

Media release

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Saint Paul University will award the Eugène de Mazenod medal to Sister Louise Dunn, CND, and Brother Réjean Gadouas, O.M.I.

Ottawa, February 17, 2014 – Saint Paul University will award the fifth Eugène de Mazenod medal to Sister Louise Dunn, CND, and Brother Réjean Gadouas, O.M.I., during a ceremony which will take place in the De Mazenod Chapel, on Friday, February 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Named in honour of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, this medal recognizes Eugene de Mazenod's primary concern for dealing with people's real-life situations by showing boldness and zeal in addressing urgent societal issues. The Eugene de Mazenod Medal honours individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of human capital in their community, in their environment or in society as a whole.

Sister Louise Dunn, CND, is the co-founder of <u>Serenity Renewal for Families</u>. Founded in 1983, this charitable organization serves the community by offering counselling and education for children and youth, adults, seniors and partners struggling with the devastating effects of addiction, addictive behaviors and trauma. A qualified psychotherapist and addictions therapist, Sister Dunn has accompanied countless individuals on their journey towards sobriety with remarkable professional and spiritual presence.

Brother Réjean Gadouas, O.M.I., is the co-founder of <u>Le Gîte Ami</u>, a homeless shelter, and founder of <u>La Manne de l'île</u>, a not-for-profit food bank serving individuals and families in need in Gatineau's downtown Île de Hull neighbourhood and surrounding area. Throughout his career Brother Gadouas has shown exceptional commitment to the development and well-being of society, through his care and concern for some of its most disadvantaged members, the homeless.

Saint Paul University is proud to bestow one of our highest honors on such deserving recipients.

What: Eugène de Mazenod Medal Ceremony

When: February 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Saint Paul University, 223, Main Street, Ottawa

Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual and on a human scale, it offers programs in canon law, conflict studies, counselling and psychotherapy, human relations and spirituality, public ethics and philosophy, social communication and leadership, and theology.

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