A WINDOW ON HISTORY

The light is supernatural, divine and mystical; its rays transfigure our thoughts. Captured, filtered and purified, it is supernatural. It elevates our spirit, until it knows bliss, giving birth to a message of hope in the hearts of the beings towards whom it is heading.

Stained glass windows are inseparable from our cultural and religious heritage.

Symbols of the sacred light, they are full of stories and communicate the spirit of the divine, bringing peace and serenity. As everything changes around us, and within us, the stained glass windows remain a tangible symbol of the incandescent faith which animated, not so long ago, all aspects of the daily life of our ancestors.

If we hope to renew faith and spirituality in the future, beyond the historical and cultural areas of our society, we must think of holy spaces with the logic of preservation and safeguarding.

Preserving the heritage of our Catholic institutions allows us to anchor our spiritual heritage in the present.

The conservation of our heritage opens a door to our past and it reminds us above all of where we come from, and what we want become.
DE MAZENOD CHAPEL
A CULTURAL HERITAGE

Built in 1943, the de Mazenod chapel is located in the Laframboise pavilion. Named in honor of Eugène de Mazenod, Bishop of Marseille and Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, it hosts all the major celebrations and liturgical events of the university calendar and hosts several Christian community groups.

THREATENED BY WEAR AND TEAR

Whether that is favorable for cheese and wine is not for stained glass windows. Nearly 80 years later, the chapel windows of the Mazenod Chapel is now the victim of these changes in weather. The wear and tear of time and bad weather have seriously damaged the stained glass windows of this sanctuary. Worse still, the infiltration of water from the window frames have damaged the ceilings and walls inside the chapel. Faced with the urgency of the situation, the windows most damaged by infiltration had to be condemned with wooden panels in order to curb degradation and damage caused by water, and time.

It’s a sad sight, but we have no choice anymore... the 50 windows will have to be condemned if we don’t replace them.

MICHEL DRAPEAU, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SERVICES
THE POWER OF A COMMUNITY

A LEGACY

Consultations with experts and engineers, with a view to estimate the costs of this restoration project, have helped the University determine that a $5,000 donation will cover the cost of repairing a window and also help to protect this important cultural and religious heritage at Saint Paul University.

"We should only share between us one heart and one soul. Fraternal charity constitutes the distinctive feature of the congregation".

SAINT EUGENE DE MAZENOD

Built by architect Louis Leblanc, the Eugene de Mazenod Chapel remains one of the few buildings in the City of Ottawa designed by a Franco-Ontarian architect. Your sponsoring of a window would be an important step in the preservation of this heritage.
HOW TO HELP

If, like us, you are proud of the Catholic heritage that we have inherited from our ancestors, and are inspired to make a difference in your community You can help us to ensure the survival of our chapel. Making a difference is easy. Adopt a full window or part of the de Mazenod chapel and guarantee at the same time the survival of our heritage and the conservation of its stained glass windows.

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Several adoption options are available to you. We accept all donations. To help you decide what to give, we have suggested several types of donations that you can make. This will enable you to see the impact of your contribution to preserving our chapel. To highlight contributions, all the names of the donors will be engraved on brass plaques that will be located at the entrance of the chapel. For donations of $5,000 or more, a personalized plaque with your name will be placed under the window that you have adopted.

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1000$

MEDIUM WINDOW
2500$

LARGE WINDOW
5000$

ADOPT A WINDOW