



Archidiocèse de Montréal

GENERAL DECREE

EXTRAORDINARY FACULTIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION
AND THE PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

As the pandemic continues to create disruptions and challenges to the pastoral and sacramental life of the Catholic Church of Montreal, her pastors are once again called to partake in the ministry of the bishop (can. 519 CIC) in order to ensure that the faithful are able to receive the essential services from the spiritual treasures of the Church. Therefore,

CONSIDERING that the bishop is the ordinary minister of the sacrament of confirmation (can. 883 CIC), and that the faculties to administer the sacrament may be conferred to priests by a special mandate (can. 883 2°);

CONSIDERING that the conditions created by the pandemic make it impossible to administer the sacrament of confirmation in an opportune manner without a significant increase in the number of ministers;

CONSIDERING that an important number of pastors are absent for extended periods of vacation during the summer months;

CONSIDERING that the catechumens and faithful who have completed their preparations for sacramental initiation are not deprived of the help of these essential graces;

I decree

that all pastors of parishes, as well as administrators of parishes and missions, mandated by an official nomination by the Archbishop of Montreal, are hereby granted the faculties to administer the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to adults, confirmation to children, and receive professions of faith of those who are members of their proper parish or parishes. In addition, these same faculties are extended to priests duly mandated to the office of parish assistant priest. These faculties are effective beginning **June 25th 2021**, until **August 30th 2021**, inclusive.

These pastors must take special care to ensure that all candidates are adequately prepared and properly disposed to receive the sacraments, and that the sacraments, once administered, be registered in the parish registers according to the norms of canon law (can. 894-895 CIC).

Given at present, this 8th day of June 2021.

† Mgr Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal



Rev. Francesco Giordano
Chancellor