



## Communiqué

### The Archdiocese of Montreal actively supporting the Commemoration of victims of COVID-19: Thursday, March 11, 2021

Montreal, March 8, 2021 - A [National day of remembrance for victims of COVID-19](#) has been declared by the Government of Quebec and will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Faith communities have been invited to participate in this event.

**Some commemorative ceremonies** will be performed to mark the occasion, as circumstances permit:

- Following the civic ceremony from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. in the forecourt of the hôtel du Parlement, **a minute's silence will be observed at 1:00 p.m.** and, if possible, **the bell(s) will be tolled** at one minute after 1:00 p.m.
- A **commemorative object**, such as a cross, will be placed before the place of worship, allowing easy access to those who wish to come and meditate, place a flower, a candle, a card or other tribute.
- A **Mass** or a **moment of prayer** may be planned

Attached you will find a list of specific initiatives that will be organized in our parishes and places of worship.

**Archbishop Lépine will also preside at a commemorative Mass** on March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. The Mass will be broadcast on the diocesan YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/Youtubediocese>

During this Mass, Archbishop Lépine will offer special prayers for the deceased persons named in the [IN MEMORIAM](#) list created for this purpose.

Later on **March 11, at 8:00 pm**, the **Canadian Centre for Ecumenism** invites you to participate via Zoom in an **interfaith ceremony** in memory of the victims of COVID-19. People of various faith communities will be praying for the deceased. The event is free of charge. To register, click here: <https://forms.gle/REwdf3RJwaSm43vv7>

In addition, the Montreal-based organization **Dard** (*Dynamique d'accompagnement et de rituel de deuil*) proposes lighting a star for a loved one who has passed away within the last year as a result of the pandemic. To read the full article, click [here](#).

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