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Details on the First Edition of a Pilgrimage in Honour of the Holy Family

5.5K Pilgrimage on August 17, 2019

MONTREAL, July 30, 2019 – The Catholic Church of Montreal, in collaboration with the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal*, announces the first edition of a pilgrimage in honour of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The walk will take place in different places of worship in Montreal. The goal is to pray for all vocations in the presence of all the Church members wishing to participate.

“We wish to devote the pastoral service for all vocations to the Holy Family knowing, as Saint John Paul II told us, that the family is the cradle of all vocations. This pilgrimage touches those who are calling, as well as those who are called,” explains Father Silvain Cloutier, Director of Pastoral Service for Vocations to the Priesthood at the Diocese of Montreal. “God gave us all a common vocation which is a call to holiness. We also have, all of us, a particular vocation we need to fulfill through God. We pray for singles, for married couples with families, for engaged and consecrated laypeople, for religious men and women, for deacons and priests,” added Father Cloutier.

SCHEDULE:

- 13 h Inside the Crypt Church of Saint Joseph’s Oratory located at 3800, Queen Mary Road, in Montreal. The rector of the Oratory Father Grou, will speak to us about **Joseph’s** place in the Holy Family.

Afterwards, we will walk in the direction of Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery for a moment of prayer guided by a deacon and a time of rest for participants.

- 14 h Inside the chapel of the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal* located at 2065, Sherbrooke Street, in Montreal. The focus will be on **Jesus** in the Eucharistic adoration and three testimonies from a seminarian, a married couple and a nun.

The seminarian will talk about the importance of his relationship with Jesus, present in the Eucharist, for his own discernment and vocational journey.

Before leaving the *Grand Séminaire*, snacks and beverages will be offered to participants.

17 h The Archbishop will celebrate a Mass at 5 p.m. at Mary Queen of the Word Basilica located at 1085, Cathedral Street in Montreal. This Mass falls almost on the same day as the Feast of the Assumption thus highlighting the importance of **Mary**.

“We do not know how many people will respond to the invitation, but we believe this pilgrimage is after all a beautiful way to devote to the Holy Family our pastoral service for vocations, in the presence of our ecclesial family which, we hope, will enjoy their summer before the beginning of the pastoral year this fall,” Father Cloutier concluded.

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