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Follow-up from Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal

Montréal, March 23 2019 – The administration of Saint Joseph's Oratory wishes to make public further developments since the attack on the Rector, Father Claude Grou, yesterday morning.

Father Grou received superficial wounds and was released from the hospital yesterday evening. He will spend several days resting before he returns to work.

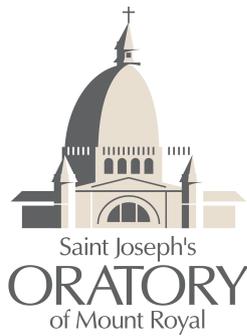
"My health is good and I'm recovering from my emotions. I want to sincerely thank everyone who has given me messages of support and those around me.

It is heartwarming and it allows me to face these difficult moments serenely.

I pray that Saint Joseph's Oratory will remain a place of welcome, prayer, calm and peace as it has been for over 100 years and I look forward to returning to work," said Father Claude Grou, CSC, Rector of Saint Joseph's Oratory. [*This translation taken from our website. Ed.*]

"Saint Joseph's Oratory takes very seriously the security of its visitors, the faithful and its personnel. The Oratory's security detail is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They have at their disposal inconspicuous but effective surveillance equipment. Out of caution, security will be reinforced in the next few weeks, working in concert with the SPVM," wrote Celine Barbeau, directress of Communication Services for the Oratory.

If anyone should feel a need to talk over this event, the Crime Victims Assistance Centre offers professional services free of charge for victims, witnesses and others intimately involved. **Help is available by telephone this weekend at 514 277-9860 and beginning Monday, throughout Quebec, at 1 866 532-2822.**



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