



PRESS RELEASE

Priestly Ordination of Emanuel Zetino this Friday

MONTREAL, May 15, 2019 – Emanuel Zetino will be ordained to priesthood on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, at the hands of Archbishop Christian Lépine.

“This celebration is an event in the diocese that enables us to share strong moments, to gather around him who is offering his life to serve Christ and the Church, and to thank the Lord for His gift. You are all welcome to this celebration,” indicated the Most Reverend Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal.

What are the steps to ordination?

Ordination to priesthood require different steps: candidates are first presented and called. Future priests are usually introduced by the person in charge of priestly vocations or by the rector of the *Grand Séminaire* who have accompanied them on their journey. One of them, or the representative of the Office for Pastoral Personnel, will ask the bishop to ordain to priesthood the candidate in the name of the Holy Church. Candidates are being called by the bishop and must answer: “Here I am.”

Liturgy of the word: the readings and the bishop’s homily

On the ordination per se: a dialogue exchange takes place between the candidates and the bishop, after which each ordinand promises him obedience. The assembly sings the litany of the Saints, as the ordinands prostrate face down facing the altar.

Comes next the laying-on of the hands, a sign of the gift from Spirit. The bishop and the priests then lay their hands over the ordinands.

Finally, the bishop says the prayer of ordination and, at that moment, all priests raise their hands.

Additional rites after the ordination: each ordinand receives sacred vestments (the stole and the chasuble). As a sign of consecration, the bishop anoints the palms of their hands with sacred Chrism, and gives them the paten and the chalice. Each receives from him the kiss of peace which is then given to all priests. The new priests then concelebrate Mass.

On the following day, each priest celebrates the Eucharist for the first time.

“On Friday, May 17, following the call from Archbishop Lépine to priesthood for the Diocese of Montreal, I will answer ‘Here I am,’ knowing I am not alone, but accompanied by so many people: my family and friends, priests and parishioners, who support my answer,” said Emanuel Zetino. “As I take a closer look on my own vocational journey, I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who pray for me, who financially support me and whose presence testifies to the love of God!” concluded Emanuel Zetino.

As a result of the generosity and the fervent prayers of many faithful, *l’Œuvre des vocations du diocèse de Montréal* had the privilege to offer Emanuel spiritual and financial support throughout his journey.

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