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Parish Vitality: A conference to prepare parishes for the 21st century

Montreal, November 8, 2018 – What will Catholic parishes look like in the 21st century? They will have made the leap from parishes working on maintaining their current reality to parishes on a mission who contribute a unique presence to their neighbourhood.

It will require a major shift, which is the focus of the third Parish Vitality Conference, organized under the theme *Leading the Way Together*.

International speaker and author Father James Mallon will deliver the keynote address at the Nov. 16-17 conference, organized by the Office for English Pastoral Services under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal. The event will offer support, inspiration and resources to help parishes navigate this transformation.

Fr. Mallon, author of the book *Divine Renovation*, will expound on his ground-breaking ministry which offers insights from his experience of undertaking such a vital transformation at St. Benedict Parish in Halifax. He lays out the theological foundation and offers practical pastoral applications so that the parish can become what Pope Francis describes as a “community of missionary disciples”. The *Divine Renovation* approach exudes the energy and passion required for the New Evangelization and personal conversion, which is at the heart of parish renewal.

As part of the process, Fr. Mallon offers the Alpha program at his parish in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. A member of the Global Catholic Alpha Board, Fr. Mallon’s Nov. 16 keynote will be open to the public. A series of three sessions (with simultaneous translation) will cover relevant topics of interest to clergy, pastoral team members and parishioners alike.

Location: the sessions will be held at Loyola High School, 2477 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A4.

The program

Friday, November 16, 2018

Catholic Community Rally, Wine & Cheese (5 p.m.-7 p.m.)

Presentation of Bishop Crowley Memorial Award (7:30-8 p.m.)

Hosted by the English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC)

Keynote Address (Plenary) by Fr. James Mallon, 8 p.m.

*with simultaneous translation into French provided

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Parish Leadership Modelled after Jesus' Ministry (Plenary) by Fr. James Mallon (9 a.m.-10:30)

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How did a Montreal Parish begin the Divine Renovation Ministry in their community?
(Plenary)

*with simultaneous translation into French provided

Panel Presentation by the Senior Leadership Team of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Afternoon Workshops on Parish Life and Renewal (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.)

Featuring five dynamic speakers/speaker teams including one session presented in French.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.parishvitality.com

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