Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec

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Saving the bas-reliefs of the Calvaire d'Oka

Québec City, March 21, 2011 – With the collaboration of the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec, the Musée de la civilisation has been able to acquire the seven bas-reliefs at the Calvaire d'Oka. These masterpieces, sculpted in 1775 by François Guernon, also known as Belleville, will be restored and then returned to their place of origin.

The Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec stepped in to help the parties reach agreement. To cope with major challenges in the funding of urgent work at L'Annonciation church in Oka, the Conseil took charge of mobilizing the main stakeholders involved in safeguarding this element of religious heritage.

"We are pleased at how this agreement has turned out, helping meet the needs of the parish and preserving the seven bas-reliefs on site at L'Annonciation church in Oka," said Jocelyn Groulx, Director of the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec.

For more than 15 years, the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec has been developing leading-edge expertise in preserving and enhancing religious heritage by guiding the representatives of various religious traditions in the sound management of their properties and by promoting the restoration of their buildings, estates, artworks and pipe organs.

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

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