Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec

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New budget envelope for restoration of Québec religious heritage

Montréal, April 3, 2008 – Minister of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women Christine Saint-Pierre announced subsidies totalling $14,159,056 earmarked for 103 restoration projects in heritage religious buildings. The announcement was made in the presence of Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec president Michel Lavoie.

This financial assistance aims to support the restoration of religious heritage buildings and the furniture and works of art they house. Since 1995, the Québec Government has invested $175 million in that area. The government participation has led to private investments of almost $90 million, while maintaining and increasing the presence of heritage religious buildings in Québec's tourism offer.

"Over the past 13 years, the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec has developed a partnership with the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine that is in keeping with the government's intention to promote greater public appropriation of these heritage assets. The infrastructure of decentralized cooperation established by the Conseil is a highly advanced model, and we are pleased with its positive effect on our religious heritage," said Michel Lavoie.

The Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec is a non-profit organization operating throughout Québec. Its mission includes sustaining and promoting the conservation and enhancement of Québec's religious heritage.

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