

### PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

# Mass to celebrate the 377th anniversary of the founding Montreal

## Sunday, May 19 at 11 a.m., at Notre-Dame Basilica

MONTREAL, May 15, 2019 – The Catholic Church of Montreal, wishing to contribute to the festivities in honour of the founding of Montreal will celebrate a Mass to commemorate this event on Sunday, May 19, at 11 a.m., at Notre-Dame Basilica; which is the closest Sunday to May 17, the day when Montreal was founded. This is a milestone in our collective history and it is important to underline it in an appropriate way.

"We wish to welcome you all to this celebration, as we pay tribute to the city founders, Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance, and to the others who have pursued their work until today," declared the Most Reverend Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal.

There are three strong moments in the history of "«Our Church here..." that are worth highlighting in 2019: the arrival of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph 360 years ago (1659), the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Providence and the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the *Crèche de la Miséricorde*.

Please find attached a poster with more details on this event.

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