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## RELIGIOUS HERITAGE DAYS 2020 Call for participants: religious heritage buildings in all of Québec's regions.

**Montréal, Jul 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.** — After the success of past editions in Montréal, the Québec Religious Heritage Council (QRHC) is happy to announce the return of the *Journées du patrimoine religieux* (Religious Heritage Days) which will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This edition has the distinction of featuring open house events in all of Québec's regions. Religious Heritage Days aims to open the doors of religious heritage buildings from different faiths and different periods of construction, with the goal of allowing Quebecers to get to know and appreciate them.

### Call for participants by religious buildings: Who can register?

A first call for submissions was launched on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to caretakers of religious heritage buildings, and around twenty sites have already registered to participate. A list of participating sites is now available on the [event's web site](#), which will be expanded as new registrations are received.

Participation is open to sites from all religious traditions and also to sites that have undergone transformation, as well as to initiatives allowing Quebecers to discover the province's religious diversity. Registration of a site's participation and programming is completed on a voluntary basis and is meant to offer visitors access free of charge (donations may be collected on site).

### Advantages of registering right now.

The registration form is now available on the [event's web site](#). Those caretakers of religious heritage buildings who register before August 5<sup>th</sup> will benefit from added visibility on social media and strategic press coverage in addition to the chance to win **a year-long membership to the Religious and Spiritual Tourism Association of Québec (QRSTA)** and **a Monastic Accommodation Package offered by the Monastère des Augustines**.

At a value of \$500, the **QRSTA membership** includes visibility on the organization's website, statistics from the field, and special rates for training and networking activities. The **Monastic accommodation package at Monastère des Augustines** includes one night in a contemporary room (o double occupancy), the *vitalité* breakfast as well as access to the museum, a heritage site, and to common spaces designated for relaxation and communication.

According to Johanne Picard, project leader at QRHC: “The event’s format aims to be simple and flexible, adapting to sites’ capacity to welcome visitors. A site can register for a time that is convenient to them during the day or even during the evening, for a minimum of two consecutive hours. We expect that the activities offered this year will consist mostly of self-guided tours of sites and exhibitions. We aim to emphasize accessibility in all of Québec’s regions.” It must be noted that in the context of collective efforts to combat the spread of the illness caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the event will follow all public health protocol.

The **QRHC** is a non-profit organization operating throughout the province of Québec. Its mission is to support and promote the conservation and appreciation of Québec’s religious heritage. This year, it is relying on the collaboration of the **QRSTA**, whose mission is to bring together actors in religious and spiritual tourism in Québec, promote them, represent them, and offer them expertise, a forum for exchange, and services that encourage their development.

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