



## PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

### Mass and procession through the streets of downtown Montreal on the Feast of Corpus Christi

Montréal, June 2, 2023 - Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montréal invites you to a **Corpus Christi Mass** followed by a **Eucharistic procession** through the streets of downtown Montreal on **Thursday, June 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

We are expecting approximately 1,500 people to attend, representing the cultural diversity of Montreal, and following this route on foot after the Mass (about 8:30 p.m.):

Exit Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

East on René-Lévesque

North on Mansfield

East on Ste-Catherine

South on Place Phillips

West on René-Lévesque

Return to Mary Queen of the World Cathedral for the conclusion in front of the main doors.

On Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Catholics honour the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The feast is a very old tradition and has been celebrated for centuries with a Eucharistic procession, during which a monstrance containing a consecrated host is carried through the streets, followed by the faithful singing hymns and reciting prayers.

The candlelight procession lasts around 45 minutes. The event will take place regardless of the weather.

#### **Growing in our love for the Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Our Infinite God gives himself to us in a diminutive Host, and He calls every one of us to know Him more fully and to love Him more deeply in this great Mystery.

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