

**COMMUNIQUÉ No. 66 – JUNE 9, 2022
INFORMATION**

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, kindly take note of the following important updates regarding our diocesan life and our communities' activities.

1. Update: Our synod-inspired journey goes forward Meeting, listening, discerning

A very important phase in our synodal journey is fast approaching. On June 11, a meeting will be convened to examine and assess the state of our diocese's synodal health and to discern the steps that the Holy Spirit recommends for the enhancement of our synodal life in Montreal. This process of assessment and examination will be based on an overall synthesis of the many contributions that we have received.

The meeting will bring together members of the different committees working to support the Archbishop, as well as various other representatives of the people of God, reflecting the diversity in our Church.

We would like to take this opportunity, therefore, to invite you to **pray for this meeting and for those taking part in it**, asking that the Holy Spirit inspire us to fruitful reflection on the overall synthesis resulting from all the contributions that have been gathered. Moreover, may the Spirit assist us in discerning the best directions for our synodal and missionary efforts, which will then be communicated to the people of God of Montreal in the coming fall.

Meeting, listening and discerning: our journey of transformation, both synodal and missionary, goes forward. Together, on a Mission!

2. End of the suspension of the Sunday Obligation

In 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic, Archbishop Lépine issued a dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, as churches were closed for liturgical gatherings. When our places of worship reopened some months later, Archbishop Lépine maintained this dispensation pending further notice, in consideration of the persistently high risks involved and in response to the widespread fear of contracting the virus in a public place. Now that the public health state of emergency has been lifted in Quebec, and in order to remove all doubt in the conscience of the faithful, please be advised that this dispensation is now cancelled.

3. **Diocesan celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi**

Please note that this year **there will not** be a diocesan celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. There will likewise, therefore, be **no** procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the streets of downtown Montreal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as summer approaches and a pastoral year ends which, to say the least, has been demanding, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your devotion and your commitment at the service of the Kingdom of God. I also wish you some well-deserved rest. May the Lord bless you!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "+Alain Faubert".

+Alain Faubert, VG
Auxiliary Bishop, Montreal