

## LOGO

Jérôme LeRoyer de la Dauversière, founder of Montreal, chose the first French settlers who boarded ship at La Rochelle in 1641 and crossed the Atlantic to come to build, in the Island of Montreal, a city for God. Their names are inscribed on the contracts they signed before quitting France, and the recollection of them remains graven on the memories of the Montrealers. Assembled at Notre-Dame of Paris, Jérôme LeRoyer and the members of the Society of Our Lady of Montreal dedicated the island to the Holy Family, under the special protection of Mary. In 1636, LeRoyer founded the Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, which he established at the Hôtel-Dieu of La Flèche in France, to care for the poor and the sick. In 1659, he sent three Religious Hospitallers to take charge of the Hôtel-Dieu of Montreal.

