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PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

Archbishop Lépine to lead Corpus Christi Procession

Montreal, May 28th, 2018 – Archbishop Christian Lépine invites you to join him for the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession through the streets of downtown Montreal on Thursday, May 31.

An estimated 1,500 people – including many members from Montreal’s numerous cultural communities – will participate in the procession along René-Lévesque Boulevard, from Mary Queen of the World Cathedral to St. Patrick’s Basilica (this route will be closed to traffic). Last year, more than 2,000 participated in the event.

“Corpus Christi” is Latin for the “Body of Christ.” On this feast, Catholics honour the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist. For more than a century, this feast has been observed with a Eucharistic Procession in which a consecrated host, placed in a blessed receptacle (i.e. monstrance), leads the congregation, who follow singing hymns and reciting prayers.

On Thursday, **May 31**, at approximately **8:30 p.m.** (following the 7:30 p.m. mass)

Departure from **Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**

1085 de la Cathédrale St., Montreal, QC H3B 2V3

At St. Patrick’s Basilica, Archbishop Lépine will bless the congregation with the exposed Eucharist in the monstrance.

The candlelight procession will last approximately 45 minutes. The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.

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