

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 78 – MARCH 10, 2023
REMINDER - DIOCESAN ROADWORK / PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

**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, please take note of the following messages:

1. **Diocesan roadwork of synodal and missionary transformation: going forward together!**

« To see our reality and listen to the calls of the Spirit through the voices of our neighbours; to discern in prayer, in order to better serve the Lord and his Gospel, here and now. » This is the ambition of our diocesan roadwork of synodal and missionary transformation, launched in the fall of 2018.

On our journey toward this transformation, we have arrived at a new stage: discerning together the Spirit's calls to identify missionary priorities. A *Facilitation Document* for this stage, to be lived in small groups, is available on the diocesan microsite: [link](#).

For those who were unable to participate in the February 22 animations, there will be **two new meetings** for the **presentation of the *Facilitation Document***, scheduled for **Wednesday March 15, 2023**, via videoconference:

Presentation in **English**: 8:00 pm: [link](#)

Presentation in **French**: 7:00 pm: [link](#)

The *Facilitation Document* has also been supplemented with a *Reference Document*: [link](#). This additional tool will provide further information on our Montreal Church's vision and mission and the calls and aspirations that have been expressed by our faithful, as well as presenting several missionary insights gathered during the initial phases of the consultation process.

If you have not already done so, I invite you to read the update on our synodal process and distribute this information via your communications networks: [link](#)

If you have any difficulty connecting to the videoconference, please contact Ms. Marie-Josée Duval at: mjduval@diocesemontreal.org

2. **Special prayer for our Pope Francis**

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Holy Father's Petrine ministry, the faithful of the world are invited to pray at least one "*Hail Mary*". As part of this initiative, an online card will display lit virtual candles representing the prayers of the faithful who have registered. The card will be given to the Holy Father as a gift and support for his ministry.

Those who wish to participate are invited to register at the following link (you can choose your preferred language in the top right corner): <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

In addition, please find below links to Vatican News which published an article on the initiative: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-02/prayer-initiative-for-10-years-of-pope-francis-pontificate.html>

Let us all pray for our good Pope Francis!

In closing, dear brothers and sisters, united with you in prayer and action, I ask the Lord to grant you strength and serenity as the Lenten season continues... and as winter draws to a close!

In Jesus our Saviour,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "+Alain Faubert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

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