

ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL

VICAR GENERAL

May 9, 2017

Dear Brother,

We are sending you this letter to express our solidarity in what you and your parishioners are going through with the flooding in your neighbourhood.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you; if any particular need should arise, please let us know. The team of the Office of the Vicars General and the Financial Administration Office is at your service.

On the website of the Archdiocese (www.diocesemontreal.org), you will find the message of the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops, currently in Rome for the ad limina visit.

In the Newsletter that will be published on Wednesday, you will be able to read the pastoral message from our Archbishop, Most Reverend Christian Lépine. Among other things, he encourages all the diocesan parishes to hold a special collection, over the coming weeks, to meet the needs of the faithful and parishes affected by the flooding.

Shortly after its founding, Ville-Marie was faced with a flood that threatened its survival. A man of faith, Maisonneuve made a promise to erect a cross on Mount Royal if the newly born city was spared. On December 25, 1642, the rising waters stopped at the city's doorstep. The cross remains on the top of Mount Royal, like a signature for our city.

Inspired by the faith of our founders, let us remain confident during these difficult hours; let us entrust to the Lord and to Our Lady of Ville-Marie, the flood victims, volunteers, members of our Christian communities, various groups and services that are hard at work, and civil authorities; mysteriously, thanks to all the solidarity and generosity deployed, life will run its course and emerge victorious.



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