HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE FROM A RELIGIOUS MEMBER, A LAY EMPLOYEE OR A VOLUNTEER OF A MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE?

On November 16, 2021, the Superior Court of Quebec authorized a class action against **The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate** and you could be a member.

This class action aims to obtain compensation for anyone who has been sexually abused by a religious member, a lay employee or a volunteer of **The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**.

The representative plaintiff of all members is Ms. Noëlla Mark.

THE CLASS ACTION COULD BE ADRESSED TO YOU IF *:

- 1. Between **1940** and **2019**;
- 2. You have been the victim of one or more sexual abuses;
- 3. Committed by a religious member, a lay employee or a volunteer of **The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**;
- 4. Any place located in Quebec.
- * unless the sexual assault in question is related to the activities of an Indian Residential School or Indian Day School, or you have already signed a release and/or received compensation for the sexual assault in question.

Here are <u>examples</u> of places where religious members of **The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate** have already been present (**non-exhaustive list**):

INNU COMMUNITIES Hull Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts

ATIKAMEKW COMMUNITIES

Jonquière
La Sarre
Sherbrooke
Lachine
St-Eustache

Maniwaki St-Joseph de Beauce

INUIT COMMUNITIES Montréal Sutton

Granby Terrebonne
CREE COMMUNITIES Québec Trois-Rivières

NON-INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Rimouski Val Morin

Rougemont Ville-Marie

Rouyn Chambly

Saint-Augustin Saint-Jérôme

If you meet these conditions, contact us so that we can keep you informed as the class action progresses and so that you can let us know your intention to file a claim. Information about your intent will be helpful in attempting to reach a settlement out of court.

HOW CAN YOU EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE GROUP?

<u>If you do not wish to be part of the group</u>, you must send a notice to the Clerk of the Superior court, Montreal Courthouse, 1, Notre-Dame Street East, Montreal (Quebec) H2Y 1B6, no later than 60 days from this present notice.

If you have already brought an individual action against **The Missionnary Oblates of Marie Immaculate** in order to obtain compensation for sexual abuse committed by one of their religious members, lay employee or volunteer, you are excluded from the group. To be able to be part of it, you must withdraw from this individual lawsuit no later than 60 days from this present notice.

People who are excluded from the group cannot benefit from any judgment or settlement agreement that would award compensation to the members of the group.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website to learn more about this class action: www.adwavocats.com. You can also consult the Registry of class actions at the following address: https://www.registredesactionscollectives.quebec/.



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THIS ABBREVIATED NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURT.

IN CASE OF A DISPARITY BETWEEN THE ABBREVIATED NOTICE AND THE FULL NOTICE TO CLASS

MEMBERS, THE FULL TEXT WILL PREVAIL.