

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

2024-2025



Fondation
Novatio



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Strength in Unity



The vitality of our Archdiocese flows through each of the 56 parishes that compose it. Each bears witness to its faith in Jesus, each has a committed pastor, dedicated volunteers, and devoted parishioners; each seeks to radiate light around it. Having had the privilege of visiting all our parishes as part of the 50th anniversary of our Diocese, I have personally witnessed the positive energy that emerges everywhere in our region thanks to our gatherings. It is so

beautiful to see that I asked myself if there was even more we could accomplish by pooling our efforts all together.

I believe I have found the answer to my own question. When we stand shoulder to shoulder among parishes, when we set common goals, when we strengthen the bonds among us, everything becomes possible and our ability to support the community around us is multiplied a hundredfold.

Do we have the desire to unite our strengths in the Archdiocese of Gatineau? Again, I found the answer to my own question by participating in various inter-parish meetings and in the Archbishop's brunches over the past three years. Each time, I observed the powerful energy sparked by warm reunions among parishioners from different parishes working toward a common purpose: going beyond our four walls and reaching out to those around us. The same result was achieved during our very first Parish Choir Concert held in May for Mother's Day. With just the brunches, our Novatio Foundation was able to distribute more than \$30,000 to 30 community projects that make a big difference.

The Foundation has become one of the ways we have equipped ourselves to act collectively and collaborate with parishes in order to support what matters most to us. The moral of this story? Let's continue to act as one — because strength comes from unity!

RICHARD ROCHEFORT

THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Year of Transition

After issuing two calls for proposals in previous fiscal years, the Board of Directors decided that the 2024–2025 year would be a transitional year with no new call for proposals. In fact, the Foundation sought to review its funding priorities while considering its medium- and long-term financial capacity. The past year also provided an opportunity to reflect on Novatio’s mission and to focus on innovative projects within parish communities, between parishes, and in collaboration with community organizations. Moreover, the name Novatio itself means “to make something new.”



However, this transition year was not without activities and projects. The Archbishop’s second round of brunches was a real success, generating over \$30,000 in profits to support parishes and community organizations. In addition, the first fundraising event for Novatio’s mission was a wonderful success thanks to the concert of parish choirs, which brought together nearly 100 singers for a Mother’s Day tribute concert.

Building Donor Loyalty

The creation of a foundation is an adventure that can take several years, during which bonds of trust are gradually woven and a shared mission and vision take shape. The Novatio Foundation aims to serve as a bridge between the needs of our diocesan Church and the desire of donors to contribute to the future of our parish communities. This was, in fact, the theme of Novatio’s second annual campaign: “For the Future of Our Communities.”

In this spirit, the Foundation’s regular communications through the diocesan newsletter, at brunch events, and during the benefit concert with parish choirs have helped attract new supporters who wish to contribute to the Foundation’s mission. The major gifts and planned giving programs also offer several ways to donate.

Finally, the Archbishop’s third round of brunches in the fall of 2025 once again demonstrates the solidarity of parishes with the Foundation, helping to directly support parishes and organizations through the Foundation’s microgrant program.

Thank you for helping to spread the word about the Novatio Foundation.

RENÉ LAPRISE, DEACON
THE 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

2021: After being put on hold, the activities for the launch of the Foundation began, including the development and finalization of its documents.

4

2022-2023: A first call for proposals and the first grants were awarded in 2023.

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2023-2024: The second call for proposals and grants were awarded at the start of 2024.

6

October 2023: Launch of the First Annual Campaign.



Fundraising activities continue

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 behaviour.

ACTIVITIES

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARCHBISHOP'S BRUNCHES

For the second consecutive year, the Foundation was pleased to collaborate with the Archdiocese to offer four brunches as part of the Archbishop's Brunch series. The funds raised helped support various projects carried out across the Archdiocese.



DATE
October 6,
2024



Community Hall
Papineauville



\$6,870 raised, distributed
to 6 parishes and
community organizations



DATE
November 9,
2024



Community Center
Gracefield



\$7,150 raised, distributed
to 10 parishes and
community organizations



PARTENARIAT AVEC LES BRUNCHS DE L'ARCHEVÊQUE (continued)



Parish Hall Cathédrale
Saint-Joseph



\$10,500 raised, distributed
to 7 parishes and
community organizations



Parish Hall
Sainte-Trinité



\$6,758 raised, distributed to
7 parishes and
community organizations



ACTIVITIES (continued)

FUNDRAISING: PARISH CHOIRS CONCERT

Last May, the Foundation organized a benefit concert held at Ste-Trinité parish, bringing together various parish choirs and musicians from our Archdiocese, with musical participation by Mgr Paul-André Durocher. Admission was free, and the audience was invited to make voluntary contributions in support of the Foundation's work. The concert was presented as part of the Jubilee Year and in celebration of Mother's Day, under the title "**A Bouquet of Flowers for Our Mothers.**"

Thanks to the choirs, musicians, volunteers, and donors who enabled the Foundation to raise \$3,077.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S BRUNCHES FALL 2025

The Foundation continues to partner with the Archdiocese to once again offer four brunches. Through these brunches, the funds raised directly support projects that have a tangible impact on communities within the Archdiocese.

BRUNCHES HELD :



UPCOMING BRUNCH :



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

THE NOVATIO FOUNDATION: A WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH IN OUTAOUAIS



For the next two years, 2025–2027, the pastoral priority of our diocese will be “**The Church in the Outaouais: Sowing His Light Together.**” It is therefore important to listen to our communities in order to better understand our region and respond to the needs of our society by sharing the light of Christ.



In this regard, the Novatio Foundation is a natural means of financially supporting pastoral projects and initiatives, helping to advance the mission of our Church in the world through parishes and organizations across the Outaouais region.



Looking back on the Foundation’s first years of activity, I see that the needs are great and that many wonderful projects have been born with Novatio’s support. This past experience gives confidence for the future, and it is to be hoped that many of us will continue to support the Foundation through our donations and talents, allowing it to humbly contribute to the new projects that will arise in our parishes.

Finally, thank you to the donors who already support Novatio. Your solidarity is deeply appreciated and contributes to the mission of our Church. Together, we spread the light of Christ.

Thank you !

+PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER
ARCHBISHOP OF GATINEAU

IMPACT OF SELECTED FUNDED PROJECTS

CENTRE EN SÉCURITÉ ALIMENTAIRE DE GATINEAU (CESAG)

Thanks to funding from the Novatio Foundation, the CSAG was able to launch a pilot project offering tailored emergency food assistance for individuals without access to a kitchen. The project was a success and allowed the CSAG to position itself as a key partner within the continuum of homelessness services in the Gatineau area. As an example, in May 2024, 32 adapted emergency food packages were distributed — 12 to CSAG clients, 8 to Réhabex, 10 to the 40-CISSS, and 2 to street outreach workers.

Thanks to this success, the project is now funded by the INTEGRATED AND INTERMINISTERIAL REGIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN ON HOMELESSNESS for 2024–2025 and 2025–2026.



Street outreach worker who sets out with tailored supplies before visiting the encampments



Example of Box Contents

SAINTE-TRINITÉ PARISH - PROJECT: VIRTUAL PASTORAL MINISTRY - JUBÉ MÉDIA



The Jubé Média channel, made possible thanks to the support of the Foundation, aims to broadcast videos of religious songs, prayers, as well as informational segments and Q&A sessions.

Among the content offered are, for example, “Understanding the Most Holy Rosary” (an informational segment) and discussions on topics such as atheism (Q&A sessions).

These videos reach a wide audience and have garnered numerous views in Québec, France, and French-speaking Africa.

IMPACT OF SELECTED FUNDED PROJECTS (continued)

L'ASSOMPTION-DE-MARIE PARISH - PROJECT: LA SOUPE DE L'AMITIÉ

Thanks to Novatio's initial support, La Soupe de l'amitié project was able to get started. Today, thanks to the voluntary contributions and donations from parishioners, it continues to thrive.

The goal of La Soupe de l'Amitié is to bring together, through a shared meal, people from all walks of life — especially seniors. Every Tuesday and Thursday, La Soupe de l'amitié regularly welcomes around fifty guests.

La Soupe de l'Amitié initiative has also built bridges with other organizations; Suicide Détour reached out to La Soupe to collaborate in support of its clientele.

Through La Soupe, people share more than just a meal — they break isolation. For many, La Soupe is their only opportunity to enjoy fellowship around a warm meal.



CATHÉDRALE SAINT-JOSEPH PARISH - PROJECT: BRISER LA SOLITUDE



This project aimed to address the growing issue of loneliness in the greater Gatineau area, particularly in the Hull sector, especially among young adults, international students, divorced or widowed individuals, and seniors.

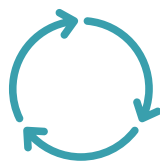
Through its social evenings — including roundtables, lectures, movie nights, karaoke, dance sessions, and Écoute-moi gatherings — the project aimed to provide a warm and welcoming environment that encouraged conversation, attentive listening, and the rebuilding of social connections over a light meal



Around 200 people participated in the various activities organized from January 2024 to June 2025.

LEARNING TO WALK SIDE BY SIDE

As of September 2025, the IRF had already raised over \$21 million toward its \$30 million goal, putting it well on track for its five-year fundraising campaign



The IRF has approved 200 projects, selected in collaboration with partners from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities across the country.

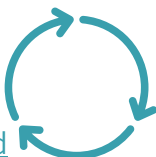
In a [letter to the people of God](#), in July 2024, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) encouraged Catholics across the country to continue listening to and supporting residential school survivors and Indigenous communities on this journey.

Objectives of the funded projects : healing and reconciliation for communities and families; revitalization of culture and language; education and community empowerment; dialogues promoting Indigenous spirituality and cultures.

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.

The Algonquin parish Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, which serves the Indigenous community of Kitigan Zibi near Maniwaki, has been part of the Archdiocese of Gatineau since June 2022

In September 2021, the Archdiocese of Gatineau joined all dioceses in Canada to create the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund](#) (IRF).



The Novatio Foundation annually supports the Archdiocese of Gatineau with \$20,000, which has contributed to date \$60,000 toward a commitment of \$100,000.



The OLHR choir performing at the parish choirs concert on May 10, 2025

NOVATIO’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE RECONCILIATION FUND WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

DATE OF CONTRIBUTION	INSTALLMENT	AMOUNT	FISCAL YEAR
Jun 2023	1 st installment	\$ 20,000	Year 2022-2023
December 2023	2 nd installment	\$ 20,000	Year 2023-2024
November 2024	3 rd installment	\$ 20,000	Year 2024-2025
Fall 2025	4 th installment		Year 2025-2026
Fall 2026	5 th installment		Year 2026-2027

WAYS TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION









You too can contribute to the Reconciliation Fund with Indigenous communities or support the Foundation through a:

- **One-time gift** - for an immediate act of solidarity
- **Monthly gift** - for a sustainable, ongoing support
- **Planned gift / through your will** - to leave a legacy of hope.

Every contribution, regardless of its size, makes a real difference.

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.

DIRECTORS			
	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
	Chair	Richard Rochefort	2024-2026
	Director, Treasurer	Yvette Sanscartier	2024-2026
	Director	Claire Brouillet	2024-2026
	Director	Daniel Roussy	2023-2025
	Director	Henri Babin	2024-2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2024-2025

FONDATION NOVATIO

RÉSULTATS

EXERCICE CLOS LE 30 JUIN 2025

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	2025	2024
PRODUITS		
Dons (annexe A)	72 678 \$	16 488 \$
Résultat net des placements financiers (annexe B)	37 557	50 849
Contributions sur ventes immobilières	-	35 280
	110 235	102 617
CHARGES		
Honoraires professionnels – Gestion administrative	61 400	127 778
Don à l'Archevêque Catholique Romain de Gatineau pour le		
Fonds de réconciliation avec les Autochtones	20 000	20 000
Autres honoraires professionnels et consultants	5 026	4 800
Publicité et promotion	1 384	920
Frais de bureau	782	1 206
Frais de déplacement et de représentation	51	196
Abonnements et cotisations	39	164
Projets subventionnés	-	104 500
Intérêt et frais bancaires	14	50
Amortissement des immobilisations corporelles	413	413
	89 109	260 027
EXCÉDENT (INSUFFISANCE) DES PRODUITS SUR LES CHARGES	21 126 \$	(157 410) \$

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BILAN

30 JUIN 2025

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	2025	2024
ACTIF		
Actif à court terme		
Encaisse	10 204 \$	22 686 \$
Placements dans le marché monétaire, évalués à la juste valeur	7 205	2 029
Débiteurs (note 3)	123	17 304
	17 532	42 019
Placements (note 4)	434 123	401 818
Immobilisations corporelles (note 5)	1 032	1 445
	452 687 \$	445 282 \$
PASSIF		
Passif à court terme		
Créditeurs (note 6)	5 279 \$	19 000 \$
ACTIF NET		
Grevé d'affectations internes (note 7)	-	500
Non affecté	447 408	425 782
	447 408	426 282
	452 687 \$	445 282 \$

Pour le conseil d'administration,

_____, administrateur

_____, administrateur

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BUDGET

2025-2026

		2024-2025	2025-2026
Revenus	Don majeur	50,000	50,000
	Don régulier	10,000	10,000
	Autres (activités)	40,000	40,000
	Intérêts placements	40,000	22,000
	Total	140,000	122,000
Dépenses	Mission	50,000 \$	50,000
	Total	<u>50,000 \$</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	Administration		
	Professionnel	0	0
	Salaire	63,000	50,000
	Contractuel	0	0
	Bureau	1,000	1,000
	Communication	4,000	2,000
	CA et Comités	1,000	1,000
	Autres	1,000	1,000
	Total	<u>70,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
	Financier		
	Comptabilité	2,000	1,000
	Audit	5,000	5,000
	Total	<u>7,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	Total	127,000	111,000
	Surplus/(Déficit)	13,000	11,000

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 every day.

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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



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