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Through your will, you can bequeath some or all of your assets, such as: bank accounts, equity and bond investments, guaranteed investment certificates, land, immovables, residue of your pension plan, life insurance on your death, etc. If you wish to make a bequest to the Archdiocese of Montreal, please do so on behalf of: CORPORATION ARCHIÉPISCOPALE CATHOLIQUE ROMAINE DE MONTRÉAL.

2 DONATION OF PUBLICLY TRADED OR OTHER SECURITIES

Donation of publicly traded shares (or other securities such as bonds, units of mutual funds or stock options) is beneficial for a donor who wishes to make a donation to the Archdiocese without requiring its liquidity. This type of donation is particularly attractive in the case of shares or securities whose value has greatly increased, since the capital gain realized through the increase in the value of the shares will not be taxable.

3 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR PURCHASE OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

You can transfer to the Archdiocese a life insurance policy that you currently hold or you could subscribe to a new life insurance policy, naming the Archdiocese as beneficiary.

4 DONATION OF AN RRSP OR RRIF

Consider the gift of a RRIF in your lifetime: anyone aged 71 or older who does not need the income from compulsory withdrawal from their RRIF.



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If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Benoît Cardin**, CPA, CGA, Director of Development and Planned Giving at **514-925-4342** or by e-mail at **bcardin@diocesemontreal.org**

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†H.E. Most Rev. Christian Lépine

Dear Friends of our Annual Collection,

I would like to take the opportunity in this issue to share a word with you about the liturgy, primarily because it occupies a central place in the heart of the life of the Church. In fact, even though every person can encounter the Lord in his or her personal life, it is the liturgy's role to offer, as a Church, a truly liberating encounter with the living God.

Pope Benedict XVI, while still a cardinal, wrote a masterful book entitled, *The Spirit of the Liturgy* (1999), in which he clearly explains that from the time of Exodus, the goal of the liturgy seems to be, in essence, adoration. The lives of those who participate in the liturgy must also be conformed to the will of God. "It is the very life of man, the living man, the just man, that makes adoration the true form of worship given to God. This worship, considered in all its depth and its beauty, transcends the liturgical act. In fact, the relationship with God determines all relationships, those of men among themselves and those of men with the rest of Creation."

It is my hope that each and every one of you will enter more deeply into the liturgical life of the Church, for by doing so, we are participating in advance in eternal life through the free gift of self, the experience of communion, and cooperation with God's mission and his bountiful grace.

As Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "The Church evangelizes and is evangelized by the beauty of the liturgy." In fact, humans throughout time and from all over thirst, by nature, for beauty, truth and goodness. This thirst can be satisfied by an encounter with Jesus Christ who lives in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church, heart of the parish and essential food for our Christian and human life.

May the Lord keep you in his joy and in his peace.

†H.E. Most Rev. Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

LITURGY IN THE DIOCESE

Throughout the year, the diocesan *Liturgy Services* provides information, offers activities for formation and leadership, and publishes resources to help support communities, including:

- Organizing major diocesan celebrations such as the Chrism Mass, episcopal ordinations, national funerals, funerals for prominent persons, the feast of Corpus Christi including the annual downtown procession, the feast of St. John the Baptist, and other celebrations and special masses...
- Offering planning sessions for the liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter;
- Providing videos on liturgical life and distributing of the monthly newsletter *L'Acolyte*
- Additional related responsibilities, such as presenting the new liturgical translation of the Bible, the new version of *The Lord's Prayer*, the revised edition of the Roman Missal and other liturgical documents of the Universal, Canadian, Quebec and diocesan Church, and the missionary project for preparing new diocesan guidelines for grief ministry in the diocese
- Communication with liturgy directors of other dioceses in Quebec and with the National Liturgy Office
- Providing answers for ordained or lay faithful who address the Archdiocese directly with various liturgical, doctrinal or spiritual questions

FORMATION

The diocesan *Liturgy Services* offers liturgical formation to the faithful who wish to assist their pastor with parish celebrations or who work in various Christian initiation programs. This formation is provided by way of courses offered at the diocesan liturgical sessions for Advent and Lent. Formation may also be offered upon request by the Service for Liturgical Ministry, during evening or weekend meetings held at the diocese or in the parish.

LITURGICAL SEASONS

Every year, the Diocese of Montreal organizes two preparatory evenings for each of the following liturgical seasons: Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. These are offered especially, but not exclusively, for those who are involved in the liturgical life of the Church.

DIOCESAN SERVICE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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Director



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Secretary



The office for *diocesan* Liturgy Services publishes a monthly newsletter, **L'Acolyte**, featuring brief articles that may be included in parish bulletins or elsewhere. The newsletter also includes a liturgical calendar, highlighting the important liturgical celebrations, feast days and holy days of obligation, and providing brief commentaries for priests and other faithful, for use in homilies or meditation. To subscribe for free, write to us at:

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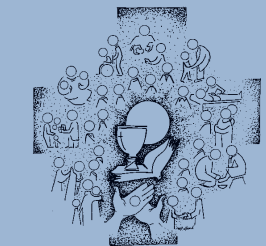
“For me, giving to the annual collection is a hope-filled gesture and a sign of confidence in my Church. As a Catholic, my donation allows me to live out my faith in Jesus Christ through a concrete act of commitment through charity. Because the Church subsists solely on donations, I believe that we have an essential role to play in supporting its mission and its outreach. That is why my heart is moved to contribute on a regular basis. I know how important it is for the Church to be able to count on regular financial income. As Saint Paul says to the Corinthians, ‘Each must give according to the decision of the heart, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.’ (2 Cor. 9, 7) To me, there is no small or big donation, just the joy of giving.”



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR SUPPORT!

Held on October 20, 2018, the first Mass of Thanksgiving for donors to the Catholic Church of Montreal was a beautiful opportunity to meet those who support the Mission. Presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine, the celebration was a wonderful time of communion and sharing. Our thank-you goes out to each one of you!

Benoît Cardin
Director of the Office of Development and Planned Giving
Catholic Church of Montreal



MARK YOUR CALENDARS SPECIAL MASS

The Catholic Church of Montreal's Annual Collection is pleased to invite you to the next Mass of Thanksgiving, presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine..

OCTOBER 19, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CATHEDRAL
1085, rue de la cathédrale,
Montréal (Qc) H3B 2V3
11 a.m.-1 p.m.: A light snack will be offered in the parish hall

ALL ARE WELCOME
A REMINDER WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER