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## Discovering the Convent Complex of the Sisters of Saint Anne and its Tradition of Education

**Montreal, Borough of Lachine, December 10, 2010** – In partnership with the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec, the Sisters of Saint Anne Historic Centre now offers an interesting new way to tour the convent complex of the Sisters of Saint Anne. Thanks to **podcasting**, visitors can take a guided tour, when they wish and at their own pace, of the buildings that now house Collège Sainte-Anne and the museum, and discover the history of their development.

Located on the edge of the Lachine Canal, the convent complex is a major point of interest in the borough of Lachine. It attests to the important religious, educational and cultural heritage passed on by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne.

As of December, the audio tour can be downloaded directly to an MP3 player from the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec website at:

<http://www.patrimoine-religieux.qc.ca/en/activites/eglises/cssa.php>

Visitors to 1280 Saint-Joseph Boulevard in Lachine can borrow an MP3 player onsite and take the tour. The website also offers the complete text of the tour for download as well as an explanatory pamphlet.

The tour takes visitors along the Lachine Canal and around the convent complex, recounting the history of Lachine and introducing important figures from Quebec's religious past, such as Archbishop Ignace Bourget and Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, as well as recognized architects like Perrault et Mesnard and Joseph Venne.

If you love religious and educational heritage, architecture or history, you'll enjoy this tour!

Other podcasts are also available on the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec website, including a tour of the Church of Saint-Pierre-Apôtre, Notre-Dame-de-Bonsecours Chapel and the convent complex of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

The Sisters of Saint Anne Historic Centre is located inside an historic building dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It hosts various exhibitions spotlighting the history of the Sisters of Saint Anne through the places and time periods in which they have worked as well as the people they have served. The museum is open Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Reservations are requested for groups of eight or more. Admission to the museum, located at 1280 Saint-Joseph Boulevard in Lachine, is **free**.

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