



Please see an important message below from the Archdiocese regarding the Focus on the Victims of Abuse Seminar being held on November 2nd. While this seminar is mandatory for volunteers working with children, vulnerable individuals, or in a high-risk position, it is open to anyone who would like to participate.

For additional information, please contact Rina at 514-626-4111 ext. 223.

Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. If you need a ride or can provide one, please contact me for coordination.

Thank you,
Rina Callard
Coordinator, Responsible Pastoral Ministry



 Catholic Church of Montreal

Awareness and Training program

FOCUS ON THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE
PREVENTION - VIGILANCE - DISCLOSURE

A FOUR-MODULE TRAINING PROGRAM

1) Abuse is not only sexual
Recognizing the different forms of abuse, learning their definitions and about frequency of occurrence, as well as the misconceptions surrounding them.

2) Touched to the heart
Understanding the various impacts of abuse (psychological, sexual, physical) on victims and their families.

3) Red flags and disclosure
Recognizing red flags; "grooming"; the dangers associated with clericalism; welcoming disclosure.

4) Procedure for processing complaints and the role of the Ombudsman

Focus on the Victims of Abuses (VVA) Seminar

Let us work together to create safe and welcoming communities that uphold the dignity and integrity of every individual, as we are all made "in the image of God."

The Catholic Church of Montreal has established an awareness and training program aimed at achieving the following goals: understanding the various forms of abuse and their effects on victims and their loved ones, recognizing warning signs, and familiarizing participants with the complaint handling system and the role of the Ombudsman.

The next Focus on the Victims of Abuses Seminar is offered on:

Saturday, November 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at:
2000 Sherbrooke St. West
Montreal (Qc) H3H 1G4

We cannot turn a blind eye to the suffering endured by some of our brothers and sisters in Christ—those who have been victims of abuse and may still be facing its effects.



**INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION**



pastoresponsable@diocesemontreal.org
514-925-4300 # 288 ou 353

The graphic is a rectangular box with a light gray background and a blue footer bar. It contains the text 'INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION' in blue, a QR code, and contact information: 'pastoresponsable@diocesemontreal.org' and '514-925-4300 # 288 ou 353'.

Contact: pastoresponsable@diocesemontreal.org