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Most Reverend Christian Lépine to meet several sponsored refugee families

Montreal, April 3, 2018 - The Archbishop of the Catholic Church of Montreal, Most Reverend Christian Lépine, invites you to an informal meeting he is convening with several sponsored refugee families from five different countries: Burundi, Iraq, Syria, Eritrea and Afghanistan.

It was the express wish of the Archbishop to invite some sponsored refugee families and their local sponsors to a social gathering. “Easter teaches us that we must all have a hopeful outlook in life,” he notes. “How do we view others? Our loved ones, our neighbours, the members of our community? How do we perceive those who are not like us, whose identity is different from ours? Easter is an occasion to take another look at our perspective regarding others and, especially, to ensure that this perspective is rooted in hope.”

The event will include several short addresses from Archbishop Lépine, Msgr. Pierre Blanchard (Director of the Office for Cultural and Ritual Communities), and speakers representing some of the sponsored families and their local sponsors.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

11 a.m.:

**Saint Jude Parish (Basement Hall)
10120 d’Auteuil Avenue (Sauvé Métro)**

The ceremony will be followed by a potluck lunch provided by the sponsored families that will reflect the cuisine of their respective countries.

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