

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 56 — JANUARY 25, 2022  
INFORMATION

To pastoral teams,  
To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs,  
To the faithful active in their communities,  
To members of religious communities,  
To the Archdiocesan staff,

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The following news and information items are for your attention:

1. **World Day for Consecrated Life**

We recently experienced a beautiful moment of fellowship along with many of you on the occasion of the **Archbishop's Epiphany Greetings, January 15**. Thank you for your active participation and your cordial presence!

An upcoming event will soon provide us another reason to celebrate together: the **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Created by Pope John Paul II in order to give thanks to God for all consecrated persons (religious men and women, members of secular Institutes, consecrated virgins and hermits and consecrated lay people) who have given their lives to the Lord, this day has been celebrated every year since 1997 on February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

Here in our local Church, Archbishop Lépine will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral for all people of consecrated life in our diocese. This Mass will be **open to all**, although due to current health guidelines, it will be celebrated behind closed doors. It will also be livestreamed on You Tube at: <https://youtu.be/D8apzmxIQHo>

With this email, I would like to urge you to mark this day and, if possible, to express your gratitude to the men and women of consecrated life who live in your parish. With their individual charisms, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Montreal, to their service through prayer and their witness through fraternal life.

One gesture of recognition might be to announce their names at your Eucharistic celebrations (online or outdoors) on February 2 (or the Sunday preceding or following). Another way of showing thanks could be by reaching out to them: sending greeting cards (hint: try to involve families and young people), communicating with them online, in person (taking a walk outdoors) or by phone to find out how they are doing, etc. Any gesture prompted by love and gratitude, however small it may seem, will be greatly appreciated and will help foster communion and synodality in our Church.

A prayer, along with tools and other suggestions about how to observe this event, can be found on the World Day for Consecrated Life webpage of the Carrefour intervocationnel Centre (formerly Centre PRI Centre) **in French:**

[JMVC - Journée mondiale de la vie consacrée \(carrefourintervocationnel.ca\)](http://JMVC - Journée mondiale de la vie consacrée (carrefourintervocationnel.ca))

*Please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Jacqueline Tchamgbade and Donatella Fiorani with any questions you may have - Office for Consecrated Life - telephone: (514) 925-4300 ext. 288 or 289*

## **2. Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family – Activities for the beginning of the new year**

### **a) Welcome and support for separated or divorced people**

**Four meetings (January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30), from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom.**

The Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family invites you to a process of listening, accompaniment and group development, led by Mr. Francis Joannette, permanent deacon of the Church of Montreal.

These once-a-month online meetings have been formulated as an experience of sharing for adults who have been wounded and want to rebuild themselves in Christ, get back on their feet and move forward.

"The Church must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence, like the beacon of a lighthouse in a port or a torch carried among the people to enlighten those who have lost their way or who are in the midst of a storm. Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no.291.

For information or registration: [HERE](#)

### **b) St. Valentine's date night**

**Friday, February 11 2022, from 20:00 to 21:30 p.m. on Zoom**

Has your relationship suffered during the pandemic? Don't miss this special event to re-light love! This special evening, you'll discover some creative new ideas for breaking up your routine and recapturing the heart of your loved one every day.

Through some games and dynamic exercises, we will also talk about the importance of putting God at the heart of a couple's relationship, in order to keep on forming and building together a project for life.

For information and to register: [HERE](#)

**c) World Marriage Day 2022**

For World Marriage Day: “Worldwide Marriage Encounter” - with the cooperation of the Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family - invites you to an online Mass (diocesan YouTube page) **on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm**. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Christian Lépine at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. Come join us and renew your vows, receive a special blessing and pray for couples and families!

*More information will be available soon*

**d) Couch Talk: Make Time for your Couple!**

**February 1st, 2022 – 8:00pm to 9:30pm, via Zoom**

Looking to rekindle your love? Join us for this fun and interactive virtual meeting where we will share our ideas on work-life balance and priorities. The session is free, but pre-registration is required.

For information and registration: [HERE](#)

In Him,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alain Faubert".

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Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal