



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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DIOCESAN CENTRE
FOR MARRIAGE, LIFE
AND FAMILY

Annual Advent Retreat

Advent Retreat for those who are separated or divorced

For this mini-retreat with Archbishop Lépine and in collaboration with members of Momentum Catholic Single Mothers, more than 20 people took part in an experience of communion and growing together in faith. The Centre is most grateful to Momentum Catholic Single Mothers for their collaboration, including for the women who shared their personal experiences with the group.

A special thank you to Fr. Yohann Leroux, pastor of St. Angèle parish, for his warm welcome!



Ms. Talitha Cere,
Executive Director
of *Momentum*



The Advent Retreat team

20+
participants

Building Solidarity through Faithfulness

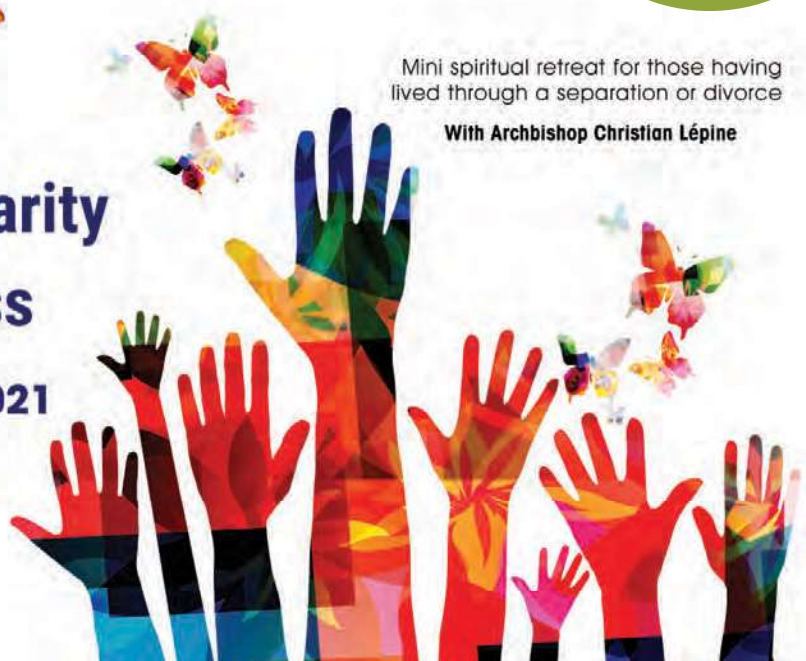
November 27, 2021

1:30 to 3:30pm

10am to 12pm in French

Mini spiritual retreat for those having
lived through a separation or divorce

With Archbishop Christian Lépine



Solidarity in Faithfulness

Welcoming and accompanying those who are separated or divorced

The *Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and the Family* initiated a new program based on listening and accompaniment in a group setting led by Mr. Francis Joannette. A permanent deacon at the Diocese of Montreal, Mr. Joannette is certified in psycho-spiritual accompaniment, having been active as a deacon serving the faithful in the Archdiocese of Montreal since 2016.

The program features monthly online encounters based on sharing among adults who have been wounded and seek to rebuild their lives in Christ.

Encounter 1 - Letting go

In weakness, strength is put to work.

Encounter 2 - It is in my weakness that I am strong

When you don't have the strength to go on.

Encounter 3 - Anger

After the trauma of separation, suffering can lead us into periods of anger that are difficult to control, and we become carried away as if by a storm.

Encounter 4 - Standing up

After the defeat, being able to stand up again.

21
participants
registered

« Good evening Francis, I am filled with gratitude for the experience that we lived together today. You know how to reach out in genuine compassion to those who are deeply suffering. Thank you! »

- A participant



"The Church must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence, like the beacon of a lighthouse in a port or a torch carried among the people to enlighten those who have lost their way or who are in the midst of a storm."

Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, no. 291

