



PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

Most Rev. Christian Rodembourg, Bishop of Saint-Hyacinthe, will celebrate a Mass in Spanish for seasonal workers

Montreal, June 26, 2019. – The Office for Cultural and Ritual Communities of the Catholic Church in Montreal and the Spanish-Language Missions of the same are pleased to invite you to the 7th annual pilgrimage of Latin American farm workers to Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

“We expect about 2,500 people, representing Montreal’s cultural diversity, who will arrive at the Oratory. The attendants are invited to offer, as has become a tradition during Masses for Latin American farm workers, produce from their farms, or the ‘**fruit of the earth and the work of human hands**,’” said Msgr. Pierre Blanchard, Director of the Office for Cultural and Ritual Communities of the Catholic Church in Montreal. “This produce will be laid at the altar during the Offertory procession, in which the workers are very proud to participate.” He further said, “After the Mass, these produce will be offered to the Missionaries of Charity established by Mother Teresa.”

The celebration will take place in the Basilica at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

A “serenade” will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the belvedere.

Some of the political figures who have confirmed their attendance to the event include:

M. Cristobal HERRERA DUBON, Consul General of Guatemala
M. Hector Orlando RAMIREZ FUNES, Consul General of Honduras
M. Alejandro Ives ESTIVILL CASTRO, Consul General of Mexico
M. Fernando Borja, Director General of *Fondation des entreprises en recrutement de main-d'œuvre agricole étrangère* (FERME).

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