

## TOGETHER LET'S KEEP ON BUILDING THE KINGDOM!

Theme of the pastoral year 2023-2024

« A.C.S. »

(Announce-Celebrate-Solidarity)

Activity / Event	National Day of remembrance and action on violence against women
Date	December 6
Objectives	It has been over 30 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal (December 6, 1989). This act of violent misogyny shook our country and led Parliament to designate December 6 as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
	On December 6, we remember:
	<ul> <li>Geneviève Bergeron</li> <li>Hélène Colgan</li> <li>Nathalie Croteau</li> <li>Barbara Daigneault</li> <li>Anne-Marie Edward</li> <li>Maud Haviernick</li> <li>Maryse Laganière</li> <li>Maryse Leclair</li> <li>Anne-Marie Lemay</li> <li>Sonia Pelletier</li> <li>Michèle Richard</li> <li>Annie St-Arneault</li> <li>Annie Turcotte</li> <li>Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz</li> </ul>
	Source: <a href="https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/16-days/national-day-remembrance.html">https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/16-days/national-day-remembrance.html</a>
Proposed by	Social pastoral- family pastoral - FVC (catechesis programme)
Biblical text or prayer	<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ep. 4, 31-32)
Prayer intention	Here is a prayer proposed by the CATHII (Comité d'action contre la traite humaine interne et internationale) for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women to be underlined on December 6, 2020.

For all of today's Dinah, kidnapped and raped ... *Genesis 34: 1-7* 

For all the captive, nameless girls, servants ignored and forgotten in slavery in another country ...

2 Kings 5

For all Mikals, serving as a bargaining chip in armed conflict. *2 Samuel 3* 

For all the Bathshebas, thrown into a whirlwind of violence and loss, without access to justice...

2 Samuel 11

For all the Tamars, raped and abused by a member of their family, become objects of hatred and finally completely abandoned... 2 Samuel 13

For all the Vastis, stripped of their privileges after refusing to be treated like an object...

Esther 1

For murdered girls and women, like the concubine of the Levite of Ephraim who was roughed up by a group of men, abandoned without help and whose body was dismembered by her husband...

Judges 19: 25-30

For women whose contribution we do not recognize, like this poor woman of the Gospel who shares everything she has to live...

Mark 12: 41-44

For all women, like Mary, in forced exile due to conflict or a violent regime or looking for shelter and enough to live in another country in order to give their families a future...

Matthew 2

This prayer, prepared by Renaude Gregoire

Source: <u>Prayer for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women | Canadian Religious Conference (crc-canada.org)</u>

## Activities for the community or catechesis courses

## Ways to honour the victims of this tragedy on December 6:

- Wear a white ribbon. You can make one at home or order one online.
- Observe a moment of silence at 11:00 am.
- Attend a vigil in your community.
- Follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u>, and share our National Day of Remembrance post.
- Today and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence (from November 25 to December 10), add your voice to the conversation and share the ways you are being part of the solution to end gender-based violence. Use the hashtag #16Days.
- <u>Learn more about the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV campaign</u> and how to get involved

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## Other resources and useful links

- https://www.polymtl.ca/december6/
- https://diocesevalleyfield.org/



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Share your achievements - actions so that we can share them in our social media...

A picture is worth a thousand words!

THANK YOU for your collaboration!

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