

## **Zoom meeting with Vie Montante Canada on May 29, 2024**

Before the pandemic, the movement had 1,000 members; today, the membership has decreased to count to 290 spread across the dioceses of Quebec, Ottawa and New Brunswick. It should be noted that this only concerns the French-speaking part of the country.

Camille Hubert of Ottawa is the new president of the Canadian movement. She is very willing, active and eager to make things happen, even if she sometimes gets a little discouraged. She expects a lot from VMI to restore vitality and new momentum to her movement, which according to her is "sluggish".

On May 15, during the pastoral day for the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Camille spoke to present the VM with the distribution of a colorful sheet inviting them to their fall meeting.

A questionnaire/survey was proposed in the latest edition of the newspaper to better understand the needs of the members.

Camille participated in a coffee-sharing organized by the St. Sebastian group in the Ottawa diocese.

As every summer, it is planned to lead the mass at the grotto of the Notre-Dame de Lourdes parish in Ottawa.

For September, a face-to-face meeting is scheduled with a speaker for the Ottawa diocese.

**Camille is invited with other movements by Mgr Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of the Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocese for the implementation of a pastoral care for the elderly.**

It is necessary to appoint a continental coordinator for North America. Camille is a candidate.

**For this application to be validated in accordance with the VMI statutes, it will be necessary:**

- that the Canadian Conference of Bishops has recognized Vie Montante (Vie Montante Canada began in 1972)
- that the leaders of the movement of the provinces (Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick) give their agreement on Camille's application
- that at the next meeting of the VMI steering committee (by Zoom) Camille's application be validated.