

COMMUNIQUÉ An invitation to pray the *Via lucis*: 14 Stations of the Way of Light with Archbishop Lépine via Zoom

Montreal, April 24, 2020 – To complement the traditional Way of the Cross held during Lent, Archbishop Christian Lépine will preside over the Way of Light, a more recent devotion centred on the Resurrection of Christ and celebration of the Paschal mystery. Open to the public, the virtual event will be animated by young people representing different groups from across the diocese of Montreal via the cloud platform, *Zoom*, on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

"Discover the Way of Light, 'Via Lucis'. Lesser-known than the Way of the Cross, 'Via Crucis', which leads us along the path of Christ through his Passion and Crucifixion, Via Lucis leads us in the footsteps of the Risen One. Here we discover Jesus Christ and the power of his Resurrection, which tells us that death does not have the last word over life. It is worth living and loving in the footsteps of Jesus, Crucified and Risen. Let us become children of Light," said Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal.

In recent decades, there had been a growing desire to "conclude" the Way of the Cross with the Way of Light, a contemplative journey through the events that took place after the Resurrection. This led to the creation of *Via Lucis* as a more precise devotion in 1988, stemming from the Salesian movement, Witnesses of the Risen Lord (TR).

The *Via Lucis* invites us to reflect on 14 stations of the Resurrection through the Holy Scriptures. It begins with the empty tomb and continues through to the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles on Pentecost. Similarly, just as the Way of the Cross journeys with the presence of Mary, filled with sorrow for her suffering Son, the Way of Light also includes "Mary, who continues to accompany us, Mother who rejoices in the Resurrection of her Son". (vialucis.org)

Registration is required to access the *Zoom* Room for this event. Please find the link to register <u>here</u>.

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