Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec

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Investment in religious heritage : Minister Christine St-Pierre grants $15.6 million for religious heritage restoration

Montréal, November 4, 2008 – Christine St-Pierre, Québec Minister of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women, announced today the 110 restoration projects for religious buildings that will be carried out with the $15.6-million granted by the Government to the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec for 2008-2009.

This financial aid is designed to support efforts to restore buildings that are part of Québec's religious heritage, as well as the furnishings and works of art inside them. The Government of Québec has invested $198.5 million in this area since 1995, and its initiative has triggered additional private investment of more than $100 million. As a result, religious heritage buildings can be maintained and even added to the list of Québec's tourism attractions.

"For 13 years the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec has worked in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women," said Conseil President Michel Lavoie. "This is an example of how the Government works with communities to encourage them to take greater ownership of their heritage. The Conseil's decentralized collaborative infrastucture is very progressive, and we are more than pleased about how it is benefiting religious heritage."

The Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec is a provincewide non-profit organization. Its main mission is to support and promote conservation and enhancement of Québec's religious heritage.

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