

Social ministry

Mario Béland, s.m. is a brother in the Marist Fathers' community. At the beginning of February, Bishop Durocher entrusted him with the file of social ministry at the diocesan level.

He worked for 6 years in a secondary school, before going to spend about ten years in Africa. After that, he lived in Rome for six years, providing services to the community of the general house. More recently, he worked for fifteen years at the Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart of Beauvoir in Sherbrooke.

He arrived in Gatineau in September with an confrere (Didier Hadonou). The Marist Fathers' community sent them here to develop a pastoral project. When they met with Bishop Durocher, he asked them to see how they could help welcome young immigrant families.

So here they are in Gatineau. Mario discovered a sector of activity that was unknown to him, and Didier a culture that was unknown to him. Mario will first try to meet with the parish priests, to introduce himself, and then to see how to collaborate in developing a delicate attention to those around us who need our attention.

How can we help our brothers and sisters to consider themselves a little ferment in their respective environments? To be continued.