

### Claude Snow: PCA Recipient 2013

Mr. Snow is an ardent defender of rights for the vulnerable. He received a bachelor in philosophy from the Université de Montréal in 1964 as well a bachelor in education from the Université de Moncton in 1969. It is in 1971 that the Université du Manitoba awarded him with his masters in social work which he thereafter launched his career. He since then has earned many awards of excellence from his work.

While retired, Mr. Snow has always been an individual very engaged in community work. As an activist he always valued the well-being of the less fortunate. He is currently working as a social militant, defender of rights and a popular lawyer in the Acadian Peninsula. Through his numerous publications, radio and television appearances and multiple letters to the editor to uphold the rights of those left to fend for themselves and provide assistance, marked by equity, discernment, diligence and dignity.

In 1993 he co-founded the “committee of 12”. This committee, of 12 members, are responsible for defending those on social assistance and providing them with an organizational voice. By way of his actions, he is able to exercise pressure on the state so that those in need be recognized as full-fledged citizens for they believe it is a question of equity and dignity. Thanks to their interventions, many situation which were once thought to be insolvable are now solved all while maintaining a level of social conscious. Their greatest gains were to obtain greater flexibility for the admissibility to social aid and the abolishing of certain rules that went against human dignity and civil liberties.

According to the members of the “committee of 12”, Mr. Snow is the heart and soul of this group. He is the engine that permits the boat to confront the waves and he has been the lifeline of those too often left to defend for themselves.