

# **French Christmas Concert and Luncheon**

**with Detroit French History Discussion**

**Alliance Francaise de Détroit**

**Sunday 3 December 2017**

Please join us for the renewal of our annual French Christmas Concert tradition with la Chorale du Tricentenaire de Windsor at Ste Anne de Détroit, the founding French parish of the Detroit River Region.

The concert of French language carols will be preceded by a light luncheon buffet in the historic parish hall including beer and wine and a presentation about the Fort Ponchartrain de Detroit and the dream of rebuilding it.

A 12:00 bilingual French language Mass will start the festivities.

\$25 - Book online at <http://frenchinstitute.org/events/2017/12/french-christmas-concert-luncheon/> or by calling AFD/AFIM at (248) 538 5440.

Proceeds will benefit the restoration funds of our region's two historic French, and First Nations churches: Sainte Anne de Détroit and Our Lady of Assumption Church in Windsor.

- **12:00 p.m. Ste Anne de Détroit dominical Mass French bilingual**
- **1:00 p.m. –Luncheon in Parish hall**
- **3:00 p.m. Christmas Concert in Ste Anne's church by the Francophone Chorale du Tricentenaire de Windsor.**

Ste. Anne de Détroit parish goes back to the earliest days of the French presence in Detroit. The current church building next to the Ambassador Bridge was built in 1886 is the last significant vestige of the city's founding French community. The chapel of the church is also the final resting place of Detroit's and Michigan's great civic leader Fr. Gabriel Richard. Ste. Anne's is the oldest institution in the USA west of the Allegheny Mountains, the second oldest Catholic parish in the USA and the only Detroit institution that has operated continuously since the city's founding 314 years ago. La Chorale du Tricentenaire de Windsor is a French language choral group started in 2001 to celebrate 300 years of French life along the strait.

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