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INVITATION

Traditional Good Friday Blood Drive and Holy Week Schedule at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

MONTREAL, APRIL 15, 2019 – The public is invited, once again, to donate blood on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, at a clinic sponsored by the Archdiocese of Montreal. The blood drive will be held in the basement of Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1110 Mansfield Street, Bonaventure Métro Station), from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You must bring proof of identification (an ID card). Archbishop Lépine will be present at 12:30 p.m. to greet donors.

Giving blood is a gesture of solidarity with a profound generosity toward the sick. Remember, when we give blood, we give life!

Who can donate blood?

Any person aged 18 years and over and in good health can usually donate blood. Strict qualification criteria have been established and are reviewed and assessed on a regular basis. Consult the Héma-Québec website for more information on these criteria. Before going to the blood drive, you can verify your eligibility with Donor Services by calling them at 1 800 343-7264.

For donors' well-being, it is recommended that they have something to eat and are properly hydrated before arriving to the blood drive.

We also take this opportunity to invite you to participate in several Holy Week and Easter celebrations at the cathedral:

Monday of Holy Week, April 16: Penitential Celebration as part of the noon-hour Mass.

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17: Chrism Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lépine at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18: Mass presided by Bishop Jude Saint-Antoine at 5 p.m. – The Lord's Supper presided by Father Alain Vaillancourt at 8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19: Blood Drive (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) – Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Bishop Jude Saint-Antoine presiding at 3 p.m. – Way of the Cross led by Archbishop Lépine at 5 p.m. – Concert: *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by César Franck, with the *Chœur polyphonique de Montréal*, under the direction of Louis Lavigreur (Free contribution: \$ 20), at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: Easter Vigil with Archbishop Lépine at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Mass at 9 a.m., 11 a.m.*, 12 h 15 p.m., 5 p.m.

* The 11 a.m. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine.

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