

Pilgrimage for Life Fifth Edition

The Quebec Life Coalition's fifth Pilgrimage for Life is set for **Saturday, September 11, 2021**.

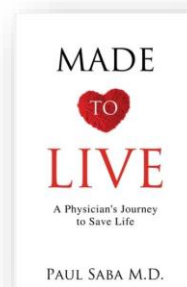
In keeping with the previous editions dating back to 2017, this walking pilgrimage will visit both holy shrines and abortion facilities, stopping at each momentarily to make intercessory prayers.

Unlike the previous ones, this September's walk will cover an altogether different route – the southwestern sector of Montreal consisting of the boroughs of LaSalle and Lachine.

Also unlike the previous pilgrimages, this one will feature a guest speaker. Paul Saba, M.D., author of [Made to Life: A Physician's Journey to Save Life](#), will be on hand with his family and will share personal reflections on the sanctity of life.

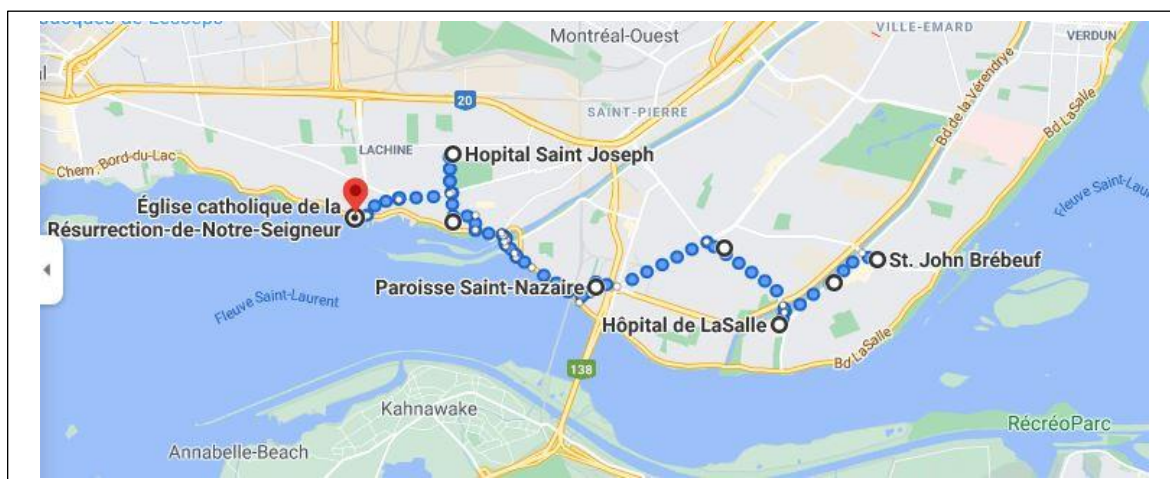
Both Dr. Saba and his wife were given a dire

prognostic regarding the health of their youngest child while in utero, being counselled to abort her. Husband and wife rejected this suggestion unequivocally. The book recounts the formative events in Dr. Saba's life shaping his pro-life convictions culminating in rejecting the death sentence proposed for his daughter.



Prayer Pilgrimage for Life

- Saturday, September 11, 2021
- **Meet:** Saint John Brebeuf Church
7777 George Street, departure set for 8:00 am
- four shrines and four abortion facilities
- Mass (anticipated) @ 10am
- 10-km walk, 8:00 am to noon.
- Reservation: (514) 344-2686



Annual Corn-on-the-Cob Gathering

A Summer Staple



Upwards of eighty to hundred adults and children participated in this year's Quebec Life Coalition's Corn-on-the Cob event.

It was held on the grounds of Saint Émile church this past Sunday, August 15, 2021, under ideal weather conditions.

The event began at noon with the serving of fresh corn and side dishes. Some fourteen dozen cobs were boiled, six platters of mini sandwiches laid out, and upwards of six homemade salads put forward to the delight of both the young and the young-at-heart.

Around 1 p.m., the program turned to our featured speakers, first the Rev. Father J.-Réal Bleau, and then the raconteurs Mrs. Gaetane Breton. The Rev. Father gave a forty-five-minute talk entitled "Together with Jesus, We will Conquer," addressing the current turmoil both inside and outside the Church.

As there is much discord in the world, is there cause for apocalyptic thinking? Have the end times arrived?

The Reverend Father noted that we have certainly arrived at the end of an era but not at the end of times.

Referring to Saint Paul, Fr. Bleau explained that the end times will be characterised by the conversion of the Jewish people acknowledging Jesus as their Messiah, something which has yet to happen.

This latter event will result in a period of peace both for the Church and for the world.

This optimism, he tempered, by noting that current events are a sign that Satan remains active in the world and his kingdom will likely intensify in the years to come.



Seen above is the Reverend Father Bleau seated next to QLC President Mr. Georges Buscemi.

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The Church, already attacked, will continue to suffer perhaps in ways it has yet to suffer. But only for a short time, sufficiently long enough for the ruin of the tyrannical powers of the world government.

This suffering within the Church, Fr. Bleau added, is a sign of its need for purification both for the priests and for the laity.

“Jesus wishes foremost the spiritual renewal of His priests, for it is above all through their priestly ministry that He wishes to give a new breath, a new impetus to His Church and to build using the powerful rays of grace a new world.”



Portion of audience listening to our speakers

Father Bleau concluded that the latter should fill our hearts with joy and the liveliest of hope that the victory of Christ over the pride of His enemies is certain and that this victory is already ours.



After a Question-and-Answer period and some light dessert refreshments, our second speaker was introduced.

Ms. Gaetane Breton is a self-described raconteur. Using song and traditional musical instruments she presents tales of French-Canadian colonial times. Her theme this day was “Les filles du Roi,” the courageous young women, about 800 in total, who were sponsored by King Louis XIV to leave France and immigrate to New France (Canada) between 1663 and 1673, to marry, found homes, and establish families in the new colony.



Fall Vigil



The Prayer vigil for the end of abortion is undergoing an unprecedented change this fall. It's moving!

Since the inaugural vigil here in Quebec in 2009, the twice annual vigil has always been held in Montreal. Over this time span, it has occupied two locations - Saint-Joseph Blvd at Saint-Laurent, and in the downtown core, near the intersections of Berri and St. Catherine Streets.

This fall we have opted to move to Sherbrooke.



Residents of this Eastern Townships community have a history of pro-life activism. They have participated over the years in the National March for Life in Ottawa. At least one parish community has held a Vespers for Life prayer service for the protection of the unborn life on the first Sunday of Advent. A crisis pregnancy centre has operated in the locality for close to a decade. Finally, in recent years, the diocese has sponsored post-abortion healing retreat weekends familiarly known as Rachel's Vineyard retreats.

A first test for a 40-day vigil readiness is set for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, when the QLC is hosting an information meeting at one of the local churches. Invitations have been sent to Christian groups and to members of the local Knights of Columbus district to learn more about the vigil, its history both worldwide as well as in Quebec.

We ask for your prayers that this meeting lights a fire in those attending so that the community as a whole becomes a haven for the culture of life and bring an end to the two abortion facilities operating therein.

Upcoming Events

Life Chain, Sunday, October 3, 2020. Details tba.

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