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A Word From Our Team...

Activities at the Emilie Gamelin Centre

- Presence of the Museum of the Sisters of Providence at the “*Journées de la Culture*” 2010

This year and for the first time, the Emilie Gamelin Center participated in the 14th edition of “*Journées de la culture*” (Culture Days), an artistic and cultural expression created in Quebec which now also takes place in several other Canadian provinces. This activity aims to raise awareness of the importance and need for greater access for all citizens to the arts and culture and accomplishes this by offering activities free of charge.

For this event, our Museum opened its doors to the public on September 24 and 25. Through visits to the two permanent exhibition rooms, we gave our visitors the opportunity to discover the Charism and the history of an exceptional woman, Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin, who dedicated her life to help the poor. The visitors could also see how the Sisters of Providence have preserved the Charism of their foundress and the scope of their works of the Congregation across Canada and worldwide.



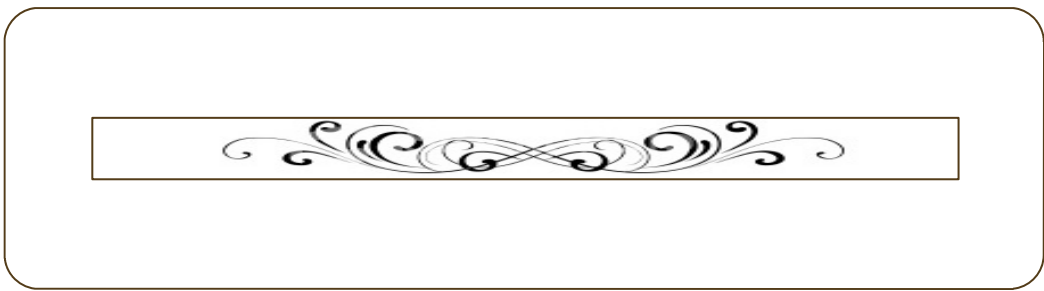
We would like to thank the organization “*Culture pour tous*” for giving us the opportunity to participate in this event .

<http://www.culturepourtous.ca/index.htm>
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- Tour of the “*Sites du Patrimoine Religieux*” 2010

The Museum of the Sisters of Providence will participate in the *tour “Sites du Patrimoine Religieux” (Religious Heritage Sites)* this October 29-31 2010, which has been organized for the celebration of the Canonization of Frere Andre. For this event, our Museum will be open to the public on **Friday, October 29 from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM.** (free admission and no reservation required). For more information, please contact the Emilie Gamelin Centre at 514-334-9090.

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Activities at the Emilie Gamelin Centre

- **Pilgrimages**

- This year, two groups from the United States who were making a pilgrimage in Montreal visited the Museum of the Sisters of Providence :

June 7 & 8: Members of *Providence Ministries and the staff of Providence Health & Services** - *Washington, Oregon, Montana and California region*

October 5 & 6: Members from *Providence Health & Services** - *Washington & Montana region*

The pilgrims also walked "In the Footsteps of Emilie", which helped them to relate to those places that witnessed her life; places that remind us her generosity towards the poor and the under privileged.

Their desire to deepen and renew the Providence Charism invited us to present to our visitors the path followed by Emilie Gamelin and the Sisters of Providence since the very beginning. They were able to discover the history of the city where the Congregation was founded and the history of its early works.

For us, this experience was very enriching; it gave us the opportunity to meet people who are deeply involved in the Providence Mission in a different context but animated by the same Providence spirit.

These were days of sharing among this great Providence family!

- *Residents of the Manoir Cartierville* visited the Emilie-Gamelin Centre and the Mother House Chapel of the Sisters of Providence on July 21, 28 and on August 11.

These pilgrims attended Mass in the Chapel at 10 AM and followed by lunch.

We wish to thank all our visitors to the Museum of the Sisters of Providence. Also, thank you for your prayer intentions, your expressions of gratitude to Emilie and your comments.

May Blessed Emilie be with you always!

The Team of the Emilie-Gamelin Centre

Lorena Otero and Nancy Prada

Did you know that...

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence works in many countries around the World?

Emilie's heritage is present in 9 countries :

Argentina, Cameroun, Canada, Chile, Egypt, United States, Philippines, Haiti and El Salvador.

"Much kindness and great charity for our neighbor."
Emilie Gamelin

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An exposition in Quebec honors the sculpture of Mother Gamelin

Sainte-Foy-Sillery-Cap-Rouge borough in Quebec City paid tribute to a great Quebec sculptor, Mr. Raoul Hunter, by presenting the exhibition "Raoul Hunter Sculpteur d'Identité". This exhibition was held from June 1 to August 22, 2010, at the *Maison Hamel-Bruneau* at 2608 Chemin Saint-Louis in Quebec.

For the Sisters of Providence, Providence Associates and all the friends of Mother Gamelin, the name of Raoul Hunter calls to mind the Monument of Mother Gamelin that was erected by the city of Montreal in the entrance of the Berri-UQAM Metro Station on May 25, 2000, and which is occasionally greeted and contemplated by passers-by...

Between 1996 and 2000, Sr. Therese Frigon, Director at the Office of the Cause, was asked to represent the Sisters of Providence on the Committee that would work with the City of Montreal for the realization of a monument in honor of Mother Gamelin. During that time, Sr. Therese had the opportunity to work closely with the sculptor chosen by the city, Mr. Raoul Hunter.



Raoul Hunter was very pleased when the sculpture he presented won among several other art works, and was selected by the city of Montreal. His intention was to create a dynamic sculpture that represented Mother Gamelin's constant attentiveness to the poor by portraying her offering a helping hand to them. Since the installation of this sculpture at the Berri-UQAM Metro Station in Montreal, which is the former site of the Asile of Providence, her outstretched hand has been shaken by thousands of passers-by, resulting in a slight wearing away of the bronze.

When Providence Health & Services* in Mother Joseph Province requested a duplicate of this sculpture of Mother Gamelin for their institutions, Raoul Hunter offered an alternative model: Mother Gamelin handing out some bread with one hand and holding a basket filled with bread in the other. Reproductions of this second sculpture are now located in various institutions of Providence Health & Services* and at various houses of the Congregation, including Saint Joseph Residence in Seattle, Washington, and the Providence Centre Chapel, in Edmonton, Alberta.



Mother Emilie Gamelin
Sculpture in Bronze
Raoul Hunter, 1999

Mother Emilie Gamelin is represented in action, carrying a basket of bread and, to ease their hunger and misery, offering a little nourishment to the forgotten people of her time. Her vigorous stride recalls her energy and generosity to others; her smile shows her openness and kindness.

The statue was inaugurated on May 25, 2000 commemorating the 200th anniversary of her birth (February 19, 1800).

We offer Mr. Raoul Hunter our esteem, profound gratitude and congratulations. May our Blessed Mother Gamelin

continue to protect him and his family.

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Office of the Cause Emilie Gamelin

* *Providence Health & Services* is a non-profit Catholic ministry that includes health care, education, housing for the elderly and persons with low incomes in five western states of the United States. It is sponsored by Providence Ministries, a juridical and canonical person since January 2010, which continues the mission of the Sisters of Providence.

Gratitudes to Emilie

Blessed Emilie Gamelin with her compassionate heart...

Thank you for your prayers. We purchased a new house after praying to Blessed Mother Gamelin.

JV, St-Justin, QC

My son D. had to sell a business in a limited time; our blessed Emilie took charge of it, despite the obstacles that arose. Thank you, thank you Mother Gamelin!

LH, Victoriaville, QC

Thank you to Mother Gamelin for the sale of my house.

MT, Mont-Joli, QC

I underwent a cancer operation, but thanks to prayers through the intercession of Mother Gamelin, everything seems back to normal. Many thanks.

L.B.-R. Charlesbourg, QC

I deeply thank the Lord and Mother Emilie Gamelin for the favor received, which meant a lot to me. It was a situation that had caused me much anguish.

C.T., St. Elizabeth, QC

Here is my grateful contribution to the Cause of Mother Gamelin for the sale of my house and for obtaining good jobs for some members of my family.

C.D., St-Alexis-des-Monts, QC

Thanks to Mother Gamelin for the favor received: I had lost something very important, I prayed to Mother Gamelin and immediately I found it.

R.P., Montreal QC

Thank you, Emilie, for the favor received: A friend of my daughter was harassed in many ways, after having entrusted her to Mother Gamelin, she is now free from all this. In gratitude, here is a donation for the Cause of Canonization.

L.V., Louiseville, QC

I obtained two favors from Mother Gamelin and I want to thank her. My son got a promotion at work and a friend was able to keep his property. Here is my donation to her Cause.

M.S., Sunny Vale, CA

We are very happy for the requests we have entrusted to Blessed Mother Gamelin and we have received: the sale of our house, buying a condo and an easy moving. My husband and I are very satisfied. Thank you to Emile for listening to our prayers.

L. St-C., Boucherville, QC

I am pleased to say that Mother Gamelin, once again, has granted me during a novena I made for the sale of my motor home. Many, many thanks!

M.L., Rigaud, QC

Thank you to Mother Gamelin. She obtained the successful opening of a chiropractic office for a young couple. A medal of the Blessed Emilie also protects all my grandchildren in their work. I have great confidence in her.

Mrs. L.T., Montreal, QC

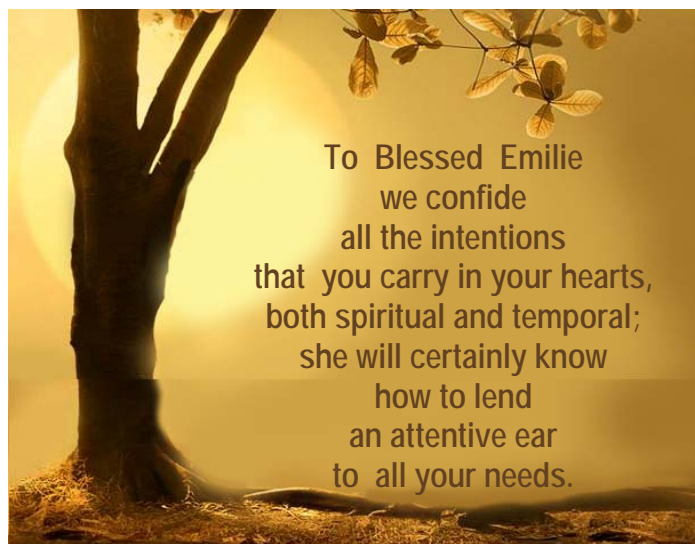
We thank Blessed Mother Gamelin for the selling of our house and for finding a new home that meets my husband's health needs; also, for resolving a financial problem with no additional costs.

G. and RM, Mascouche, QC

Blessed Emilie Gamelin, Pray for us !

Sister Therese Frigon, SP

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