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## CHURCH OF SAINT-CAMILLE

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## PROMOTER

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### **Presentation of the issue:**

Mr. Pinard has been involved for many years in the church council. The church maintenance is obviously no longer profitable as many repairs are needed. The project for the transformation of the church was born from a collective consciousness, a willingness from the population.

### **Project description:**

The committee examined the church's uses and needs. Several new uses can be considered. Thus, the sacristy now serves as a library and municipal office. The pews were removed and sold, which was an important and symbolic milestone of this project. The available space and the capacity of this large room can now accommodate larger events in this rural community. The room layout is therefore facilitated and offers several possibilities.

The project was the subject of a documentary: "Ne touchez pas à mon église" (Do not touch my church), by Bruno Boulianne.

### **The key elements according to the promoter:**

- build on successes, visit other projects;
- consult others and seek advice from professionals;
- take your time, start from the actual needs;
- develop a common vision;
- in regard to funding operations, the financing activities must not be the main source of income, as it may demobilize the people.

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## RESEARCHER

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The summary of the presentation by Luc Noppen, UQAM, is presented in a separate document. [Click here to view.](#)

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## QUESTION PERIOD

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Q.: What is the cost of the transformation?

A. (MP): \$1 million, a third of this amount represents the purchase cost.

Q.: Are the maintenance costs higher since you started holding activities?

A. (MP): No, except for the library, but the municipality rents this space and incurs related expenses.

Q.: Why isn't the municipality already owner of the building?

A. (MP): We are waiting for the grant to come through. If our application is accepted, the municipality will move forward.

Q.: Is there a financing plan by classification?

R. (Luc Noppen): No, because this approach is problematic in Europe. We don't have this model in Quebec, and it's better that way. And it doesn't save the churches systematically.

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## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

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**NOTE: All linked documents (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) are only available in their original French version.**

[PowerPoint from Michael Pinard](#)