

**COMMUNIQUÉ No. 80 – APRIL 13, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**To members of pastoral teams,
To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs,
To the faithful active in their communities,
To members of religious communities,
To Archdiocesan staff,**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen, and we are rising with him! Here are some announcements that speak of renewed Life for our Church and its children.

1. TOGETHER IN MISSION!

This is the theme, the rallying cry of our Diocesan Synodal and Missionary Transformation Project (« Chantier ») undertaken since fall 2018. A process modeled on the "SEE-JUDGE-ACT" method that aims to renew our evangelical presence and action, at the heart of Montreal society.

Why talk about it again? Didn't we do this last year? Isn't it over? No! Great undertakings take time, patience and perseverance!

After the first stage of "Seeing (Listening)" (2018-2019), after the pandemic and the revival fostered by Pope Francis' call to examine our synodal health, our "living together" in the Church (2021-2022), we continue by reflecting together, this spring, on the choices, the missionary orientations that will guide our action for the years to come, in each parish, each community, group, network, organization or movement of our diocese.

I remind you that a Facilitation Document ([link here](#)) has been produced for this new stage, with new avenues of reflection to move forward together in mission. You only need to follow the proposed path, according to the method of the spiritual conversation. This method has been designed to listen to each other and to identify the paths of action to be shared.

Actions to undertake in your community

- 1) Your parish, group or movement has been invited in recent weeks to take part in this collective effort. **Your contribution is essential!** Thank you for taking the time to live the proposed process.
- 2) If your group is already constituted, if you have already begun the reflection OR if you are thinking of doing so soon, **contact us** at synode@diocesemontreal.org. A simple note to tell us that you are participating. This will allow us to send you a pair of Visitors to continue and deepen the reflection with you.
- 3) **Become a Visitor!** Are you available, or do you know someone who might have some time to spare as a Visitor? Let us know at synode@diocesemontreal.org.
- 4) Finally, if in the recent past, your community/group has reflected on missionary initiatives in your area, whether or not they are part of the « Chantier » process, **you can share the fruits of your reflections** at synode@diocesemontreal.org.

For more information on the diocesan « Chantier », visit the microsite:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/synode/home>

At the call of Pope Francis, who himself echoes the call of the Risen Lord, our missionary conversion is underway (cf. *The Joy of the Gospel*, no. 30). Status quo is not an option.

Together in mission!

2. A MEETING ON THE PASTORAL CARE FOR THE BAPTISM OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Want your local church to be more missionary? Here is excellent news: A meeting that comes at the right time. Together, we are going to empower each other, reflect on the challenges and perspectives of the baptismal pastoral care of little children and gain new momentum. Topics such as *Welcoming* and *Meeting with the parents* will be at the heart of our discussions during this first meeting. **Saturday May 6, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the basement of the Mary-Queen of the World Cathedral.**

To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/Caw1ch7fJV>

In closing, dear brothers and sisters, I wish that the joy of the Resurrection may dwell in you. May it give you the paschal hope that will guide us, together, towards our neighbors who thirst for the true Good News.

In Jesus our Saviour,



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