

# ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

## 2022-2023



Fondation  
**Novatio**



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dear readers,

A decade ago, in 2013, I had the honour of hosting a Gala organized by the archbishop in celebration of the 50th anniversary of our archdiocese. In anticipation of this momentous occasion, I had the privilege of visiting each of the 57 parishes across the region and meeting hundreds of faithful parishioners. What stood out at that time and that continues to do so today is the warm **welcome** extended to me, the **generosity** during these visits, and the **simplicity** in the exchange within the various communities. I witnessed what, for me, embodies the hallmark of our Archdiocese: Welcome, Generosity, and Simplicity. What an incredible show of solidarity!

Today, in 2023, our Archdiocese celebrates its 60th anniversary. The very essence that I discovered ten years ago remains ever present. Among the notable achievements since 2013, it is with pride that we highlight the creation of OUR Novatio Foundation. Stemming from synodal consultations involving all our parishes, the Foundation is our shared way of making a tangible difference in our communities. It serves as a platform to heed the calls for help in our communities and translate the Word of the Lord, heard at mass every week, into meaningful action.

As revealed in this report, the momentum is growing, and the Holy Spirit is at work. Last year, eleven innovative projects submitted by parishes and community organizations received financial support totaling \$71,270. A first installment of \$22,000 was allocated to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Additionally, the Archbishop's Brunches raised over \$20,000, distributed among 26 charitable organizations within the region. And this is just the beginning. A new call for proposals has been launched in our parishes. Let's express our sincere gratitude to the volunteers across the archdiocese who are actively or will soon be leading valuable initiatives to successful fruition.

As mentioned last year, in response to the question, "What can I do to help?" – I can listen to the needs around me, I can collaborate on a project, I can spread the word, I can volunteer my time, and I can pray that these combined efforts lead to their ultimate goal: to love thy neighbour. Our objective for the current year is to receive \$50,000 in financial donations. Whether through one-time contributions, monthly donations, a donation of securities, or a gift in your will, let us come together as a strong Christian community in service to others.

Thank you for your generosity and support for this cause, which is profoundly important to each of us. May the Holy Spirit continue to light our way and **OUR** Foundation have a long life.

**RICHARD ROCHEFORT**

THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## The first lap complete!

The year 2022-2023 has been a year that truly reflects the normal functioning of a foundation, emphasizing solidarity with the community by supporting projects and people who have wanted to make a difference. The fall of 2022 marked the initial call for proposals allowing Novatio to meaningfully express its mission throughout the Outaouais region.

In support of the parishes and organizations whose projects were selected, the Foundation's leadership team, along with the Chair of the Board, Mr. Richard Rochefort, took the time to visit each location. During these visits, Novatio connected with community members in solidarity, invited them to share in the mission of the Foundation and come together to dream and finance new projects. Each visit was proudly featured in the Diocese Newsletter's dedicated column for Novatio.

## The team has grown



Last April, the Foundation welcomed Mrs. Monique Washnuk, who joined the team as Advisor, Philanthropic Development. This pivotal role is essential in advancing overall fund development, including a major and legacy gift program and an annual fundraising campaign.

The inaugural annual campaign, themed "Your donations today gives new life to the future of our communities", was launched during the archbishop's brunches that took place in the diocese's pastoral regions in October and November 2023. Novatio was proud to partner with the diocese as it transitioned away from the Archbishop's Annual Golf Tournament, supporting community organizations for a decade. Beginning in 2024, The Foundation will assume full responsibility for this annual fundraising activity, in collaboration with Archbishop Durocher, generous supporters and community members.

Lastly, during the pastoral launches across the five pastoral regions of the diocese, the Foundation shared its mission and invited communities to submit projects aligned with the diocese's pastoral priorities for 2023 to 2025 related to the theme "A Synodal Church is a Church of Listening."

Your belief in the Novatio Foundation's mission is truly appreciated.

**DEACON RENÉ LAPRISE**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# HISTORY

The word Novatio,  
in latin, means  
"renewal".

1

The creation of the Novatio Foundation by the Archbishop of Gatineau, Paul-André Durocher, and a group of volunteers.

2

2017-2018: A pre-campaign study was conducted by team at BNP Philanthropic Performance.

3

The launch of the Foundation was put on hold.

4

2021: The activities for the launch of the Foundation began, including the development and finalization of its documents, including by-laws, donation policies, etc.

5

2022: The Foundation began with solicitations for its major gift campaign. Fundraising activities are ongoing.

6

2022-2023: A first call for proposals was launched.

7

2023: The first grants were awarded.

# MISSION

The Novatio Foundation mobilizes the community so that we may embody our Christian values, do good in the world around us, assist those most in need, and contribute to the blossoming of the kingdom of "justice, peace, and joy" (Romans 14:17).

# VISION

A Church that makes a difference in this world. Christian communities that contribute to the fulfillment of all men and women in their communities, and this, for generations to come.

# VALUES

The Novatio Foundation, a charitable organization, promotes the following evangelical and ecclesial values in its operations and those of its partners:

## **Partnership**

To value the partnership between men and women, laity and clergy, employees and volunteers in its structure, activities, and projects.

## **Social solidarity**

Reach out to and support the excluded, the poor or the destitute, the elderly, immigrants and youth through a social ministry that aims, among other things, at fighting poverty, respecting human rights and cooperation.

## **Respect and equity**

To value human dignity and promote social justice through individual and collective empowerment.

## **Care for creation**

To commit to respectful care for creation and safeguarding of the environment.

## **Creativity, innovation, experimentation**

Develop the capacity of individuals and groups to imagine and implement new projects.

## **Transparency and integrity**

To ensure accessibility to information and encouraging honest and authentic behavior.

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# TOGETHER, YOUR DONATIONS BREATHE NEW LIFE

YOUR DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS WITHIN THE  
COMMUNITIES WHERE WE LIVE.



## **A Dream Brought to Life!**

In the early days of the Novatio Foundation, I shared my dream of a Church that makes a difference in this world, of Christian communities that contribute to the vitality of all women and men so that they may thrive in their environments. This aspiration was echoed in the spring of 2022 during the tour of the pastoral regions, where the Foundation was introduced. Communities were encouraged to dream of possibilities while rallying the community to submit project proposals within the framework of the first call for proposals that was launched in the fall of 2022.

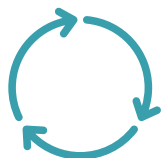
It brings immense joy to witness this dream taking root across several parishes and community organizations that responded to the call. The projects funded in this inaugural year reflect the communities' desire to innovate and create something new. The diversity of these projects exemplifies Novatio's priorities – to support and care for youth and families, especially newcomers and immigrants, Indigenous peoples, and seniors. Moreover, some initiatives focus on leveraging new technologies to support pastoral outreach and connect with people more effectively.

Lastly, supporting community involvement in parishes and organizations promotes solidarity and justice, and echoes Pope Francis' call to move toward the peripheries of society.

Heartfelt gratitude to the parishes and organizations that answered the call.

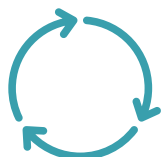
**+PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER**  
ARCHBISHOP OF GATINEAU

# LEARNING TO WALK SIDE BY SIDE



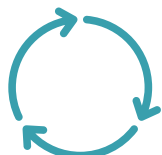
In September 2021, the Archdiocese of Gatineau joined all dioceses in Canada, in a five-year commitment to create a \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. With over \$14 million raised to date, we're on track to exceed our goal if this momentum continues. The Novatio Foundation supports the Archdiocese of Gatineau, in its commitment of \$100,000.

These funds support initiatives focused on community and family healing, cultural and language revitalization, educational empowerment, and dialogues promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture.



In June 2022, the Archdiocese of Gatineau welcomed the Algonquin parish of Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, which serves the Indigenous population of Kitigan Zibi located near Maniwaki. This addition helps the archdiocese in establishing genuine connections with the local Algonquin community.

In November 2023, the archdiocese formed a Catholic-Indigenous dialogue committee that is chaired by Father Mario Thibault from Gracefield, to deepen mutual understanding and identify ways of benefiting from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.



These first steps mark the beginning of a longer journey. You can show your support of this vital effort by giving through the Novatio Foundation and with your prayers.



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# PROJECTS FINANCED

## JUBÉ MÉDIA—SAINTE-TRINITÉ PARISH

During the Sunday Mass on May 21st 2023, the parish of Sainte-Trinité unveiled and blessed a recording studio to mark the official launch of Jubé Média, a web-based channel.

The event was attended by various Foundation representatives, including the Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Richard Rochefort.



The initiative supports online evangelization by establishing a community-oriented TV channel. The recording studio and control room are located in the choir loft of Sainte-Trinité church, and is equipped with cameras that enable the live streaming of all parish celebrations.





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## TACKLING FOOD SECURITY — CENTRE DE SÉCURITÉ ALIMENTAIRE DE GATINEAU (CSAG)



The Novatio Foundation officially presented its financial support during the annual general meeting of the CSAG. The center's annual report underscores the increasing need resulting from the rising cost of living. It is crucial for partners to unite and provide support to address the urgent needs of individuals and their families.

## YOUTH MINISTRY AND THE WELCOMING OF FAMILIES — PARISH OF NOTRE-DAME DE L'EAU VIVE

The Novatio Foundation supported the Parish of Notre-Dame de l'Eau Vive in two initiatives: one aimed at engaging young adults in ministry, and the other is focused on welcoming and thoughtfully integrating immigrant families into the parish community.

The first initiative offers young adults aged 18 and above, whether studying or in the workforce, to gather twice a month to encourage discussion, meaningful exchanges, and to come together in prayer.

The second initiative, named 'Café-Rencontre,' gives immigrant families a platform to connect and meet others, to socialize, share, and foster a sense of welcome within both the parish and the local community.

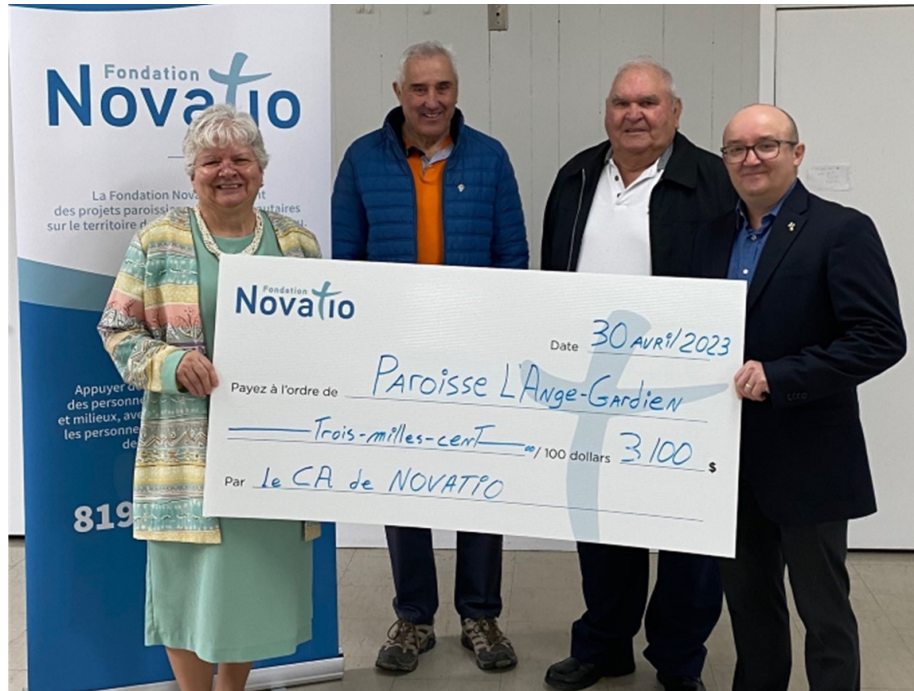




## ENHANCING WAYS TO SPREAD CHRIST'S WORD — PARISH OF L'ANGE-GARDIEN

This initiative aims to enhance pastoral resources within the parish, specifically focusing on the needs of newcomers. It serves as an invitation for young people and their families to engage fully and actively in parish life.

On April 30th 2023, the parish of L'Ange-Gardien warmly welcomed the Foundation's Executive Director, Deacon René Laprise, for the official presentation of financial support totalling \$3,100 to the parish.



## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT — OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH (VENOSTA)



On June 24th 2023, Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Venosta hosted its Annual Church Picnic. This event brings together family and friends for a time fun and fellowship in a friendly, barrier-free environment. Ms. Monique Washnuk, Philanthropic Development Advisor at the Novatio Foundation, was on hand to officially present the Foundation's financial support for this successful event, which showcased Venosta's talent and pride.

Thanks to the time, talent and energy of many, a delicious meal was served, and beautiful music was played throughout the day and during the evening's mass.

## A PLACE OF WELCOME THROUGH FAMILY MINISTRY — SAINT-RICHARD PARISH



During the Sunday Mass on June 11th, the parish of Saint-Richard gratefully accepted financial support from the Novatio Foundation for two parish pastoral initiatives. With a focus on faith-based ministry, the parish seeks to provide support to families. Additionally, with special attention to seniors and newcomers, the parish aims to foster meaningful connections where individuals feel welcomed.

Members of the Foundation, including Mr. Richard Rochefort, Chair of the Board, Deacon René Laprise, Executive Director, presented a cheque of \$5,400 to the members of Saint-Richard's Parish, which included Mr. Denis Scantland, President of the Fabrique, Mr. Gérard Lafortune, churchwarden, and Father Jean-Paul Omombo.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY - TCFDSO

In support of its vital initiatives, the Novatio Foundation committed to providing \$25,000 over two years to the Table de concertation sur la faim et le développement social de l'Outaouais (TCFDSO).

The TCFDSO unites 34 member organizations and approximately 25 partner institutions in the fight against access to food. Additionally, it guides 9 social development groups across the Outaouais in implementing projects aimed at improving food security and fostering healthy eating habits. Ultimately, the various projects initiated by the TCFDSO aim to decrease food waste and enhance the distribution of surplus groceries and agricultural products.





## EXTENDING REACH WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY — NOTRE-DAME-DE-LA-SALETTE



The parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette received financial support from the Novatio Foundation to install a screen and visual aid in the sacristy. This essential equipment, enables the parish to utilize new technologies and offers the necessary tools to assist individuals in living out their faith in meaningful ways.

## FILLING BELLIES AND WARMING HEARTS — PARISH OF L'ASSOMPTION-DE-MARIE

The Foundation's leadership was delighted to visit Maniwaki on May 30th 2023 during 'La Soupe de l'amitié'. Over 150 individuals enjoyed the final meal of the 2022-2023 pastoral year, prepared and served by a large team of dedicated volunteers, including members of the Fabrique and the parish priest, Father Sylvain Desrosiers.



Soupe de l'amitié  
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MERCI À TOUS !  
  
Votre participation et vos  
généreux dons nous ont  
permis de vous servir  
plus de "2500 repas" !!  
  
Le dialogue, la collaboration  
la joie et le sourire renaissent  
Merci pour la création d'amitié  
permettant de briser la solitude  
autour d'un bon repas.  
  
Bel été et au plaisir de se  
Revoir le "12 septembre" ♥

Twice a week, everyone gathers to share a warm meal, aiming to go beyond simply providing for the hungry or the lonely; it feeds the soul of the community and rebuilds essential connections, including the participation of a few children from the primary school across from the parish hall. The Novatio Foundation is honoured to support this initiative by the Parish of L'Assomption-de-Marie, which resumed in September.



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# ACTIVITIES

YOUR DONATION TODAY GIVES NEW LIFE TO THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

## 1 LAUNCH OF THE FOUNDATION'S FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Novatio Foundation launched its first annual fundraising campaign during the Archbishop's brunches in the fall of 2023.

This campaign offers us the opportunity to live our values, to do good in the world around us, and to help those who need it most. By making a:

- one-time gift
- monthly gift, or
- legacy gift

we support collective efforts within our communities.

With a goal set at \$50,000, this inaugural campaign will run until June 2024. Together, we can make a difference.



## 2 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Novatio Foundation invited the 57 parishes within the diocese, along with community organizations in the Outaouais region, to propose initiatives aligned with the Foundation's mission, the 2023-2025 pastoral priorities, and its key areas of support. The submission deadline is December 15, 2023. In this second call for proposals, aiming to allocate up to \$125,000 thanks to the generosity of donors, the Foundation seeks to promote innovative ideas that help those in need.

A committee, comprising board members and volunteers, will review and assess the submissions, with decisions announced in January 2024.

# ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

## 3 PARTNERING TO OFFER THE ARCHBISHOP'S BRUNCHES

The Foundation was honoured to collaborate with the diocese to host the Archbishop's Brunches, which took place from October to November 2023. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to highlight and celebrate acts of philanthropy and kindness happening in 57 parishes and community organizations across the diocese. Thanks to dedicated volunteer teams, the four brunches were held at St. Mark's parish in Aylmer, the Knights of Columbus hall in Buckingham, the parish of Sainte-Trinité in Gatineau, and the Parish of l'Assomption-de-Marie in Maniwaki.

This collective effort raised **more than \$22,000** in support of **26 community organizations and initiatives** across the diocese!



The Foundation's Executive Director, Deacon René Laprise, during his speech at the brunch on October 7, 2023, at St. Mark's parish hall.



# STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

THE NOVATIO FOUNDATION IS ADMINISTERED BY COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS, WHO FORM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED FOR A RENEWABLE 2-YEAR TERM.

| LEADERSHIP          |                         |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Role                | Name                    | Mandate           |
| Archbishop          | Mgr Paul-André Durocher | Ex-officio member |
| Vicar general       | Rodhain Kasuba          | Ex-officio member |
| Executive Director  | René Laprise            | Ex-officio member |
| DIRECTORS           |                         |                   |
| Chair               | Richard Rochefort       | 2022-2024         |
| Director, Treasurer | Yvette Sanscartier      | 2022-2024         |
| Director            | Claire Brouillet        | 2022-2024         |
| Director            | Daniel Roussy           | 2022-2023         |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2022-2023

FONDATION NOVATIO

RÉSULTATS

EXERCICE CLOS LE 30 JUIN 2023

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|                                                                                                          | 2023                | 2022              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>PRODUITS</b>                                                                                          |                     |                   |
| Dons (annexe A)                                                                                          | 19 961 \$           | 906 806 \$        |
| Résultat net des placements financiers (annexe B)                                                        | 35 336              | (39 918)          |
| Autres revenus                                                                                           | 7 462               | -                 |
|                                                                                                          | 62 759              | 866 888           |
| <b>CHARGES</b>                                                                                           |                     |                   |
| Honoraires professionnels – Gestion administrative                                                       | 78 612              | 28 205            |
| Projets subventionnés                                                                                    | 71 270              | -                 |
| Don à l'Archevêque Catholique Romain de Gatineau pour le<br>Fonds de réconciliation avec les Autochtones | 20 000              | -                 |
| Autres honoraires professionnels et consultants                                                          | 3 762               | 139 468           |
| Frais de bureau                                                                                          | 936                 | 278               |
| Abonnements et cotisations                                                                               | 899                 | -                 |
| Publicité et promotion                                                                                   | 873                 | 687               |
| Frais de déplacement et de représentation                                                                | 272                 | 304               |
| Intérêt et frais bancaires                                                                               | 65                  | 117               |
| Amortissement des immobilisations corporelles                                                            | 207                 | -                 |
|                                                                                                          | 176 896             | 169 059           |
| <b>EXCÉDENT (INSUFFISANCE) DES PRODUITS SUR LES<br/>CHARGES</b>                                          | <b>(114 137) \$</b> | <b>697 829 \$</b> |

Les notes complémentaires et les renseignements complémentaires font partie intégrante des états financiers.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2022-2023

### FONDATION NOVATIO

#### BILAN

30 JUIN 2023

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|                                                                | 2023       | 2022       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>ACTIF</b>                                                   |            |            |
| Actif à court terme                                            |            |            |
| Encaisse                                                       | 28 745 \$  | 19 398 \$  |
| Placements dans le marché monétaire, évalués à la juste valeur | 43 541     | 73 318     |
| Sommes à recevoir de l'État, taxes de vente                    | 233        | 9 523      |
|                                                                | 72 519     | 102 239    |
| Placements (note 3)                                            | 559 489    | 609 400    |
| Immobilisations corporelles (note 4)                           | 1 858      | -          |
|                                                                | 633 866 \$ | 711 639 \$ |
| <b>PASSIF</b>                                                  |            |            |
| Passif à court terme                                           |            |            |
| Créditeurs (note 5)                                            | 50 174 \$  | 13 810 \$  |
| <b>ACTIF NET</b>                                               |            |            |
| Grevé d'affectations internes (note 6)                         | 125 000    | 120 000    |
| Non affecté                                                    | 458 692    | 577 829    |
|                                                                | 583 692    | 697 829    |
|                                                                | 633 866 \$ | 711 639 \$ |

Pour le conseil d'administration,

\_\_\_\_\_, administrateur

\_\_\_\_\_, administrateur

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# BUDGET

## 2023-2024

| Budget 2023-2024 Fondation Novatio |                            |                   |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                    |                            | 2022-2023         | 2023-2024      |
| Revenus                            | Don majeur                 | 1 000 000         | 700 000        |
|                                    | Don régulier               | 500 000           | 250 000        |
|                                    | Autres (campagne annuelle) | 50 000            | 50 000         |
|                                    | Intérêts placements        |                   | 24 000         |
|                                    | Total                      | 1 550 000         | 1 024 000      |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
| Dépenses                           | Mission                    | 120 000 \$        | 125 000        |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
|                                    | Total                      | <u>120 000 \$</u> | <u>125 000</u> |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
|                                    | Administration             |                   |                |
|                                    | Professionnel              | 25 000            | 25 000         |
|                                    | Salaire                    | 40 000            | 100 000        |
|                                    | Contractuel                | 25 000            | 0              |
|                                    | Bureau                     | 15 000            | 5 000          |
|                                    | Communication              | 15 000            | 15 000         |
|                                    | CA et Comités              | 2 000             | 2 000          |
|                                    | Autres                     | 3 000             | 3 000          |
|                                    | Total                      | <u>125 000</u>    | <u>150 000</u> |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
|                                    | Financier                  |                   |                |
|                                    | Comptabilité               | 2 000             | 2 000          |
|                                    | Audit                      | 3 000             | 5 000          |
|                                    | Total                      | <u>5 000</u>      | <u>7 000</u>   |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
|                                    | Total                      | 250 000           | 282 000        |
|                                    |                            |                   |                |
|                                    | Surplus/(Déficit)          | 1 300 000         | 742 000        |

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# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS.

The Novatio Foundation and the Archdiocese of Gatineau encompass a strong and compassionate community — one that comes together to strengthen its communities and assist those in need. It is with a grateful heart that we witness acts of generosity, kindness and care freely given by our donors, partners, and volunteers throughout the diocese every day.

Need information or wish to speak to a member of our team?

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To make your donation  
online, scan the QR code or  
go to: <https://rb.gy/om744>



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## What legacy story do I want to tell ?

- Take care of my family and loved ones - ensure their financial security.
- Express my deep rooted values
- Make a difference in my community
- Honour life's greatest gifts - give back

### WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Name the Novatio Foundation as beneficiary of a gift in my will
- The gift of a life insurance policy
- A donation of securities

My will is powerful!

I can ensure that my legacy will have the kind of impact that I want!

### Values

Love



### Gratitude

generosity

kindness



### INFORMATION :

<https://willpower.ca/charities/fondation-novatio/>

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