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**THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL INVITES MONTREALERS
TO PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO FATHER EMMETT "POPS" JOHNS**

Montreal, January 17, 2018 – A friend-in-need for many, a mentor and role model for many more, Father Emmett "Pops" Johns offered comfort and friendship to homeless youth and to those in need, by crisscrossing the inner city aboard his famous van and by welcoming them unconditionally in the premises of the organization he founded almost 30 years ago, "Dans la rue".

The Archdiocese of the Catholic Church in Montreal invites Montrealers to pay their last respects to Father "Pops" by attending the funeral mass for a man who was resolutely committed and devoted to his neighbour.

Archbishop Christian Lépine will reflect on the highlights of Father Johns' energetic life, from his theological studies, his ordination by Paul-Émile Cardinal Léger and his many pastoral appointments until 1989, when he founded "Le Bon Dieu dans la rue". Although he did not seek honours, his work has been repeatedly recognized, and he has been honoured by local, provincial and national organizations and associations.

« I was filled with emotion when I heard the news that Emmett Johns had died. ... I stand in admiration of the work that he accomplished in the generous way he welcomed the most vulnerable. Like so many people, I am so grateful for his dedicated efforts to help those marginalized within society to improve their lives. Admiration and gratitude, for his radical commitment in putting the Gospel message into practice. Admiration and gratitude, for his 65 years of priestly life in the service of his brothers and sisters in their search for God and for everlasting happiness », expresses Archbishop Christian Lépine.

Event : Funeral mass for Father Emmett "Pops" Johns
Celebrant: Archbishop Christian Lépine
Homilist: Deacon François Lehmann, Fr. John's friend and physician

Date and time : Saturday, January 27, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Location : Saint Patrick's Basilica
460 René-Lévesque Boulevard West, Montreal H2Z 1A7
[Location](#)

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