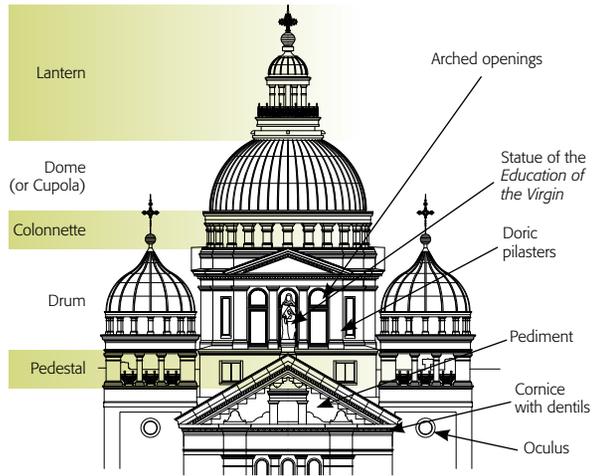


Your visit



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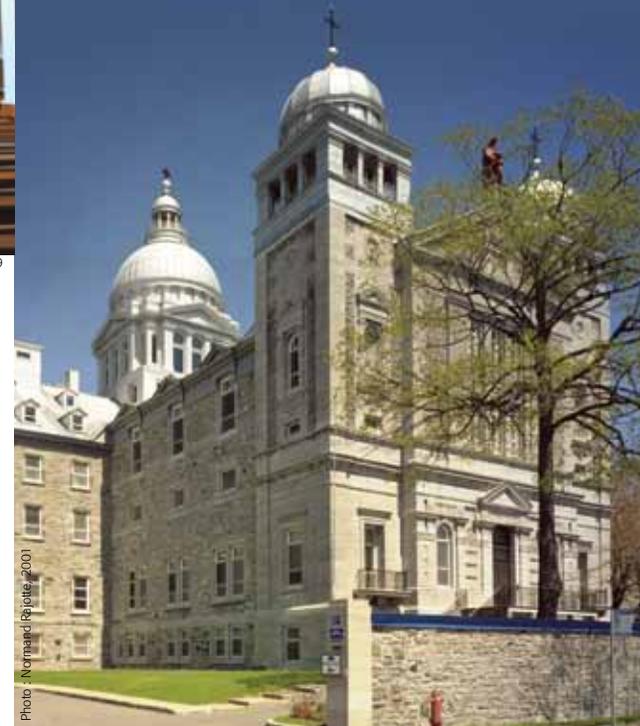
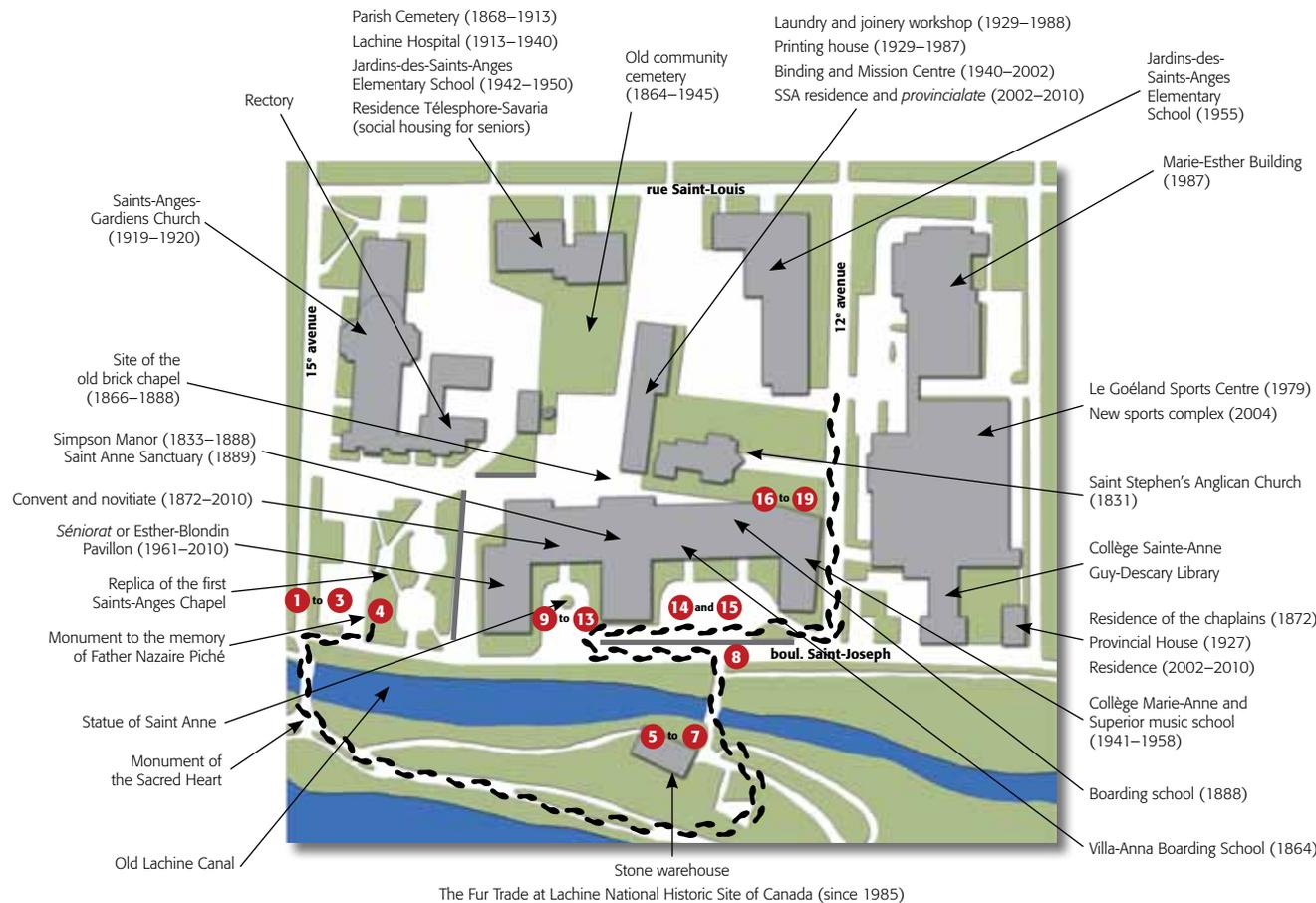


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Discovering the Convent Complex of Saint Anne in Lachine and Its Tradition of Education

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In 1850, a small community of teaching sisters was formed in Vaudreuil, Quebec. The dream of its foundress was for countryside children, boys and girls alike, to be given an education. In the early 1860s, the community moved to the outskirts of the Lachine Canal to make that dream a reality. Over the years, it grew, with the foundation of several schools, in Quebec and Canada as well as around the world.

During the next hour, we invite you to explore the complex made up of the college and convent of Sainte Anne, located in Lachine. The complex, which evolved over the years to meet the needs of the local population and the small but growing religious order, is one of the main points of interest in the historic district of Lachine. It is our pleasure to assist you as you visit these places, whose significance is closely linked to the teaching work of the Sisters of Saint Anne.

You will discover a community that strongly influenced the development of the surrounding district, and learn about figures that marked the history of Montreal, such as the Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, Bishop Ignace Bourget, Father Nazaire Piché and the architects Perrault, Mesnard and Venne.

This flyer shows the recommended routes and points of interest. The numbers on the maps indicate the starting point for each of the 19 downloadable audio stops of the virtual tour. Throughout the visit, the narrator will guide you and explain which audio stops to select.

To begin your visit, please go to the parking lot of Saints-Anges-Gardiens Church at the intersection of 15th Avenue and Saint-Joseph Boulevard, and select Stop No. 2.

We invite you to discover the Convent Complex of the Sisters of Saint Anne in Lachine and Its tradition of education.

Enjoy your visit!



Track listing

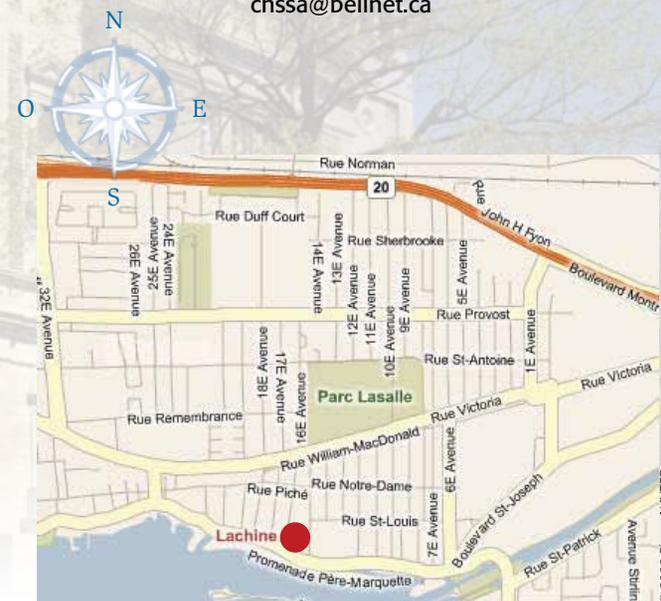
- 1 Introduction (2:39 min)
- 2 The Neighbourhood (5:38 min)
- 3 Bishop Ignace Bourget (2:03 min)*
- 4 Father Nazaire Piché (3:24 min)*
- 5 Arrival in Lachine: The Simpson Manor and the Stone Warehouse (4:57 min)
- 6 Mother Marie-Anne (3:45 min)*
- 7 The Sisters of Saint Anne (1:34 min)
- 8 The Villa-Anna Boarding School (2:53 min)
- 9 Saint Anne Convent (4:18 min)
- 10 The Sanctuary (6:49 min)
- 11 Perrault and Mesnard, Architects (6:01 min)*
- 12 Joseph Venne, Architect (4:02 min)*
- 13 Saint Anne (2:06 min)
- 14 Development of the Boarding School (2:05 min)
- 15 Collège Marie-Anne (1:14 min)
- 16 Collège Sainte-Anne and Recent Constructions (1:13 min)
- 17 Exterior Architecture of the Sisters of Saint Anne Convent (5:47 min)
- 18 Musical Excerpt (1:53 min)
- 19 Closing Remarks (1:39 min)

* Narration introducing historical figures and craftspeople.

Note: The numbers correspond to the recommended points of interest for each audio stop.

How to get to the convent complex of the Sisters of Saint Anne

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By public transit

Take the Metro (Green Line) to Lionel-Groulx station, then one of the following buses: 190 – Metrobus Lachine, 191 – Broadway/Provost or 173 – Metrobus Victoria (10 min walk).

or

Take the Metro (Green Line) to Angrignon station, then bus 195 – Sherbrooke/Notre-Dame (2 min walk).

By car

From Highway 15, Highway 20 West, exit 32nd Avenue, left on Victoria Street, right on 10th Avenue, right on Saint-Joseph Boulevard.

or

From Highway 13, exit 32nd Avenue, left on Victoria Street, right on 10th Avenue, right on Saint-Joseph Boulevard.

By bicycle

Take the bike path along the Lachine Canal to the west.



The Sisters of Saint Anne Historic Centre is accessible, upon request, to people with reduced mobility.



People with hearing impairment may enjoy the visit by downloading the full text of the virtual tour of the Sisters of Saint Anne convent complex.