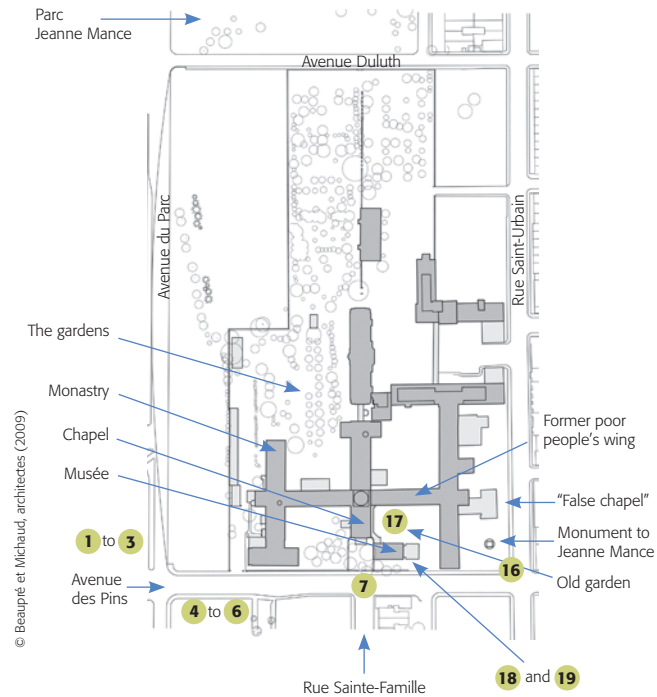


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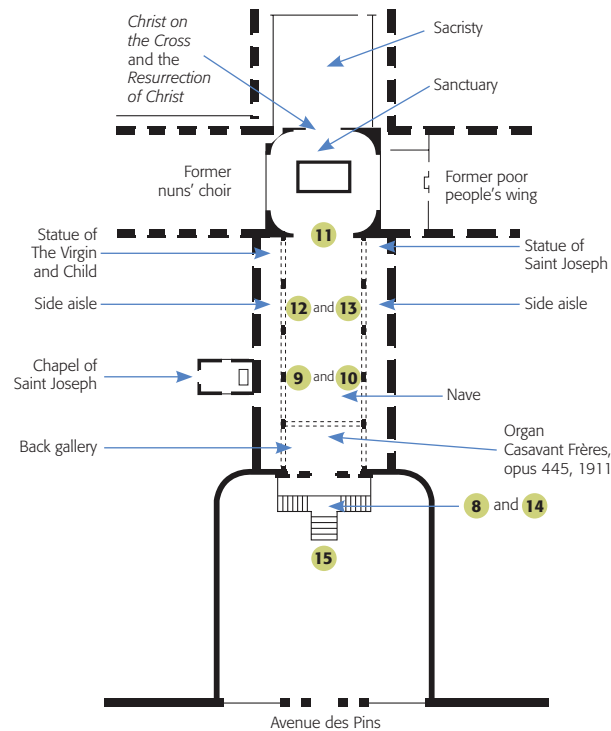
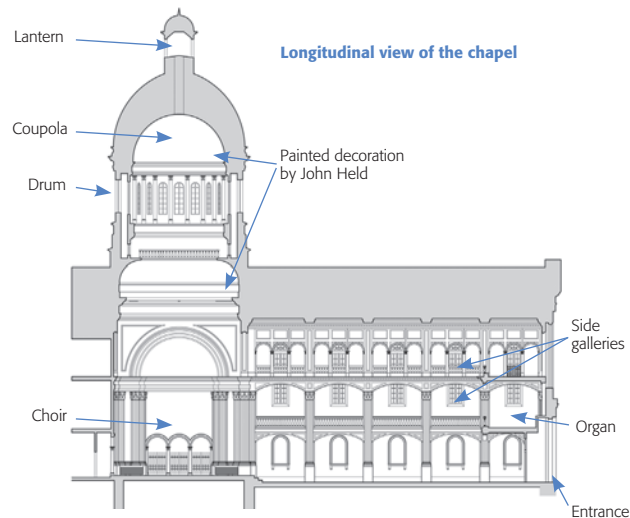
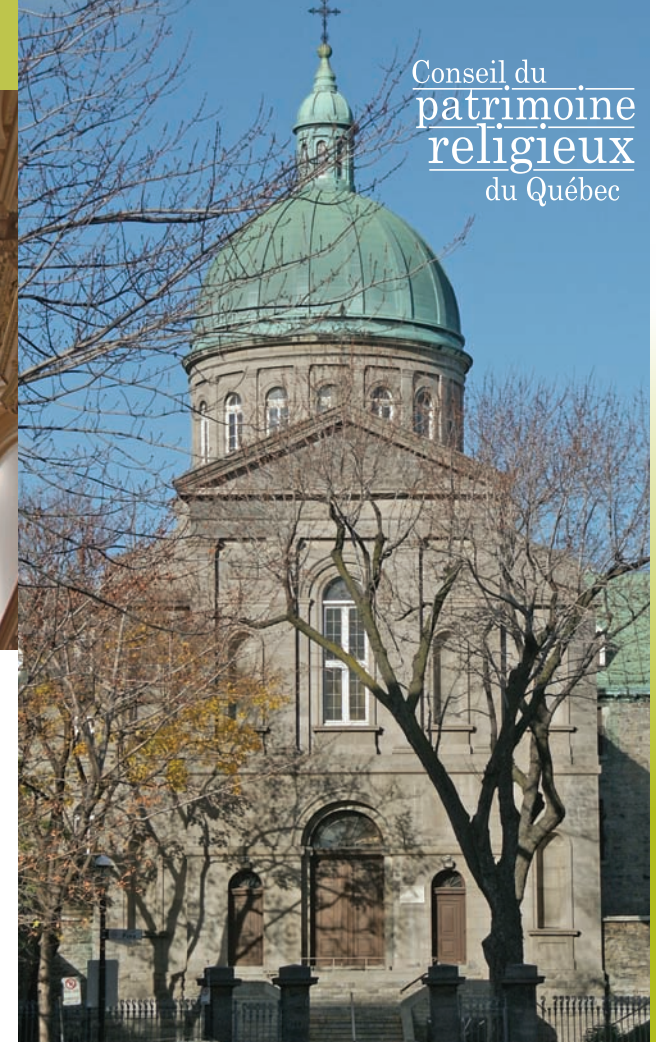
## Interior visit

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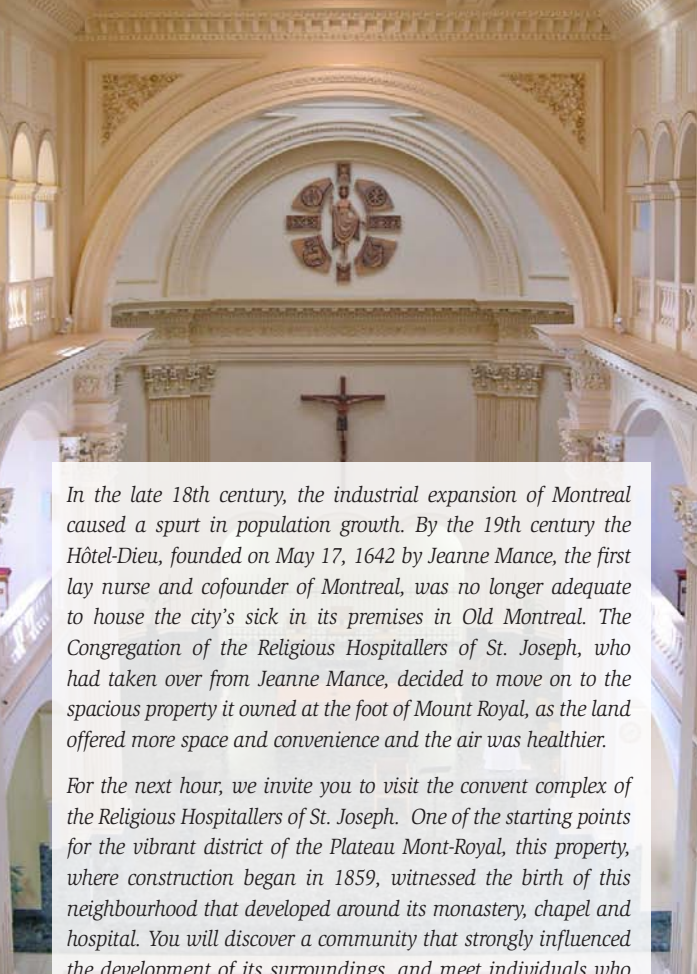
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Discovering  
*the convent complex  
of the Religious Hospitallers  
of St. Joseph,*  
the pioneers of health care in Montreal

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In the late 18th century, the industrial expansion of Montreal caused a spurt in population growth. By the 19th century the Hôtel-Dieu, founded on May 17, 1642 by Jeanne Mance, the first lay nurse and cofounder of Montreal, was no longer adequate to house the city's sick in its premises in Old Montreal. The Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, who had taken over from Jeanne Mance, decided to move on to the spacious property it owned at the foot of Mount Royal, as the land offered more space and convenience and the air was healthier.

For the next hour, we invite you to visit the convent complex of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. One of the starting points for the vibrant district of the Plateau Mont-Royal, this property, where construction began in 1859, witnessed the birth of this neighbourhood that developed around its monastery, chapel and hospital. You will discover a community that strongly influenced the development of its surroundings, and meet individuals who left their mark on the history of Montreal, like Jeanne Mance, Victor Bourgeau and artist Claude Thériage.

This flyer shows the recommended routes and point of interest. The numbers on the maps indicate the starting point for each of the 19 downloadable audio stops of the virtual tour. Throughout the visit, the narrator will guide you and explain which audio stops to select.

To begin the visit, go to the intersection of Avenue des Pins and Avenue du Parc, and select Stop No. 1.

We invite you to discover the convent complex of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, the pioneers of health care in Montreal!



## List of stops

- 1 Introduction (3:06 min)
- 2 The neighbourhood (1:19 min)
- 3 Jeanne Mance (2:20 min)\*
- 4 The Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (1:42 min)
- 5 Victor Bourgeau (1:42 min)\*
- 6 The gardens (2:09 min)
- 7 Façade of the chapel (3:03 min)
- 8 Development of Sainte-Famille Street (1:52 min)
- 9 The interior of the chapel (3:09 min)
- 10 Works of art by Claude Thériage in the chapel (6:10 min)\*
- 11 Decoration of the dome (5:33 min)
- 12 The organ (1:09 min)
- 13 Musical excerpt (6:21 min)
- 14 The crypt (0:56 min)
- 15 Commemorative plaques (2:00 min)
- 16 The "false chapel" and the monument to Jeanne Mance (3:23 min)
- 17 The former poor people's wing and the old garden (2:27 min)
- 18 The staircase of the Hôtel-Dieu de La Flèche (2:19 min)
- 19 Closing remarks (1:14 min)

\* Narration introducing historical figures and craftspeople.

Note: The numbers correspond to the recommended points of interest for each stop.

*Enjoy your visit!*

## How to get to the convent complex of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph

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### By public transit

Take the metro (orange line) to Sherbrooke station. Take the bus-line 144-Avenue des Pins and get off at the intersection of Avenue des Pins and Avenue du Parc.

Or

Take the metro (green line) to Place-des-Arts station. Take the bus-line 80-Avenue du Parc and get off at the intersection of Avenue des Pins and Avenue du Parc.

### By car

The visit begins at the intersection of Avenue des Pins and Avenue du Parc, in Montreal.



The entrance to the chapel is unfortunately not accessible to people with limited mobility.



People with hearing impairment may enjoy the visit by downloading the full text of the virtual tour of the convent complex of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.