

Dr. Leo Richard (Rick) Haber, age 76, passed away suddenly on February 7, 2019 in Cozumel, Mexico, one of his favorite spots in the world. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife of more than 52 years, Patricia-Ann (nee Dawson), his children Alexandria (Alain), Damian (Vanessa), Julian (Anne), Christopher (Paola), Dan and Jennifer (Alex), and his "adopted" daughter, Andrea; his grandchildren Zoe, Bella, Juana, Tobias, Declan, Oscar, Tessa, Agatha and soon-to-arrive Emmanuela, as well as numerous siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews, friends, colleagues, current and former patients, and fellow members of St. Monica's Parish. Rick was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, grew up in Burlington and Hamilton, Ontario, as educated at McMaster University and moved to Montreal with his young family in 1970 where he became a pillar of the community, a devoted pediatrician of more than 35 years' experience, and a Roman Catholic deacon who enjoyed all of his religious duties, but most especially his role in baptizing babies – more than 500 children in over 30 years of service. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, none more so than his family, whom he cared for so deeply and loved so dearly, as they loved and continue to love him.

Viewings to be held at St. Monica's Church on **Monday, February 18 from 2 – 5 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m.** with a **prayer service at 8 p.m.** and viewing on Tuesday, **February 19 from 10 – 11 a.m.**. A **funeral Mass** will be held at St. Monica's on **Tuesday, February 19 at 11 a.m.** to be followed by a **reception** in the church basement starting at **12:30 p.m.**.

A graveside burial for family and close friends will take place at 3 p.m. at Notre Dame des Neiges Cemetery, 4601 Cote-des-Neiges Street, Montreal. In lieu of flowers, donations to either St. Monica's Parish (www.stmonica.ca) or the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation (www.fondationduchildren.com) in Rick's name would be gratefully received.

CALL TO HOLINESS

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. From the soil the Lord God caused to grow every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat. The Lord God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (Genesis 2:8-9A, 15)

Are we caring for creation? Energy efficiency is a major concern for our society. It seems to be the hardest problem to find a solution for. We are a society that still relies heavily on fossil fuels (coal, crude oil and natural gas) for our energy supply. These types of energy have exacted an enormous toll on the environment, the unearthing and processing of this fuel has caused large tracts of forest to be cut down and mountain tops to be blasted away. Fossil fuels emit harmful pollution before they are burned, such as childhood leukemia and blood disorders. Fracking brings pollution to our towns and cities. Burning fossil fuels produce large quantities of carbon dioxide that traps heat in the atmosphere and leads to climate change. Over the past year we have witnessed major floods, famine, draught, violent storms, polar ice caps shrinking and strange weather patterns. Burning fossil fuel changes the ocean's basic chemistry, making it more acidic.

Building a clean energy future is necessary for our world's survival. We are endeavoring to make St. Monica's a green church and in doing so becoming more aware of making our own lives green.

What can we do as a church? Form a committee to look at the energy efficiency of the church, windows, heating system, insulation. Turn off outside lights when the church is not in use. Buy energy saving light bulbs. Install a bike rack. Set up carpooling for Mass and other events.

What can we do as individuals. Walk small distances instead of driving. Use public transportation when possible. Use none motorized lawn mowers. Lower your thermostat. Do not let your car idle. Turn off lights when you leave the room. Try to be more efficient when using electrical appliances. Write down ways that you think are beneficial and share them with others. These may not seem to have much of an impact, but they will make us more aware and that is the first step to energy efficiency.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 16 - 24, 2019

Saturday, February 16: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 IN LOVING MEMORY: Leonard & Terry Winslade, Peter Duffy, Restituta LaPosta, Alessandro Palladini and Beatrice Gagnon

Sunday, February 17: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Adelina Guaiani by Arnaldo Guaiani
Alessandro Fiori by his children
Martino Agnese & Antonio Gagliardi by the family
11:00 Ettore Lanni by Virginia Lanni & family
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Joe Onesi by Ida Onesi & family

Monday, February 18: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, February 19: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, February 20: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, February 21: St. Peter Damian

8:00 Emilia & Francesco Ciampini by Ernesta Ciampini

Friday, February 22: Chair of St. Peter

8:00 Dario Lorenzetti by Laura Lorenzetti & family

Saturday, February 23: St. Polycarp

4:00 Caucci & Sparapani families by Teresa Caucci
Antonio Bei by Gabriella Bei & family
Maria Cardilli by Salvatore Cardilli

Sunday, February 24: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 IN LOVING MEMORY: Adelino Coverini and Derek Menezes
11:00 Italo Falcone by Pauline Haddad
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Jennine Cloutier by the Tai Chi Group

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.

Collection for the weekend of **February 9 & 10, 2019** totalled **\$3,045.00**

Robert Assaly's Ordination to a Transitional Deacon

Robert Assaly did his *stage* at St. Monica's for two years and is now continuing at the West Island for two years. He will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon anticipatory to his ordination to the Presbyterate (Priesthood). It will be held on **Friday, February 22 at 7 p.m.** at St. Monica's Church presided by Bishop Thomas Dowd. There will be a reception in the church hall following Robert's ordination. All are invited to attend.

Mass Cancelled on Tuesday, February 19 at 8 .m..

Fair Trade Items are on sale this weekend. Loonies and spare change will also be collected for Zamoran.

Adult Faith Enrichment –

Upcoming Events

Daring to Dream

The **Daring to Dream** series, originally scheduled to begin last Wednesday, February 13, was postponed due to the snowstorm and will begin this coming **Wednesday, February 20 from 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall.** Please join **Carl Madigan** for an opportunity to Dream together the world we want and to explore how we can make the kinds of changes necessary to maintain the integrity of our planet, our home! All are welcome!

Video Divina

Please note that Fr. Lloyd Baugh's presentation of the film "My Father, My Lord" originally scheduled for **Friday, February 22** has been **postponed to Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, with discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna.

2018 Tax Receipts for holders of Donation Envelope Boxes are now available at the back of the church.

2019 Sunday Donation Envelope

Boxes are now available for you to pick up at the back of the church. Parishioners with box numbers from 281 on have been assigned new box numbers. These can be obtained by consulting the list next to the boxes.

Pastoral Home Care Services/SASMAD,

the Archdiocese of Montreal is hosting a Pastoral Home Care Visitor Basic Formation program on Friday, Feb. 22 from 7–9 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on skill development for pastoral accompaniment of the sick and elderly in their homes. For info contact Cathie Macaulay at 514-925-4300 ext.354 or cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org

