

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 64 – APRIL 22, 2022 INFORMATION

To members of pastoral teams, To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs, To the faithful active in their communities, To members of religious communities, To Archdiocesan staff,

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord is truly Risen! And we also rise with Him! The following are some items of information and several invitations that bear witness to the renewal of life within our Church.

1. The diocesan synodal process: Together on a Mission!

First, let me express my thanks to all those who have displayed an interest in this unique undertaking. The object of the process is twofold: to improve the ways in which we "walk together" as a Church, and to bring about our own missionary transformation, thus allowing all our fellow citizens to learn about Jesus Christ.

Numerous groups and individuals have begun to forward their synodal contributions to us. I would take this time to remind you that the deadline for submitting these is May 23, and the email address is: synode@diocesemontreal.org

In order to assist you in communicating the fruits of your reflections to us, we have created a sample form that will help facilitate the collection and analysis of your contributions. We would encourage you as much as possible to formulate your answers directly using this online form <u>link here</u>, which can be found on the microsite of the synodal process for the Archdiocese of Montreal : <u>synod</u>.

For those of you who may prefer to contribute your responses using a Word-format form, you will also find one available on the microsite: <u>link here</u>.

Additionally, this microsite and the diocesan social media will in the coming weeks be featuring testimony videos produced by diocesan communities who are active in our synodal process. Kindly consider sharing these inspiring videos to help encourage wider involvement and greater mobilization in the synodal process.

We find it very important to listen to the voices of diverse groups. We are especially attentive to the insights and life experiences of children, adolescents, young adults and families. We urge you to encourage them to express themselves so that their contributions will be conveyed to us as well.

The Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and the Family, in collaboration with the Office for Faith Education and Youth Ministry, has developed a synodal process adapted to family living. I encourage you to participate in this family-oriented approach using the method available in the Toolkit: <u>link here</u>.

The Youth Ministry team has also designed a survey that we would ask you to share: <u>https://bit.ly/synodMtl</u>

Brothers and Sisters, more than ever before, let's walk together on a mission!

2. <u>Announcements</u>

"L'Air du temps" – Gregory Charles stars in a Benefit Concert for the Permanent Diaconate of Montreal

You are invited to a Benefit Concert for the permanent diaconate of Montreal, on May 28 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, featuring Gregory Charles! Invite your families, your friends and members of your communities. A poster announcing the concert will be provided to the parishes. Following is the link for tickets: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/307351896797</u>

Youth Ministry

a) Information session : WYD Lisbon 2023

We are preparing to participate in the largest youth gathering in the world in Lisbon in 2023! Find out about our packages at the info session on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Register online: https://bit.ly/wyd2023MTL

b) Implementing the Youth and Family Ministry

<u>New Course</u>: Starting May 4, this course will explore the integral development of youth ministry using a hybrid approach. Training will comprise skills required in advocacy, planning and organizing youth ministry efforts, methods for collaborative leadership among teams: https://bit.ly/3LVwPJJ

In conclusion, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I pray that the indestructible Joy and Hope that the Resurrection of our Lord grants us may continue with you throughout this Pascal Season and beyond. May the Holy Spirit sustain you in strength and wisdom in all your endeavours.

In Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord,

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+Alain Faubert, VG Auxiliary Bishop, Montreal