

Igniting Hope: Illuminating Collaborative and Positive Change

This Lenten season has led me into profound reflection, partly intentional, but mostly organic, things just seem to be revealing themselves to me.

Sometimes, in moments of light, we cannot see it, its brilliance eludes us, yet it surrounds us, and shines within us and through us every day. The beauty is right there, ever-present. Let us rediscover the radiant light within each of us, bestowed at Baptism, individually and collectively, shining brighter than ever.

The Novatio Foundation stands as a beacon of hope. It is our collective and shared centre. Novatio is deeply committed to cultivating an environment that encourages collaboration, uniting the diverse gifts and talents that find themselves within individuals, parishes, and communities to co-create endless possibilities, where actions are grounded in kindness and love.

Have you ever wished to do more for your parish, for its members, for your community? Have you ever felt constrained by time, energy, or resources?

We are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not walk alone. Just this past week, I discovered inspiring initiatives now taking shape within parishes across the diocese of Gatineau!

Did you know? There are 7 groups of young people dedicating their time, talent, and energy to bring many great ideas that will breathe new life and benefit parishes across the region!

- Groups are actively preparing for World Youth Day in Rome at the Jubilee of 2025 in response to the Pope's invitation.
- Some are planning camps for youth to foster spiritual growth and fellowship. A place where they can come together in Christ's love, learn about their faith and how they may walk together in His embrace.
- Others are organizing local pilgrimages or envisioning communal gatherings facilitated by a shared bus.

There is no shortage of ideas! The youth in parishes across the region are ambitious, bold thinkers, and agents of positive change. Through them, the future can be seen. That's why I wanted to share with you these exciting projects.

Would you like to create an environment that fosters collaboration and propels us forward collectively?

Are you interested in learning more or sharing your thoughts on fostering positive change within your parish and across the region?

Please reach out to me, Monique, by phone at 819-771-8391 x. 323 or via email at philanthropie@diocesegatineau.org. I am eager to hear your insights and connect you with other like-minded individuals and groups.

I invite you to prayerfully consider giving the gift of hope and nurturing community life through the Novatio Foundation by donating today.

I look forward to hearing from you.

In God's love,



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