

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Founded in 2004, the CATHII's objective is to fight human trafficking (in the form of sexual exploitation and forced labour), particularly of women and children. Its role is to analyze and develop action strategies to fight human trafficking. Its efforts including awareness raising, education and promoting fair solutions that respect the rights of victims of human trafficking.

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REGULAR EMPLOYEES:

France Laforge: Coordinator of CATHII

Nelson Tardif: Coordinator for the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes (CQCTP)

A Word from the Chair

On April 25, we celebrated the CATHII's 15th anniversary. The festivities were a success from every angle, including for the participation of members and the many CATHII partners who attended.

Great news! Our new coordinator France Laforge joined us in September 2018, quickly familiarizing herself with her duties and acquiring many skills and a great deal of knowledge about the CATHII. She is an invaluable asset.

Also this year, the Government of Canada unveiled the National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking 2019-2024. CATHII members were looking forward to the strategy, having participated in consultations to assert yet again the dignity of victims. It was a major victory.

We hired Nelson Tardif as a coordinator of the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes. He started October 15, 2019 and got down to work right away.

The CATHII can look to the future with confidence and continue its work to fight human trafficking and to protect victims.

Thank you to all the communities, organizations and people who support our efforts.

Francine Cabana, chair



A Word from the Coordinator

This first year as coordinator of the CATHII was one of learning, training and integration, discovering a network of religious communities and faith groups committed to keeping the public informed about the state of human trafficking and to supporting and defending victims of trafficking.

I was fortunate enough to arrive at the start of our strategic planning exercise, which meant that I got to hear members discuss their vision and hopes for the next three years. Conducted in fall 2019, a survey of members' training needs also shed light on the training content to prioritize during our regular meetings.

During our meetings, a range of training initiatives were developed and offered by a number of us. Our meetings were opportunities to learn and stay abreast of the evolution of human trafficking in Quebec and in Canada, essential to remaining relevant in our efforts, which are rooted in the reality of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

At the end of my first year, I can confirm that our efforts on behalf of humanity and social change are important, both to society and to me personally. This year, I discovered the strength of an incredible network, the CATHII, and I thank every one of you for that.

France Laforge, Coordinator

Vibrant Association Life

In 2018-2019, the CATHII held four regular meetings, a strategic planning meeting and its Annual General Meeting on November 14, 2018, at which the three-year action plan for 2018-2021 was adopted. Every regular meeting includes training time, information about human trafficking, a discussion about member activities regarding human



trafficking, and time of resourcing. Meetings were held at the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Centre Justice et Foi and the Soeurs de Saint-Joseph de Saint-Vallier. We thank them for their hospitality.



CATHII's Members as of July 31, 2019

Compagnie de Jésus (Province jésuite du Canada)/Jesuits of Canada

Conférence religieuse canadienne/Canadian Religious Conference

Congrégation de Notre-Dame/Congregation of Notre Dame

Congrégation des Sœurs de la Providence/Sisters of Providence

Congrégation des Sœurs de Sainte-Anne/ Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne

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Congrégation des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et de Marie (Provincialat)/ Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (Quebec province)

Congrégation Notre-Dame de Charité du Bon-Pasteur/ Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Institut Notre-Dame du Bon-Conseil de Montréal

L'Association des religieuses pour les droits des femmes

Les Filles de la Sagesse du Canada/Daughters of Wisdom, Canada

Les Oblates Franciscaines de Saint-Joseph

Les Sœurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte Vierge/Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Les Ursulines de l'Union canadienne/Ursulines of the Canadian Union

Nicole O'Bomsawin

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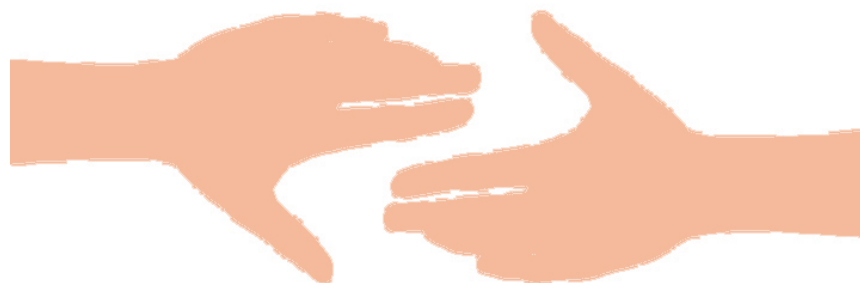
Sœurs de Sainte-Croix /Sisters of Holy Cross

Sœurs de Saint-Joseph de Saint-Vallier

Sœurs des Saints-Cœurs de Jésus et de Marie/ Sisters of the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Sœurs Missionnaires de Notre-Dame d'Afrique/Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa

Sœurs Missionnaires Notre-Dame des Apôtres/ Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles





This Year's Highlights

Advocacy:

A flash signature campaign was launched in June 2019 to remind federal Minister Ralph Goodale of the need to launch a new national action plan against human trafficking. On July 5, 2019, the CATHII sent to the Minister Goodale the letter, along with the 1161 signatures.

The new National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking was released to the public on September 4, 2019.

A summary analysis of this new strategy was conveyed to members in fall 2019. The CATHII will closely track the implementation of this national strategy.

Support For Victims:

The Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes:

The CQCTP has 25 members, including youth organizations, organizations that address issues that affect migrants and refugees, organizations that offer services to victims of sexual exploitation and assault, housing resources for women who are victims of violence and police services.

The Coalition held three regular meetings of members and one work/training meeting. These meetings are essential to give members a chance to discuss issues and joint responses to the needs of victims of human trafficking.





Training On Human Trafficking:

Two communities that are members of the CATHII, the Sisters of Saint Anne and the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, took training on human trafficking and the Coalition québécoise contre la traite des personnes.

The CATHII also made a presentation on human trafficking and on defense efforts to fight it at Montreal's Église Unie Saint-Jean, as part of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

On June 11, 2019, France Laforge and Francine Cabana offered interactive training at the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse. Over 40 people took part in this meeting, generating a great deal of interest in protecting victims.

"No economic and political exercise can obviate the centrality of the human person, whose dignity and fundamental rights must be the ultimate goal of all policies and economies."

Pope Francis, *Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking*, # 18



Consultations:

In 2018-2019, the CATHII took part in a number of activities offered by the Canadian Council for Refugees: the National Fall Consultation and the National Forum on Human Trafficking in November; webinars on migrant workers and legal protections for victims of trafficking; a case study in Ottawa on the obstacles to obtaining justice for victims of human trafficking.

October 24 to 27, 2019, the CATHII participated in the North American meeting of the network of life against human trafficking, Talitha Kum.

In July 2018, the CATHII was assigned by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to take part in a meeting organized by the Migrants & Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in Rome.

