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Special mass for youth: Palm Sunday via YouTube

Montreal, April 1, 2020 – Despite the current circumstances, youth will be able to observe and celebrate World Youth Day in Montreal with Most Rev. Christian Lépine, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal, during a special mass for young people on Saturday, April 4 at 5 p.m. The closed-door Palm Sunday celebration will be held “in camera” at the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral but will also feature the participation of several young people via Skype. It will be live-streamed on YouTube.

“More than ever, our world is in need of great hope! Celebrating together, despite the fact that church doors are closed, is a powerful witness to the faith, leadership and creative response of local youth to this year's theme*: "Young man, I say to you, arise (Lk 7: 14)," says Isabel Correa, director of Mission Jeunesse Youth Ministry. “Let us show the world that God loves us, that Christ is alive and wants us ALIVE! LET'S 'VIVA' TOGETHER!” she added.

For Christians, the Sunday before Easter is of great biblical significance.

It marks the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. When Jesus went up to Jerusalem for Passover, people gave him a royal welcome. Cutting branches from palm trees, they waved palms – a symbol of joy and triumph – as he passed by. The event, in which he was hailed as king, was truly festive and joyful.

To follow the celebration, access this link:

<https://youtu.be/ygTbG11Y4kA>

* Pope Francis' Message for WYD 2020 :

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/youth/documents/papa-francesco_20200211_messaggio-giovani_2020.html

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