Louis-Trempe Nature Reserve, composed of a forested area located along the southeast border of the site, outside the historical and natural Mount Royal borough.

The status of Nature Reserve attributed to this territory, which has been Oratory property since the 1940's, allows the preservation of this wooded area's integrity and natural character, as well as the maintenance of its biological diversity. This status has a 25-year duration and may be renewed. Saint Joseph's Oratory will remain the owner of the site and will pay the expenses related to its maintenance.

The Père-Louis-Trempe Nature Reserve

Covering nearly 1.1 hectares (approximately 11,000 square meters), this green space is home to many animal and plant species. Its conservation will protect the habitats of vulnerable species as well as species of special interest.

"Respect and protection of our natural environment has always been a top priority for Saint Joseph's Oratory. This natural reserve project on land belonging to the Oratory is an initiative of the late Father Louis Trempe, CSC, who wished to preserve and protect nature as it is, without any intervention, for the wellbeing of the community," stated Father Claude Grou, CSC, Rector of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal.



"Mount Royal's forest, located at the heart of the city, is Montréal's green lung and is very important to the community. Saint Joseph's Oratory has one of the largest natural wooded areas, besides Mount Royal Park. It is a very nice gesture on the part of an institution to want to preserve it," said Mrs. Sylvie Guilbault, Executive Manager, Les amis de la montagne.

The implementation of this natural reserve is the result of consultation with several partners, including the Québec Government, the City of Westmount, Les amis de la montagne, the Bureau du Mont-Royal and Nature-Action.

Videos featuring the natural reserve, as well as testimonials from partner organizations and collaborators, are available at www.saint-joseph.org/reservenaturelle. For more details on Saint Joseph's Oratory: www.saint-joseph.org

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