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**To members of pastoral teams,
To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs,
To the faithful involved in their communities,
To members of religious communities,
To Archdiocese staff,**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good news!

I take great pleasure in announcing the publication of our Diocesan Guide for a synodal and missionary Church, now available on the main page of the diocesan microsite (link [here](#)).

The aim of this Guide is to assist everyone wishing to have a say to be able to do so and thus contribute to improving our "walking together" in the Church of Montreal - and above all to discerning together the Holy Spirit's directions for our ongoing mission of evangelization.

In this Guide, please find two documents:

- (1) a *Presentation Document* as a model for reflection in small groups;
- (2) a *Reflection Paper* containing, as the title indicates, a series of reflections and topics for consideration to assist each participant to express him- or herself on synodal and missionary subjects.

Now we can start thinking about organizing small group meetings in our parishes, organizations or movements, ensuring that this dialog also embraces those who are not necessarily involved in our regular activities. Feel free to adapt your approach to your own local reality, and promote the small group dynamic to encourage dialog.

Brothers and sisters, in spite of the many challenges and concerns we face, let's not miss this opportunity! Let us take the time to pray together, to hear each other, to listen to the Lord's voice together, and... let's speak up ourselves as well!

I invite you to visit the diocesan microsite frequently. Here, in addition to the *Guide* that is available as of today, a Toolbox will soon be uploaded containing a whole range of supplementary material. Among other things, you will find the special prayer that Archbishop Lépine asks us to recite as often as we can.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New FRENCH translation of the Roman Missal:

Effective date and formation

The new translation of the Roman Missal will come into effect in Canada on November 28, 2021, the first Sunday of Advent. It will still be possible to use the current translation until March 6, 2022, the first Sunday of Lent; however, after that date, the new French translation of the Roman Missal will be mandatory in Canadian dioceses.

To help us discover and become familiar with this new translation of the Roman Missal, the members of the CCCB's Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the Sacraments have organized its introduction in the French-speaking dioceses across the country. Bishop Louis Corriveau is in charge of this introduction process for the dioceses of the ecclesiastical provinces of Quebec, Montreal and Sherbrooke. He is leading a series of three virtual training sessions, the first of which has already taken place. Please click [here](#) to register.

May the Lord accompany us on this pilgrimage of faith and hope, service and love. May Our Lady of Ville-Marie share with us the joy and hope of her missionary zeal!



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