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In God's providence, Montreal Diocesan Theological College has been given an exciting vocation, namely, to equip men and women for the mission and ministry of the church in the twenty-first century. But to live up to our calling we need your help.

Thanks to the generous voluntary support of individuals, dioceses and parishes, we are able to provide a well-rounded and challenging educational experience for our students. Our most recent graduates are currently working in parish ministry in Western Newfoundland and along Quebec's North Shore, in pioneering French-language ministry, hospital chaplaincy and cathedral ministry in the Diocese of Montreal, and in further professional study in the U.S.

It is our hope now to re-instate a successful program we offered earlier in the decade but had to discontinue for lack of funds. The Montreal Ministry Challenge is designed to be a discernment program for young Anglicans at the stage in their lives when they are considering further study either towards a professional degree or graduate work. Over the course of two summers, twelve 'scholars' took part in an educational adventure that gave them an experience of ministry broad and deep enough to allow them to give serious consideration to ordination as a vocational option.

We were very pleased with the quality of those who were attracted to the Challenge. Five of them are now either recently ordained or currently enrolled in a theological college. The others have come to a clearer understanding of their ministries as lay persons. At the recent synod of the Diocese of Montreal, two of the graduates testified to the importance of the Challenge in helping them decide to pursue theological study. The value of this program for the future of the church cannot be overestimated. It provides support for young energetic adults to develop their leadership skills in the service of the church's mission.

We are planning to offer the Montreal Ministry Challenge again, but we will need your help to do so. Accordingly, I am asking you to consider making a donation of \$100 to the College.

Through your prayers and financial support you are part of this community and its vision. By God's grace, you will also be shaping the church's future.

Yours truly, in Christ,



Canon John Simons  
Principal