

REMINDER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPECIAL MASS THANKSGIVING FOR THE BENEFACTORS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MONTRÉAL

Presided by His Excellency
Archbishop Christian Lépine,

**Saturday, October 17, 2020,
at 10 A.M. at Mary Queen of
the World Cathedral**

1085 de la cathédrale Street,
Montreal (QC) H3B 2V3

All are welcome to join us for
this event. The Mass will also be
broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

N.B. The snack is cancelled in order to limit
the risk of contamination of the Covid-19.
Thank you for your understanding!

2020 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Despite the difficult times we are
going through with the Covid-19
pandemic, you have expressed
your generosity and your support
to the Catholic Church in Montreal.
Your contributions have helped the
Diocesan Church to reach out and
support families, the lonely and
the most vulnerable, to unite at
a distance, to comfort, encourage,
call for social solidarity and help
to prevent the spread. Also, various
prayer and reflections services
were offered thanks to different
communication tools. Thank you
once again for your continued
generosity and faithfulness. For
those of you who wish to contribute,
please do not hesitate to donate
by telephone at **514-931-7311**,
online: www.imakeanonlinedonation.org/diocesemontreal/ECA20/
or by mail at the following address:
**2000 Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal (Qc) H3H 1G4.**

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HERE ARE THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF PLANNED GIVING:

1. GIFT BY WILL

Through your will, you can bequeath some or all of
your assets, such as: bank accounts, equity and bond
investments, guaranteed investment certificates,
land, immovables, residue of your pension plan, life
insurance on your death, etc. If you wish to make
a bequest to the Archdiocese of Montreal, please
do so on behalf of: CORPORATION ARCHIÉPISCOPALE
CATHOLIQUE ROMAINE DE MONTRÉAL.

2. DONATION OF PUBLICLY TRADED OR OTHER SECURITIES

Donation of publicly traded shares (or other securities
such as bonds, units of mutual funds or stock options) is
beneficial for a donor who wishes to make a donation to
the Archdiocese without requiring its liquidity. This type
of donation is particularly attractive in the case of shares
or securities whose value has greatly increased, since the
capital gain realized through the increase in the value of
the shares will not be taxable.

3. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR PURCHASE OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

You can transfer to the Archdiocese a life insurance policy
that you currently hold or you could subscribe to a new life
insurance policy, naming the Archdiocese as beneficiary.

4. DONATION OF AN RRSP OR RRIF

For the gift of a RRIF in your lifetime: anyone aged 71 or older
who does not need the income from compulsory withdrawal
from their RRIF.

If you would like more information, please
do not hesitate to contact **Mrs. Jeanne Kayi Folly**,
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†H.E. Most Rev. Christian Lépine

Dear friends of the Annual Collection,

This issue of our newsletter brings us to consider
one of the fundamental tasks of our Church:
evangelization and faith education. Indeed, the entire
Church proclaims and spreads the Gospel message
of Christ. The Church's missionary action is carried out
through our efforts to transform the world through
charity, the witness of our life of faith and the
proclamation of the Gospel.

The Diocesan Office for Faith Education accompanies and trains parish
workers and church organizations of the Archdiocese of Montreal in order
to ensure activities of formation, preparation for the sacraments, Christian
initiation for children, youth and people of all ages; it also supports people
who wish to deepen their faith at all stages of life and promotes social
involvement in the name of faith.

Together in mission, we can contribute to the discovery of Jesus Christ
for children, young people and anyone who thirsts for God and desires to
have meaning in their life through Jesus Christ, in whom we have placed
all our hope and who is able to transform us through the Holy Spirit.

I cannot conclude without thanking you for your commitment and
generosity towards the Catholic Church in Montreal despite the many
trials and challenges in these difficult times.

May the Lord keep you in his peace and joy and help us to keep an
unwavering hope. The Lord is always with us, no matter what happens.

†Christian Lépine

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Archbishop of Montreal

DECONFINING JESUS

First named «Office de l'enseignement», the Office of Faith Education (Office de l'éducation à la foi -ODEF) was born in 1953. Adjusting to social changes and the changing reality of Quebec society, the ODEF steered a major turning point for our diocesan Church. In fact, from 2000 to 2008, the State repealed the confessional status of school boards. The de-confessionalization of schools has continued in stages up to the situation we are currently experiencing. ODEF has overseen the preparation and implementation of what will become a diocesan project called **Proposing Jesus Christ Today** (PAJC, published in 2003) as well as the training of personnel deployed in parishes. The Office has become the lead project hand in support of parishes in all matters related to evangelization and education in the faith at all ages of life.

For the pastoral year 2019-2020 until the beginning of the pandemic, ODEF has:

- Supported the 194 parishes and missions in their efforts to educate in the faith at all stages of life for French, English and cultural parishes;
- Helped parishes in their efforts to operate the various catechetical programs for thousands of children;
- Promoted and helped implement programs to awaken young children to the faith (P'tite Pasto, À petit pas, Cadeaux de Dieu, Viens et suis- moi, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, etc.);
- Helped parishes in their efforts to implement the various catechetical programs for children and young adults (P'tite Pasto, À petit pas, Gifts of God, Come and Follow Me, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, etc.);
- Prepared about twenty training sessions for pastoral agents, catechumenate directors, and volunteer catechists responsible for catechesis in parishes;
- Held three networking meetings (prayers, sharing of experiences and presentation of resources) for those responsible for catechetical programs in French and English;
- Organized 2 catechetical congresses (French and English) to complete the training of nearly 400 volunteer catechists in parishes;
- Organized the back-to-school Mass at St. Joseph's Oratory for about 2,000 students

- from private Catholic schools;
- Supported and nourished about 15 adult Bible-sharing groups on the Adventure of the Gospel;
- Held the celebration of the Decisive Call for catechumens on their faith journey.

Due to the health crisis, several of our regular events had to be cancelled, On the other hand, since the beginning of the health crisis, ODEF has adapted its activities:

- Be more attentive to the needs of parish personnel who are retained at home;
- Offer material to parish personnel to enable them to provide catechetical information to parents by e-mail;
- Offer a tool for spiritual perspectives

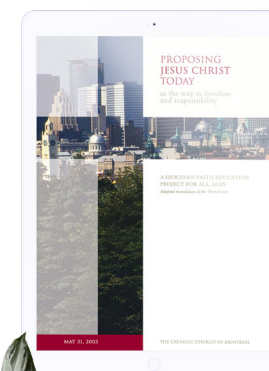


L'ÉQUIPE DE L'ODEF

The new pastoral year invites ODEF to reinvent its activities according to the «new normal», including :

- The review of catechetical orientations in light of a new General Directory for Catechesis, as well as our Archbishop's desire to be a more missionary Church;
- The development of family catechesis with an emphasis on the role of parents in the education of their children in the faith; -
- The development and support of new hybrid models, both face-to-face and online, to accompany and support pastoral agents and families in the formation of children, adolescents and adults in the faith;
- The design of new alternative formulas to large gatherings of people, as well as to formation.

It is possible to access the full text of "Proposing Jesus Christ Today" https://diocesemontreal.org/sites/default/files/ressources/ressources_paroisses/personnel_patoral/proposing.pdf



TESTIMONY OF ANGELA, DONOR AT THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

THE FAMILY, THE FIRST PLACE OF FAITH EDUCATION

I am Angela, wife and mother of 3 teenagers. We are a family of 5 members.

Our motto during the pandemic is to pay more attention to our fellow human. In reality, it is not easy to ask this of a teenager. But we have found that by putting our will into it, the Lord has taken care of the rest. Our field of action has gone beyond the family. Our attention to our neighbour is manifested through active listening, availability, charity and prayer. Everyone tries to make a difference. Philemon, our eldest son, sends messages of support and hope on social networks and helps his friends who are going through difficult times with their loved ones. Thomas, our youngest child of 12, has created a group to help young online gamblers who have lost everything in the game to regain their enjoyment of the game. 65 young people signed up in less than 4 hours. Our daughter Alice developed the art of cooking. She, the big sleeper, wakes up early in the morning to make breakfast with pancakes and fruit and "healthy" meals before going to work.

What helps us hold it together?

Daily family prayer makes us more confident in God's presence in our lives. Masses and prayers that are broadcast on social networks and on Salt and Light by the Catholic Church in Montreal galvanize us and allow us to live our faith. We are replaying our old films on DVD about the Bible, the New Testament, the passion of Jesus, the life of Saint Paul... Even if some of them are in cartoons for young children, we had a lot of fun and interest in watching them several times and it served us among other things as a reminder of catechism lessons.

The family discussion is led by Georges, my husband, with a space for listening and exchanges on «how everyone spent their day», discussions of current topics, the management of the pandemic, racism, etc.

We also follow scientific documentaries, play board games and take short walks. This testimony is a thanksgiving for the wonders God has done in our family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who are currently grieving in any way. - Angela