

**PASTORAL AND
MISSIONARY
VITALITY PROFILE**

**2018-2019
PASTORAL YEAR**

The chancery team would like to introduce the *Pastoral and Missionary Vitality Profile*, a newly-amended document to succeed the more commonly-known annual *Pastoral Report*.

The Presbyteral Council, the Episcopal Council and the diocesan network of Offices and Services contributed their insights and counsel at each stage of the development of this document. We hope that it will serve not only as a tool for gathering helpful information, but will also prove useful to parishes and missions. While there are many flavours of vitality, the purpose of this *Profile* is to concentrate on parish and mission vitality in order to:

1. Provide a complementary tool for the mission:

This tool does not claim to be perfect. We hope that it will be a complementary tool.

2. Offer a tool that focuses on practices:

You will find a list of different practical activities that parishes and missions can implement. While we encourage discussion on the theological meaning of parish and mission vocation, the *Profile* focuses more on a list of practical activities.

3. Promote your ideas for activities:

Another objective with this *Profile* is to encourage you to put forward your ideas so that the list of activities of the Archdiocese of Montreal's *Pastoral and Missionary Vitality Profile* grows from year to year. As this *Profile* does not contain open-ended questions, your ideas may be added at the end of each sub-section under "Other activities".

4. Invite each parish and mission to **see themselves** in their baptismal vocation as lived by Jesus Christ: Priest, Prophet and King:

The three offices of Priest, Prophet and King encompass all areas of ministry: prayer, liturgy, evangelization of non-Catholics, pastoral activity, services to parishioners, service to society, and more, allowing everyone to see themselves through these complementary aspects of mission.

5. **...on mission with Jesus Christ:**

The final section of the *Profile* directs the parishes and missions towards action. Based on the specificity of your neighbourhood, you are invited to describe your dreams for your parishes and missions as well as actions inspired by this *Profile*.

6. **Together** on mission with Jesus Christ:

We recommend filling out the *Profile* together with your pastoral team and even as a collaboration with the fellow priests of your missionary territory, to encourage shared involvement with respect to individual charisms and the reality of the local neighbourhood. Moreover, involving people in missionary activities will help with evangelization and making missionary disciples at the service of God.

May the Lord, who inspired this *Profile*, guide you in your ministry.

The Chancery Team.

God working among us

This new *Profile* incorporates missionary and dynamic components to facilitate the gathering of pertinent information and to inspire new pastoral avenues. We refer to the three offices of Christ, as explained in the Second Vatican Council: Priest, Prophet and King, to emphasize the various facets of the mission of the Church.

May this report motivate our pastoral and evangelistic efforts.

- Name of parish / mission:

- Deanery:

- Pastor / parochial administrator:

Name, LAST NAME:

Email:

- This report is being filled out by the pastor/administrator with the help of:
 - The Assistant Pastor
 - The Pastoral Team
 - The Pastoral/Parish Council
 - The Pastoral Assistant, Pastoral Animator or Pastoral Associate (include Deacons)
 - The deanery
 - Not applicable
 - Other (please specify)

PRIEST

The People of God participate in the priestly office of Christ because the baptized are anointed by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. (C.C.C. 783-786).

Prayer and liturgy

- Lay involvement in the liturgy:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We have a team of altar servers
- We have a team of lectors
- Lay people bring up the offertory gifts
- There are lay members of the liturgical committee
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- The beauty of the Sunday liturgy:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We have a team responsible for decorating the church
- We have a choir/cantor
- We have a choir director
- We have musicians
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Other liturgies and devotions:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We have an adoration chapel
- We organize times for adoration in the church
- We organize Eucharistic processions
- We organize times for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- We observe First Friday Devotions
- We have a family Mass
- We say the Rosary before Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations
- We offer the liturgy of the hours, at least once a month

- We offer daily Mass
 - We organize/participate in pilgrimages
 - We have a praise and worship team
 - We have a devotion to a particular saint
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)
- On average, how many people per day do you estimate attend daily Mass?
 - On average, how many people do you estimate attend Sunday Mass?
 - On average, how many people do you estimate attend Christmas Mass (including Christmas Eve)?
 - On average, how many people do you estimate attend Easter Mass (including the Easter Vigil)?

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:
Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)
 - The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before, during or after Mass
 - The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered during the week
 - The sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request
 - Community celebrations for the sacrament of Reconciliation with individual absolution are offered during important liturgical times of the year (ex: Christmas, Easter, etc.)
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)

Sacrament /Anointing of the Sick and End-of-life ministry

- Sacrament/Anointing of the sick and End-of-life ministry:
Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)
 - We endeavor to offer the Anointing of the Sick to those who need it
 - We offer spiritual Accompaniment to the Sick
 - Every year we have Sunday Celebrations that include the Anointing of the Sick
 - We collaborate with Pastoral Home Care Services (English sector of SASMAD : *Service d'accompagnement spirituel des personnes malades ou âgées à domicile* : 514 925-430 ext. 354) <https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/archdiocese/offices-and-services/sasmad-accompaniment-service>
 - We are in contact with healthcare institutions to provide the Anointing of the Sick
 - No one asks for the sacrament/anointing of the sick
 - Other activities (please specify)

- How many individual celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick have you celebrated this year?

- Approximately how many people received the Anointing of the Sick at the church this year?

- Approximately how many people received the Anointing of the Sick outside of the church (ex: hospital, family, seniors' residences, etc.)?

PROPHET

The People of God participate in the prophetic office of Christ because due to the supernatural sense of faith, when it unfailingly adheres to this faith, it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ's witness. (C.C.C. 783-786).

Initiation to Christian life

- Evangelization:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We organize retreats during Advent and/or Lent
- We organize one or more retreat/s annually
- We have a Vocations' ministry (priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, apostolic celibacy)
- We organize testimonial meetings
- We have a Bible study group
- We have a Lectio/Video divina group
- We offer various evangelization programs (ex: Alpha, Exodus 90, CCO...)
- We organize camps (day camps, camps with spiritual accompaniment...)
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Catechism:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We offer catechism courses for children
- We offer catechism courses for adolescents
- We offer catechism courses for young adults (university age)
- We offer catechism courses for young professionals
- We offer catechism courses for adults (35 years and older)
- We offer catechism courses for parents – that they may transmit the faith to their children
- We accompany Catechumens
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

Sacraments

- Preparation for the sacraments:

For the following sacraments, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Marriage, which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We offer testimonies
- We offer weekend retreats
- We offer instruction
- We present the people to the parish community
- Members of the community promise to pray for the newly-baptized, confirmed, etc.
- We offer catechism courses adapted to adults
- The newly-baptized, confirmed, etc. get involved in the community (helping at parish events, visiting the homebound, homework assistance, etc.)
- We invite parents to pray with their children
- We organize a rehearsal before the ceremony
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Follow-up after the sacraments:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We offer spiritual direction
- We take note of contact information of the faithful who have recently received the sacraments so we can contact them once again in the months that follow
- We continue to periodically meet (in a group or on an individual basis) those who have recently received the sacraments so as to accompany them in their spiritual lives
- We highlight the anniversaries of Baptisms (“Babies’ Sunday”), weddings, etc.
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

Communications

- Communications:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We have an outdoor sign indicating the hours the church is open
- We have a “Church open” sign that is visible outside, during opening hours
- We open wide the doors of the Church when the weather permits and during celebrations
- We have a bulletin board indoors for our communications and to announce activities in other parishes/movements
- We have an outdoor sign announcing registration information for our different catechetical programs
- We have an updated website
- We have a social media presence
- We have a newsletter
- We have a parish bulletin to inform those who come to the parish
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

KING

The People of God participate in the royal office of Christ through service, imitating Jesus Christ, King of the universe, who became the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering. (C.C.C. 783-786).

Welcome and belonging to the parish (social dimension of evangelization)

- Welcome:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We have a welcoming committee for our Sunday Masses (at the entrance of the church and in the parking lot if applicable)
- We have full-time secretarial services
- We have part-time secretarial services
- We have secretarial services available on Saturdays for those who work during the week
- We have secretarial services available on Sundays for those who work during the week
- We promote the involvement of the whole community in welcoming new arrivals to our church
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Social activities promoting community spirit in the parish:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We organize outings for the altar servers
- We organize sporting activities (hockey, soccer, skating, etc.)
- We organize barbecues/picnics (park, church basement, sugaring off, etc.)
- We organize social activities
- We organize open houses to get to know members of our Christian community
- We offer coffee after Sunday Mass
- We organize carpooling between parishioners to assist those who need help getting to Mass and other celebrations
- We organize festivities to highlight the involvement of employees, volunteers, altar servers, etc. (retreats, parties, outings, etc.)
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

Caring for the most vulnerable and marginalized

- Caring for the most vulnerable and marginalized:
Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)
 - At least one external organization organizes activities in our parish (Saint-Vincent de Paul <http://www.ssvp-mtl.org/fr/>, etc.)
 - We organize a food drive
 - We visit seniors' residences
 - We have a Christmas food basket program
 - We organize a soup kitchen
 - We have a bazaar and/or a food bank
 - We organize special collections for charitable works (Development & Peace, orphanages, aid to refugees, etc.)
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)

Working together

- Working with other parishes:
Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)
 - We organize inter-parish retreats
 - We exchange ideas regarding administration
 - We share a common catechism program
 - We exchange preachers
 - We hold joint sessions of preparation for the sacraments
 - We organize common processions
 - We organize inter-parish festivities
 - We organize certain projects that could be useful or interesting for other parishes/missions and we are ready to help them put these projects into place (ex: advice, formation, sponsorship, etc.)
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)

- Working together at the heart of our missionary territory:
Which statements best describe your missionary territory? (check all applicable statements)

- We meet to pray together
- We meet to share fraternal meals together
- My deanery allows me to meet those involved in neighbouring parishes
- We share ideas about the various initiatives at the heart of our parishes
- We organize pastoral tables
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Working together with other collaborators in evangelization:
Which other evangelization collaborators, present in your territory, might be interested in collaborating? (Mass, catechism, etc.)

- Seniors' residences
- Religious communities
- University chapels
- Sanctuaries, chapels, oratories
- School chaplaincies
- Hospital chaplaincies
- Prison chaplaincies
- Shelters for the homeless
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

Relationship with the Archdiocese

- Newsletter:

Which of the Archdiocese of Montreal's newsletter(s) do you subscribe to?

- **Catholic Church of Montreal**
English: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/newsletters>)
- **Église Catholique de Montréal**
French: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/fr/actualites/infolettres>)

- **The Grapevine** (Office for English Pastoral Services, Archdiocese of Montreal)
English: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/newsletters>)

- **The Bridge**: Pastoral Home Care Services – English Sector
English: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/newsletters>)
- **Liens entre nous**: SASMAD Service d'Accompagnement Spirituel pour les personnes Malades ou Agées à Domicile
French: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/fr/actualites/infolettres>)

- **Youth Ministry**
English: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/newsletters>)
- **Mission Jeunesse**
French: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/fr/actualites/infolettres>)

- **L'Acolyte** (Service de Pastorale Liturgique)
French: (<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/fr/actualites/infolettres>)

- **Journal des vocations** (L'Œuvre des vocations)
French :(<https://www.diocesemontreal.org/fr/actualites/infolettres>)
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- Updating your information:

Which statements best describe your situation? (check all applicable statements)

- We keep our parish information up-to-date on the Archdiocese of Montreal website
- We keep the information about parish personnel up-to-date by using one of these three channels: *Office for Pastoral Personnel* (OPP), *Office for English Pastoral Services* (OEPS), or correctionsannuaire@diocesemontreal.org
- Not applicable
- Other activities (please specify)

- We receive the following requests which we do not feel equipped/trained to deal with: (only check those items you have received requests for)
 - People in mourning
 - Couples in difficulty
 - Couples who want to deepen/strengthen their marriage
 - Questions related to end-of-life (euthanasia, living will, advance directives, prolonged therapeutic interventions, etc.)
 - Caregivers who need support/respice/resources
 - Parents who want to educate their children in the faith at home
 - End-of-life accompaniment
 - People who are thinking about homeschooling
 - We know that we can contact the new Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and the Family for these requests. (centreDMVF@diocesemontreal.org ; 514 925-4300, extension 206)
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)

- How can the Archdiocese support you in your pastoral, missionary and administrative activities?

TOWARD PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY ACTION

- What are your most urgent pastoral and missionary needs for evangelization?
 - Developing the Christian spiritual life (adoration, formation, devotion, etc.)
 - Family ministry (Baptism, sacraments of initiation, couples support, etc.)
 - Catechism for children
 - Catechism for teens
 - Catechism for young adults
 - Pastoral care in universities
 - Marriage preparation
 - Seniors' residences
 - Bereavement ministry
 - Ministry to the sick
 - Social action (the poor, the marginalized, immigrants, etc.)
 - Not applicable
 - Other activities (please specify)

- What dreams do my parishioners have for our parish?
 - Beautiful liturgy?
 - More children?
 - A community of friends?
 - Beautiful music?
 - Social support?
 - Fundraising to support the mission?
 - Engagement of the parishioners?
 - Focus on families?
 - An assistant parish priest?
 - An efficient parish office?
 - Other dreams? Please specify
 - Not applicable

- Which initiatives of this *Pastoral and Missionary Vitality Profile* and other available pastoral tools have inspired you?

- What other project(s), tool(s) or initiative(s) do you use or organize that we have not mentioned in this questionnaire?

- Do you have suggestions to improve this *Pastoral and Missionary Vitality Profile*?

- I confirm that the information above represents, as best as possible, our pastoral and missionary reality.

Signature: