

## **WELCOME TO FATHER JAISON JOSEPH, MCBS**



Archbishop Christian Lépine has appointed Fr. Jaison Joseph parochial vicar to assist our Pastor, Fr. Peter Sabbath, in his pastoral care of our parish. Fr. Jaison was born in the State of Kerala, India, in 1981. He received both secular and ecclesiastical Bachelor's degrees and then a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology. Fr. Jaison made his final procession as a member of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (also Fr. Tijo's community) in 2006, and was ordained priest in 2008. His most recent assignment was as Spiritual Director of Jeevalaya Institute of Philosophy, Bangalore. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Jaison to our community.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEMINARIAN**



Robert Assaly is joining the parish after Labour Day to begin an internship with us. After a career as a derivatives trader at the Toronto Stock Exchange, he prepared for the Anglican priesthood. Shortly after his ordination in 1991, he was sent to serve as Director of the Middle East Council of Churches office in Jerusalem until 1995, serving under the Latin

(Roman Catholic) Patriarch. He then served two Ottawa Anglican parishes for nine years, before moving to Montreal to pursue further studies at McGill. Robert was received into the Catholic Church three years ago at St. Monica's in NDG, where he completed an internship. He holds degrees in Middle East and Islamic history, and early Church and Patristic history. Married to Nancy and the father of six grown children, he has been approved by the Vatican to be ordained a married Catholic priest. We welcome Robert and look forward to sharing in this last period of his formation and benefitting from the many gifts he brings to our parish life.