# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Le Verbe's mission is to bear witness to Christian hope in the media landscape by building bridges between contemporary culture and the Catholic faith.

### WORD FROM THE CEO

#### 2024: a year of major projects and so much to celebrate!

**A new website.** It was about time! After months of work, the result is definitely worth it. Our new site is faster, more user-friendly and looks fantastic.

A survey by Léger. To give you an idea of how much effort went into it, we came up with the idea for this survey back in September 2023! The results are on our website, but here is one figure that struck me: more than a third of Quebecers are searching for meaning.

Adapting our content. The Léger survey confirmed what we already suspected: the search for meaning is still very much alive in the human heart. Throughout the year, we carefully reviewed and adapted our content, with you—our audience—in mind. The survey results were encouraging, but what is most important to us is to offer hope, to spark reflection and to inspire.

A diverse team. With 23 employees and over a hundred collaborators, each member of the team (or of the "body" as Saint Paul would say) puts their unique talents at the service of our common goal. But above all, they take time to listen before speaking, to understand before bringing the message of Christian hope into the media landscape.

Believe it or not, since 1975, *Le Verbe* has been working to make the Invisible One visible... and He hasn't gone unnoticed!



### LE VERBE MÉDIAS: AN OVERVIEW

Le Verbe is an **independent** Canadian media platform that reaches over **two million** French-speakers each year. With a team of **23 employees** and 112 collaborators, we target our message to **seekers of meaning** of all ages and beliefs. Le Verbe shines a spotlight **on the good, the beautiful and the true** in today's world. A completely **free** and **donation-funded** platform, we produce **magazines** that are distributed in public spaces, as well as radio and television **programs,** and **videos and articles** on social media.

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REACH

In 2024, through its platforms and publications, *Le Verbe* reached **1,976,000 seekers of meaning—a record number**. But our true reach goes much further. Thanks to the support of our media partners (KTO, MaTV, Radio VM, Radio Galilée, Salt and Light), we connect with hundreds of thousands more who are eager to hear our message. While the exact number is hard to pin down, one thing is certain: **for the first time**, *Le Verbe* has surpassed the two million mark in audience engagement!

Average age of our audience:

### WHY DO YOU LIKE *LE VERBE*?

With all the darkness in the world, your magazine provides a breath of fresh air.

Christian and Mirella M., Beauharnois

Congratulations on your clear-sighted and realistic Christian perspective on the issues of today!

Louis-Marie H., Quebec City

Your magazine is indispensable for me. I share it with other people, who in turn then share it.

Francine D., Kamouraska

Your magazine offers intellectually enriching, spiritually stimulating and personally engaging content!

Karine C., Montreal

Le Verbe brings us back to the source. It allows us to breathe in the Holy Spirit and feel united in faith.

Gilles-Pierre C., Saint-Félicien

Whether you're an atheist, a believer or an agnostic like me, *Le Verbe* has an important role in providing spiritual comfort and cultural, social and political insight.

Gilles S., Quebec City

Your insightful content helps me find the right words for the questions of meaning that we face today.

Father Alain P., Saint-Georges

Le Verbe helps me stay connected to God here in Quebec, where faith is not widespread. Its team of mostly young adults really speaks to me.

Marie-Claude B., Lasalle

Thank you for bringing *Le Verbe* to Europe, and for blending faith and contemporary culture in a Quebec style, without engaging in controversy or ideological bias. Every nation has its own strengths, and I believe Quebec really has something to offer France.

Mother Marie Réginald, O.P., Berné, France

# OURTEAM



Journalist





Director of Philanthropic Development

### **BARTHÉLEMY RIEU** Multimedia Production

Production Coordinator





**BENJAMIN BOIVIN** Lead Editor – Magazine







Journalist











### LOUIS-JOSEPH GAGNON Communications and Marketing Manager





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## 236,550 copies distributed

Le Verbe magazine is distributed free of charge, by subscription and in public spaces: restaurants, pharmacies, schools, libraries, waiting rooms, convenience stores, churches and pilgrimage sites, and even in prisons!

### RECOGNITION

### ASSOCIATION DES MÉDIAS CATHOLIQUES ET ŒCUMÉNIQUES (AMÉCO)

BEST SHORT REPORT - JÉRÉMIE LALIBERTÉ

"Scampia: Heaven in the trash'

• BEST LONG REPORT - LAURENCE GODIN-TREMBLAY, ARIANE BEAUFÉRAY "One of a kind: gender propaganda at the museum"

• BEST DESIGN - JUDITH RENAULD, ÉMILIE DUBERN, MARIE-PIER LAROSE April 2024 special issue *Holy Spirit* 

### **EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE PATRIMOINE RELIGIEUX DU QUÉBEC**

• FINALIST FOR THE PUBLIC CHOICE AWARD





### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

# 1,502,000

people reached on our social media platforms

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#### VIDEOS

### **BROADCAST PARTNERS**

- MATV
- RADIO VM
- 👬 RADIO GALILÉE
- 💽 SALT + LIGHT MEDIA
- 📕 KTO TÉLÉVISION ET RADIO

### **OUR FOUR PROGRAMS**





### **MOST POPULAR VIDEO:**

JOSÉE-ANNE SARAZIN-CÔTÉ: From witchcraft to Jesus Christ



over **1MILLION** views of our videos

### WEBSITE

## new articles

## **LEVERBE.COM**

### **MOST POPULAR ARTICLE:**

ÉRIC-EMMANUEL SCHMITT, THE NEW MAN

Interview with Brigitte Bédard





### **MAJOR PROJECT:**

THIS YEAR, WE DEVELOPED A BRAND-NEW WEBSITE THAT IS ...

... FASTER!

... MORE VISUALLY APPEALING!

... MORE USER-FRIENDLY!

... MORE DYNAMIC!

LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 2025

### LÉGER SURVEY

In 2024, Le Verbe médias partnered with Léger to carry out **the first-ever survey on the search for meaning in Quebec.** In a society whose cultural reference points are crumbling and where faith is increasingly taking a back seat, **the survey results confirm the relevance of our strategy** aimed at seekers of meaning.

DISCOVER THE RESULTS OF OUR SURVEY AT LEVERBE.COM



of Quebec francophones aged **18 to 34** say they are searching for meaning.



of young people searching for meaning believe the **Christian faith** can provide answers.



of people searching for meaning consume **media content** related to this search.





A heartfelt thanks to the **1,573** donors and **135** foundations and communities who generously support us.



in donations in 2024

### WHAT DO DONATIONS FUND?

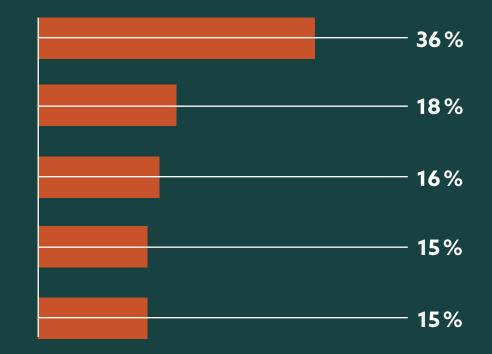
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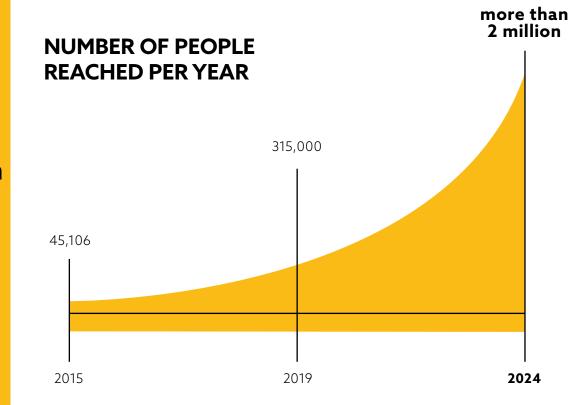
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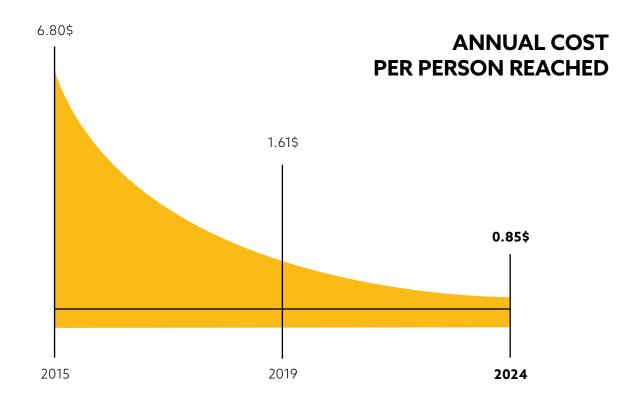
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### DEVELOPMENT

A growing media platform that is gaining in impact and visibility.





### WHY SUPPORT *LE VERBE*?

The great, difficult, inexhaustible and eternal search for God: how urgently we need it to lead us out of evil, darkness, and bad news... or at the very least, to keep hope alive and help us take a step forward. This is what you do. Thank you!

Marielle M., Vaudreuil-Dorion

You have a major impact on the transmission of faith, and I thank you for that.

Brigitte M., Lévis

As a Catholic of 32 years, yours is the only media content I can really relate to!

Frédérique T., Montreal

I'm a prison chaplain, and I bring your magazine to the inmates. They really appreciate it. On their behalf, thank you!

Laurent C., Montreal

Our troubled world is searching for meaning, and it needs you.

Sister Lorraine D., Sisters of Charity of Ottawa

Your presence in the media gives us hope for new generations and seekers of meaning. You promote faith and culture through your insightful commentary on current events and thoughtprovoking articles; and you bring joy and consistency to the continuous renewal of the language of faith.

Sister Maria Margarita H., Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, Montreal



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