

**Information – October 27, 2020
To Pastors, Pastoral Teams and Religious Communities**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Apart from news about the pandemic and the guidelines and directives that impact parish and community life, I would like to draw your attention to some supplemental information.

In addition, Communiqué 21 (COVID directives) is in preparation, to include an update of best practices adopted during this pandemic, in light of recent government announcements and as we prepare to enter the Advent season. The communiqué will be published in the coming.

1. REMINDER – Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Award of Merit 2020

In recent years, Archbishop Lépine has expressed the gratitude of the Church for the contribution of **volunteers and groups** by conferring the Bishop Ignace Bourget Diocesan Award of Merit during the exchange of greetings at our Epiphany gatherings. Although we do not know whether this event, scheduled for January 2021, will be held in person or virtually, we nevertheless wish to **initiate the process of candidate selection**. We actively encourage you to recommend an individual person, teams or groups whom you consider worthy of this recognition based upon their activities in relation to the following criteria:

- The length of time of involvement
- Dedication and volunteer activity (giving of oneself, mutual support, empathy, peace)
- Involvement in an apostolate, such as social justice, education or prayer (faith, hope, charity)

Please address a **letter of recommendation** to my attention by email, along with the duly completed **candidacy form**, by **Monday, November 16, 2020** at: vg@diocesemontreal.org

2. Hybrid Pastoral Approach

At the initiative of *Mission Jeunesse*, diocesan services are offering online training in a multidimensional hybrid pastoral approach, as a way of responding better to the social, cultural, spiritual and religious needs of young people. The next training sessions will take place:

In FRENCH – Wednesday, November 4, 8 p.m.: <http://bit.ly/PastoHybride>

In ENGLISH – Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.: <http://bit.ly/HybridMinistry>

3. The Rosary on Zoom

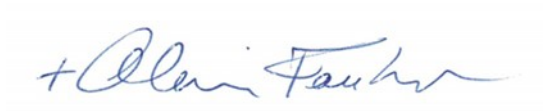
Praying the Rosary is broadcast via Zoom from Mary Queen of the World Cathedral every weekday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and on Fridays at 3 p.m. as well. Approximately 20 facilitators and technical assistants from a variety of groups participate in leading this devotion. People can participate through the following links:



- <https://www.facebook.com/cathedraledemontreal/photos/pb.694244250726120.-2207520000../1749229575227577/?type=3&theater>
- <https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/cathedralecatholiquedemontreal/>

As the special season of Advent draws near, a time expectant with God's desire and our hopes, let us pursue the mission entrusted to us with perseverance and creativity!

In Our Lord Jesus,

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+ Alain Faubert, VG
Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal