



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Inner-City Pastoral Ministry,

Greetings! May this Advent season be one of joy and wonder as you anticipate the birth of Jesus and time spent with family and friends over the holidays.

Recently I asked the ICPM Men's Group to share with me what they value most about ICPM. One man said he sees the ICPM worship service as the time that sets the tone for his week and allows him to

remember to think good thoughts and do good actions. Some men spoke of how much they love it when they're out and about on the street and they see another member of the Community and they feel a sense of belonging and kinship. Every one of the men described that the sense of community and connection fostered by ICPM is of great value to them. For 46 years now ICPM has been a centre of nourishing community for people in the Boyle-McCauley Neighbourhood without judgement of anyone's socio-economic status, housing status, addiction, mental health, race, or sexual orientation. All are truly welcome, and the result is a beautiful mix of all kinds of people coming together to pray, sing, connect, and support one another.

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We must keep ICPM alive as a place of good, positive connection in an area of the city where disconnection, disorientation, and despair are all too often the daily vibes. We humbly try to shine Jesus' light through worship, bible study, men's and women's groups, Indigenous programming, counselling, and sharing material goods such as food, clothing, and toiletries. **This work is so important, and we urgently need your help to keep it going.** Rising costs and diminishing grant support have put ICPM into a deficit position. As at every Advent season, we are asking you to make a tax-deductible financial contribution to the ongoing work of ICPM.



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You can also **e-transfer** directly to ICPM at icpmgiving@gmail.com. Please put your name and address in the transfer message to receive a charitable donation receipt

One simple flame. Let's keep it burning.



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Many thanks and wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas,

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