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**ULTREIA! ONWARD, PILGRIM
NEW EXHIBITION ABOUT PILGRIMAGE**

4 June 2009 - Beginning on 19 June the Marguerite Bourgeoy's Museum is presenting a new exhibition on the very topical theme of pilgrimage. This exhibition entitled *Ultreia! Onward, pilgrim*, explores this immemorial practice with an approach that is both original and striking.

Fruit of an approach that is at once personal and universal, pilgrimage is a very ancient phenomenon that continues to the present time. The subject is presented through the eloquent testimonies of contemporary pilgrims who offer us candid accounts of their experiences away from the mundane round in the context of the quest for the sacred and the absolute that has called forth so many believers in all times and civilizations.

Ultreia! Onward, pilgrim exhibits several objects associated with pilgrimage (staves, shoes, symbols and other objects) as well as several objects and archival pieces relating to pilgrimage in the Christian world, some of them of important historical value, related to Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, Montreal's oldest existing pilgrimage site.

This special approach immerses the visitor in a calm and serene atmosphere where the sound, the setting and the lighting create surroundings favourable to the achievement of an experience appealing to both mind and heart.

Aimed at a public of all ages fascinated and challenged by the journey and the quest, this exhibition offers a balm for the heart, a time of respite for the spirit. To add to the experience, the exhibit offers at its end the opportunity for those visitors who wish to make their own pilgrimage to Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours. With pilgrim's manual in hand they are invited to walk about the museum and chapel in search of significant places or objects. This "pilgrimage" in the heart of the museum itself will permit the public to (re)visit the Museum under a different sky and to know Marguerite Bourgeoy's in a completely new way.

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