

**COMMUNIQUÉ No. 83 – JUNE 2, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**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 collaborators,
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to announce the creation of the new Integrated Service for Evangelization and Christian Life (ISECL) at the Archdiocese of Montreal, whose Senior Director is Mrs. Isabel Correa.

The mission of the Service for Evangelization and Christian Life focuses on promoting and nurturing the faith, individuals, families, communities, and parishes. Its primary purpose is to facilitate the spread of the Gospel message and support the development of vibrant Christian lives among the faithful at all stages of their life, whatever their vocation.

In support of those actively engaged in evangelization, it endeavors to facilitate a personal journey of faith by providing opportunities to truly know Jesus Christ. Through ongoing accompaniment and support, it nurtures individuals in their growth and development of a vibrant faith. Moreover, the Service strives to foster a deep sense of belonging and active engagement in the life and mission of the Church.

Under the guidance of the Archbishop and his leadership team the Service works closely with parishes and communities in the diocese to develop strategies, programs, and resources for evangelization and the development and accompaniment of Christian Life at all stages of development. It offers training and formation opportunities for pastoral leaders, ordained and lay ministers, members of consecrated life, to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively share the faith and accompany others on their spiritual journeys.

Aligned with diocesan orientation and policies, the diocesan Service of Evangelization and Christian Life brings together a diverse range of ministries and initiatives that work in synergy and enrich each other. In the new overall dynamic, each of the founding components of this new Service (Diocesan Center for Marriage-Life-Family; Office of Faith Education; Youth Ministry Office; Office of Consecrated Life; Priestly Vocations Pastoral Service) retains its leadership in its area of competency and the primary responsibility for spreading the Good News in the various pastoral fields and ministries attached to it.

You are therefore invited to maintain and enrich your links with one or other of these departments, and to develop new ones within the Integrated Service.

As Senior Director, and in conjunction with the Department Directors of the new Service, Ms. Isabel Correa will provide strategic leadership, vision and direction to ensure that the Service's programs and initiatives align with the overall mission of the Archdiocese and contribute to the growth, development and enrichment of Christian life.

Her responsibilities include strategic planning of pastoral projects, coordinating and overseeing internal departmental operations, ensuring resources are managed effectively and efficiently, helping to build strong external relationships with parishes, optimizing the diocese's operational performance, and helping to achieve the archdiocese's pastoral and financial goals.

The Senior Director supports the Archbishop and the Vicar General Pastoral Coordinator in their overall pastoral responsibilities.

The launch of ISECL this spring will require a great deal of pooling and creativity on the part of the coordination team and all the members of the various departments.

I encourage you to pay close attention to forthcoming communications from the new Service (ISECL) These updates will provide you with more information about the 2023-2024 program and the new synergy that will empower ISECL, together with you as the artisans of the Gospel, to more effectively present Christ in our pastoral settings.

I wish Isabel and all ISECL team members a fruitful ministry in the vast field of Evangelization. May the Lord bless their commitment and efforts for the glory of God and the salvation of the world.

In Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alain Faubert".

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Pastoral Coordinator,