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THE NECESSARY PATH OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

In his remarks addressed to those who took part in the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, Mr. Cadmus Delorme, Chief of the Cowessess First Nation said: “We do not want pity; we want to heal. We want to grow stronger. The truth is going to be very hard. Even for the Indigenous people, trust is hard to get back, because of the pain. But we can’t have reconciliation without truth.” His speech still echoes today.

It describes the triad of steps along the path that every human being worthy of the term is called to undertake if he or she wants to live in harmony both with themselves and with others: truth, healing and reconciliation. They are at the core of the apostolic visit that Pope Francis just made to Canada.

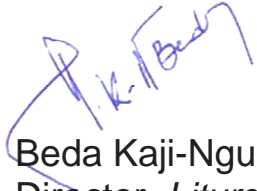
In fact, it was in response to an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops that the Pontiff expressed his desire to come to Canada. The day was October 27, 2021. When he accepted that invitation from his episcopal brothers, he conceived of his apostolic visit as part of the healing and reconciliation process that was begun following the discovery of unnamed children’s graves on the grounds of institutions formerly administered by the Church and the federal government. Some vigorous and significant actions were undertaken in the wake of this decision: the visit to the Vatican by the Indigenous Delegation and the historic apology presented to them at that time by the Pope: “I ask God’s forgiveness for the deplorable conduct of these members of the Catholic Church,” and “I am united with my brothers the bishops of Canada in offering you my apologies.”

At the end of June, on his path towards the truth, the supreme Pontiff published a new apostolic letter on liturgical formation for the people of God. For those whose work is the promotion of living and meaningful liturgies through the active presence of Him who is the Actor par excellence, the moment had come to embrace the Pope’s call: “Let us forget our liturgical debates, let us marvel and let us nurture our admiration for the beauty and the truth of the liturgy.”

A path towards the emergence of truth. In our diocese, our pastor, Archbishop Christian Lépine, has involved us in an unprecedented process aiming to cleanse the Church environment in transparency, taking greater responsibility and revealing and working towards the discovery and emergence of the truth. He encourages us to do everything in our power to restore the Church’s trust and trust in the Church and beyond.

As you set out on this necessary path, the Resources found in this newsletter will be available to you. We hope they will help you, as you walk with your brothers and sisters, to remain always faithful and united in the prayer of the Church. Reminders are also included for upcoming dates of practical interest with respect to both the local and the universal Church.

Enjoy your reading and liturgical refreshment!



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OUR SHEPHERD SPEAKS TO US



MOTTO: IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD

RESTORING THE CHURCH'S TRUST AND TRUST IN THE CHURCH

On April 1, 2022, Archbishop Christian Lépine addressed a pastoral letter to the faithful in which he reminded us of his determination to put into practice the recommendations contained in the Capriolo Report, to shift the focus to victims and put an end to all forms of abuse within the Church, the family of God in Montreal.

Background

The numerous abuses committed in our Church and in our society have been, as we know, beyond description, unacceptable and reprehensible. The impact on victims' lives has been almost ineradicable, and news coverage was on the front pages for months. It is being discussed today as Pope Francis is undertaking his apostolic visit to Canada in order to engage us more fully on the path to healing and reconciliation. No one can forget the devastation felt at the discovery not long ago of the remains of 215 Indigenous children in Kamloops, B.C. The list is long and sordid.

Trust badly damaged

In looking at the situation, any informed person must arrive at the sad conclusion that trust in the institution of the Church is at its lowest, and it really appears to have fallen from grace. Although still afforded some credit for its activities in solidarity with the most vulnerable, we must not delude ourselves: trust in the Church has been eroded and still is, on account of the stories of pedophilia and learning about the extent to which lives have been ruined by actions carried out by sons and daughters of the Church. Faced with these challenges, what can be done?

Together eliminate abuse

To this question on everyone's mind, Archbishop Lépine answered without hesitation: "I am engaged on behalf of our diocesan family in implementing the 31 recommendations contained in the Capriolo Report, in order to shift the focus to the victims and eliminate all forms of abuse within the Catholic Church of

Montreal.” He has set up a demanding and necessary process of transforming the Church, aiming not only to eradicate abuse but also to restore the Church’s trust and trust in the Church, within our communities and in society.”

Asked if these cases of abuse that have affected so many people’s trust and faith took place only in the past, Archbishop Lépine stated, “The first quarterly reports compiled by the Ombudsman have made it clear to us that abuse is not merely a thing of the past concerning priests now retired or deceased. Unfortunately, various forms of abuse are still being perpetrated today in our church settings. They are a slim minority, but they have a major impact on the lives of victims and their communities.” For this reason, he continued, in order to move forward and provide a healthy environment, “we need everyone to become involved and put an end to all forms of abuse.”

Action in many forms

In our diocese, an Ombudsman has been appointed and is available and ready to listen at all times. An entire process is in place to handle complaints, and both victims and witnesses are encouraged to come forward and expose the truth. Pertinent decisions have been diligently formulated and put into practice by those in charge of this portfolio. In addition, the whole collective is being asked to contribute their support so that this process in which we are involved of transforming the Church may come to fruition.

Awareness and training

Nothing has been left out in the diocese. “We have produced an awareness-raising video and developed a mandatory ‘Focus on Victims of Abuse’ training program. Initially presented to pastoral associates from January 25 to June 18, this training program will be available to a much broader audience next fall.”

Filled with faith and hope, Archbishop Lépine concluded, “May God in his mercy bring healing and comfort to the victims and all who have been affected, whether directly or indirectly, by the tragedy of abuse. May He continue to bless you and reinforce you and give you the strength and the enthusiasm to serve with integrity, mercy, love and wisdom those who have been entrusted to you.”

LITURGICAL FILE

AMAZEMENT BEFORE THE BEAUTY AND TRUTH OF THE LITURGY

On June 29, 2022, the day of the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, Pope Francis published *Desiderio desideravi hoc Pascha manducare vobiscum, antequam patiar* (Lk 22:15), an apostolic letter addressed to Bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated men and women and the laity. In it, he invites the daughters and sons of the Church to wonder at the beauty and the truth of the Liturgy. The time has come, he urges, to leave off debating and, with the aid of liturgical formation, rediscover the profound meaning of the Eucharistic celebration.

The Liturgy: our guarantee of the possibility of an encounter with Jesus

In a language and a tone deeply rooted in catechesis, the Holy Father turns his attention to the Liturgy, stating, “Christian faith is either an encounter with Jesus alive, or it does not exist. The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter. For us a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper.” And to take part in that Supper in a fruitful manner, Christians are called to discover anew the beauty and the profound truth of the Liturgy. “I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue.”

Pitfall to be avoided

This rediscovery of the beauty of the Liturgy, however, as the Pope observes, should not be misconstrued either as a call to “search for a ritual aesthetic which is content by only a careful exterior observance of a rite,” or as an approach that “confuses simplicity with a careless banality” or “an exasperating practical functionalism.” The people of God are hereby invited to live in full the liturgical action. This is well and good, but how do we go about it?

Amazement before the Paschal Mystery

Here, *Desiderio desideravi* shows us the way by reiterating and further insisting on the need for the people of God – in all their diversity and whether as members of the laity or as ordained ministers – to be in amazement before the Paschal Mystery. To achieve this state, as the Holy Father emphasizes, “every aspect of the celebration must be carefully tended to (...) and every rubric must be observed. Such attention would be enough to prevent robbing from the assembly what is owed to it; namely, the Paschal Mystery celebrated according to the ritual that the Church sets down.”

A word of caution, however! We must not take this to mean that it all depends on us alone. The Liturgy is the work of God, it is Christ offering the gift of his life. St. Luke is clear about this in the Gospel passage that forms the title of the latest

apostolic letter of Pope Francis. The apostle quotes from the Lord's mouth: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." Preeminent in the Lord's heart is the desire to share his Passover, to take it with us before He must suffer. In the face of his desire for us, all we can do is to fall down in admiration, surrender to his love and be drawn to Him. And so, "The astonishment or wonder of which I speak is not some sort of being overcome in the face of an obscure reality or a mysterious rite. It is, on the contrary, marvelling at the fact that the salvific plan of God has been revealed in the paschal deed of Jesus."

Need for liturgical formation

Responding to the challenges of postmodernism, individualism, subjectivism and abstract spiritualism, **Desiderio desideravi** reminds us that humanity in our day have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action. To rectify this, the people of God must be given proper liturgical formation, which Pope Francis separates into two aspects: formation *for* the Liturgy and formation *by* the Liturgy. "The first depends upon the second which is essential." Acknowledging that a great deal has already been accomplished with respect to liturgical formation, he asks that further effort be dedicated to spreading liturgical knowledge beyond the academic environment, in an accessible way, so that each one of the faithful might grow in a knowledge of the theological sense of the Liturgy.

Rediscovering liturgical symbols

The Holy Father urges us to educate the faithful in the understanding of symbols, that lexicon of the Liturgy no longer intelligible to the modern world. He proposes a very straightforward strategy: cultivation of the "*ars celebrandi*." One does not learn the art of celebrating by frequenting a course in public speaking or in persuasive techniques of communication. "A diligent dedication to the celebration is required, allowing the celebration itself to convey to us its art." The one celebrating must be possessed by the *ars celebrandi*, which will enable him to practise the liturgical action.

Before concluding his meditation, and as if to assist us in our progress in the understanding of liturgical symbols, Pope Francis adds some very interesting words on the place of silence in the celebration. In Liturgy, silence occupies a place of absolute importance. The entire Eucharistic celebration is immersed in the silence which precedes its beginning and which marks every moment of its ritual unfolding. In fact, it is present in the penitential act, in the Liturgy of the Word, in the Eucharistic prayer and following Communion. Such silence is not an inner haven in which to hide oneself in some sort of intimate isolation, as if leaving the ritual form behind as a distraction. Liturgical silence is something much more grand: it is a symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration. Silence moves one to sorrow for sin and to the desire for conversion. It arouses in us a readiness to hear the Word and awakens us to prayer. It disposes us to adore the Body and Blood of Christ. It suggests to all, in the intimacy of Communion, what the Spirit would effect in each

of our lives to conform us to the Bread broken. Put much more succinctly, through liturgical silence, the Spirit gives us shape.

If you would like to meditate further on this letter from Pope Francis and come to a deeper knowledge of its spiritual riches, please see the following link:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

RESOURCES

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

August 2022



For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

OBLIGATORY MEMORIALS... AND FEASTS

Monday, August 1st – Saint Alphonse-Marie de Liguori, († 1787), Priest and Doctor of the Church

Obligatory memorial. Remarkable for his zeal for souls, his writings, his word and his example, to promote Christian life among the people, he devoted himself to the work of preaching and he published books, mainly on morality, a discipline of which he was recognized as a master and, despite numerous setbacks, he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer for the evangelization of the countryside. Elected Bishop of Sainte-Agathe des Goths, he spent an extraordinary amount of time in this ministry, which he had to leave after fifteen years for serious health reasons, and he retired, until his death, in Nocera dei Pagani, enduring many sorrows and difficulties.

Thursday, August 4 – Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest († 1859)

Obligatory memorial. Curé d'Ars, of the parish of Ars, in the diocese of Belley, for more than forty years, until his death, he accomplished his ministry in an admirable way by his preaching, his continuous prayer and his example of penance. Every day he catechized children and adults, reconciled penitents, and such charity, drawn from the Holy Eucharist as from its source, shone in him that a lot of people came from afar to seek his advice, and he led them to God with wisdom.

Friday, August 5 – Blessed Frédéric Janssoone, Priest († 1916)

Optional memorial. Franciscan priest, commercial traveler of the good God, he was beatified on September 25, 1988. We see him everywhere praying, austere in his personal life, poor in extreme poverty. His kindness was a very simple one. He was patient and, in difficult times, he remained in peace, serenity of heart, because he always wanted to be in full conformity with "the will of the Lord". In Montreal, Quebec, in 1916, Blessed Frédéric Janssoone gave great impetus to pilgrimages to the Holy Land to increase faith.

Lord our God, you granted to blessed Frederic Janssoone to follow in the footsteps of your Son in the Holy Land, and to make the faithful more knowledgeable in the mysteries of His life; grant us, through his intercession, to venerate these mysteries with love and to receive in abundance, the fruits of the redemption through Jesus Christ.

Saturday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord (1st century)

Feast. Today we celebrate the day on which, on Mount Tabor, Christ Jesus, before his Apostles Peter, James and John, manifested his glory as the beloved Son of the Father, in the presence of Moses and Elijah bearing witness of the Law and the Prophets.

Monday, August 8 – Saint Dominic, Priest († 1221)

Obligatory memorial. Saint Dominic of Guzman was a humble minister of preaching in regions troubled by the heresy of the Albigensians and lived in the despised condition of voluntary poverty, never ceasing to speak with God. In search of a new way to spread the faith, he founded the Order of Preachers in Toulouse to restore the way of life of the apostles in the Church, recommending to his brothers to serve their neighbor by prayer, studying and the ministry of the Word. He died in Bologna.

Wednesday, August 10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr († 258)

Feast. His name is mentioned in the first Eucharistic prayer. He is depicted as a deacon, holding a grill or lying on it. Deacon of the Church of Rome, near Pope Saint Sixtus II, his function is to be the guardian of the goods of the Church. When Emperor Valerian issues an edict of persecution prohibiting Christian worship, even in cemeteries, he is arrested along with the Pope and the other deacons. They are immediately put to death, but he is spared in the hope that he will deliver the treasures of the Church.

Thursday, August 11 – Saint Clare, Virgin († 1253)

Obligatory memorial. Foundress of the Poor Clares, ladies of the Order of Minors, Saint Clare followed Saint Francis of Assisi and led a very austere life at the convent of Saint Damian, but a life rich in works of charity and piety. Loving above all poverty, she never accepted to depart from it, not even in extreme poverty or sickness. She died in Assisi.

Monday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Patron saint of the Acadians (1st century)

Solemnity. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ, who, at the end of her earthly life, was raised in her body and soul to the glory of heaven. It is the doctrine of faith, received from the Tradition of the Church that Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in 1950.

Saturday, August 20 – Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church († 1153)

Obligatory memorial. Born in Burgundy, at the age of twenty-two he entered the monastery of Cîteaux with thirty companions, and then founded the monastery of Clairvaux on the territory of Langres, of which he was the first abbot, directing his monks, with wisdom and by his example, on the path to perfection. He travelled throughout Europe to restore peace and unity and was a light for the whole Church through his writings and advice. He died exhausted in his monastery.

Monday, August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st Century)

Obligatory memorial. She gave birth to the Son of God, Prince of Peace, whose reign will have no end. The Christian people love to greet her Queen of Heaven and Mother of Mercy.

Wednesday, August 24 – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (1st Century)

Feast. Generally identified with Nathanael, a native of Cana in Galilee, he was led to Jesus by Philip; the Lord then called him to follow him and placed him in the group of Twelve. Traditions assure that after the Ascension of Christ, he announced the Gospel in India and that he was crowned with martyrdom there. Bartholomew, mentioned in all the lists of the twelve apostles - sometimes under the name of Nathanael - plays no role in the Gospels nor in the Acts of the Apostles.

Saturday, August 27 – Saint Monica (+ 387)

Obligatory memorial. Mother of Saint Augustine, of Hippone, at the end of adolescence, her parents married her to a pagan named Patrice to whom she gave four children. When his son Augustine turned away from the faith of his childhood, his tears rose to God like a silent prayer and Augustine's conversion in Milan filled him with joy. At the time of returning to Africa, in 387, she left this land, at the port of Ostia, in a great desire for heaven.

Monday, August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (1st Century)

Obligatory memorial. King Herod kept him in prison in the fortress of Machéronte and ordered him to be beheaded on his birthday, at the request of Herodias' daughter. Like a shining lamp, the forerunner of the Lord bore witness to the truth both in his death and in his life.

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For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Thursday, September 1st - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated on September 1 each year. It coincides with a similar celebration previously established by the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew. Therefore, it is also an ecumenical day of prayer. The website of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace offers a prayer celebration that may be suitable for Vespers, an hour of adoration or a blessing. It is suggested to live this celebration between September 1 and October 4, "time devoted to creation".

This year of publication of Pope Francis' encyclical and now bringing together more than 800 organizations, the Laudato Si' Movement aims to "inspire and mobilize the Catholic community to take care of our common home and achieve the climate and ecological justice.

Friday, September 2 – Blessed André Grasset, priest and martyr († 1792)

Optional memorial. André Grasset de Saint-Sauveur, born in Montreal, was a Queec martyr of the French Revolution, beatified on October 17, 1926. Blessed André of Montreal preferred the society of priests in August 1792, rather than living in Paris with his father and his mother and thus escape the assassins. In September 1792, he chose death over apostasy. These two successive choices bear witness to his fidelity to the promise of baptism. Remember that André Grasset was the first Canadian by birth to be raised on the altar.

By calling, Lord, on this day, your priest André and his companions to the supreme witness of martyrdom, you have shown that you love nothing as much as the freedom of your Church; through their intercession, grant to all the baptized to bear witness to you without hindrance before men.

Through Jesus Christ.

Saturday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church († 604)

Obligatory memorial. After having begun the monastic life, he was entrusted with a mission in Constantinople and was finally elected on this day, in 590, in Rome. Servant of the servants of God, he organized temporal affairs and looked after the interests of religion. He showed himself to be a true pastor by directing the Church, by providing in every way for the needs of the poor, by promoting monastic life, by strengthening the faith everywhere or by propagating it, and he also wrote, extensively and excellently, on morality and pastoral life.

Sunday, September 4 – Labor Day

Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer vacation and the resumption of regular activities. On Sunday or Monday one can, with the permission of the Ordinary being granted in Montreal, celebrate the mass “For the work of men”: MR, p. 659-661, Gl., LS, p. 1249-1253, Cr. (on Sunday), 5th Pf. of Sundays (no 37). In the dioceses of Canada, it is a special day of prayer for workers and those seeking employment.

Monday, September 5 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta (+ 1997)

Albanian and Indian, charity pushed her to quench the thirst of Christ on the cross in her poorest brothers in India, and she founded a double Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity entirely at the service of the sick and abandoned. — Invoked to face doubts and poverty.

Thursday, September 8 - Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Feast. The Nativity of Mary is one of the great feasts of the Byzantine liturgical year because it inaugurates the economy of salvation and the inscription of the Word of God in the history of men.



Saturday, September 10 - Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Christian Lépine (2011), Diocesan archbishop (2012)

Monday, September 12 - Holy Name of Mary

Optional Memorial. According to biblical tradition, to honor the name is to honor the person. This feast is inscribed in the octave of that of the Nativity of the Virgin, to remind Christians that they can have recourse to the intercession of the Virgin Mary in trials, small or large, as the Gospel teaches. of Cana or the words of Christ on the Cross: "Here is your Mother. The Lord God blessed her among all women and exalted her name so high that her praise will never fade from the mouths of the faithful.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, for all who celebrate the glorious Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she may obtain your merciful favor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Tuesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom,
bishop and doctor of the Church († 407)**

Obligatory memorial. Originally from Antioch, he deserved, once ordained a priest, the nickname of Chrysostom (Golden Mouth) because of the golden river of his eloquence. Elected to the see of Constantinople, he showed himself to be an excellent pastor and teacher of faith, but he was sent into exile by the faction of his enemies. When Pope Saint Innocent recalled him by decree, on the way back, he gave up his soul to God, victim of the bad treatment inflicted on him by the soldiers guarding him.

Wednesday, September 14 - The Glorious Cross

Feast. Also known as the "Exaltation of the Holy Cross", whose historical origin dates back to the 4th century, it calls believers to turn their gaze to the instrument on which Christ suffered and breathed his last, in order to offer salvation to all men.

Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows (of Seven Sorrows)

Obligatory memorial. The Virgin Mary, who, standing at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, was associated very intimately and in faith with the salutary passion of her son. Mary shares the suffering of her son and reminds us of the pain of men and the urgency of sympathizing and helping our neighbour.

**Friday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope
and Cyprian, bishops, martyrs (3rd century)**

Obligatory memorial. The commemoration, on the same day, of these two martyrs, Corneille, the welcoming Pope, a man of faith, just and kind, then Cyprian, the converted, benevolent bishop, is very old; already the martyrology of Saint Jerome evokes them together. The date chosen indicates, in particular, the deposition of the first from the chair of Saint Peter, and the death of the second by decapitation.

**Saturday, September 17 - Saint Hildegard of Bingen,
virgin and doctor of the Church**

New optional memorial. Virgin nun, expert in natural sciences, medicine and music, she composed several works where she religiously described the mystical visions that she was given to contemplate.

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis decreed the inscription in the general Roman calendar (of the optional memory of) Saint Hildegard of Bingen, virgin and doctor of the Church, on September 17.

Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, January 25, 2021. Prot. #. 40/21

Lord God, source of life, you filled Saint Hildegard with the prophetic spirit; we pray you grant us, by her example and through her intercession, to know your paths and, in the darkness of this world, to perceive the brightness of your light.

By Jesus Christ. Ordo

**Tuesday, September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, priest,
Paul Chong Hasang and their companions, martyrs**

Obligatory memorial. He was the first Korean priest, and the first martyr priest during the four great waves of persecution which followed one another in Korea from 1839 to 1867. The Church venerates, in a common celebration, Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and one hundred and one martyrs of Korea who bore witness without fear to the Christian faith, published in Korea by a few lay people, nourished and then revealed by the preaching of the missionaries and the celebration of the sacraments.

O God, who have been pleased to increase your adopted children in all the world, and who made the blood of the Martyrs Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and his companions a most fruitful seed of Christians, grant that we may be defended by their help and profit always from their example. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Wednesday, September 21 – Saint Matthew,
apostle and evangelist (1st century)**

Apostle and Evangelist. Nicknamed Levi, called by Jesus to follow him, he abandoned his job as a publican or tax collector and, chosen from the group of the Twelve, he wrote his Gospel, where he shows that Jesus, the Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, brought the old covenant to an end.

Friday, September 23 - Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, priest († 1968)

Obligatory memorial. Capuchin priest, who exercised a pastoral ministry of mercy, prayer and penance for a very long time in the same convent of Saint John the Round (San Giovanni Rotondo) in Puglia, had the House for the Relief of Suffering built there, where he died, truly configured to Christ on the cross.

Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Saturday, September 24 - Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin, nun († 1851)

Optional memorial. After the death of her husband and children, in Montreal, she devoted herself to the needy and founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence for the service of orphans, the elderly and the insane. She was a model of holiness, through a life entirely devoted to the service of her brothers and sisters who were the most deprived in society. Outside of Canada, her feast day is September 23.

O Lord, you made Blessed Emilie a faithful daughter of Your Church and a servant of the most needy of your people; kindle in our hearts, we pray, an ardent charity, that after her example, we maybe ever more provident in serving Christ in the poor.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, September 25 – Needs of the Church in Canada

...The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctification and pastoral government....

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The purpose of this day is to further awaken pastoral concern for refugees, whose number is constantly growing in the world.

Monday, September 26 – Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs, secondary patrons of Canada

Feast. They are known as Canadian martyrs and all celebrated together even though they were killed years apart; but the Church wanted to bring them together, respecting their growing popular devotion. Actually, the national borders of today no longer correspond to those of the XVII century, however the first three priests killed in chronological order suffered martyrdom in an area between the current cities of Albany and New York, that is, in the territory of the United States of America; the others about 200 km north of Toronto, now Canada. It would therefore be more correct to call them North American Martyrs: Noel Chabanel, Antoine Daniel, Charles Garnier, René Goupil, Jean de La Lande and Gabriel Lalemant.

Tuesday, September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul, priest († 1660)

Obligatory memorial. Filled with a priestly spirit and entirely given to the poor in Paris, he recognized in the face of any unfortunate the face of his Lord; to rediscover the form of the primitive Church, educate the clergy in holiness and relieve the poor, he founded the Congregation of the Mission and, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity

Thursday, September 29 – Saint Michel, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphaël, archanges

Feast. Michael, the prince of the angels, Gabriel, the messenger par excellence and Raphaël, the figure of God's Providence — On the day of the dedication of a basilica built very anciently under the title of Saint Michael on the Salarian Way, a few kilometers from Rome, the Church celebrates the three archangels whose missions are revealed in Holy Scripture and who, day and night in the service of God, contemplate his face and never cease to glorify him.

Friday, September 30 – Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

Obligatory memorial. Born in Dalmatia, he studied in Rome and was baptized there; nurtured by all the ancient culture, but attracted by the contemplative life, he learned monastic life in the Syrian desert and was ordained a priest. Returning to Rome, he was secretary to Pope Saint Damasus; from there he retired to Bethlehem to lead the monastic life and showed himself to be a remarkable scholar in translating into Latin and commenting on the Holy Scriptures. He admirably shared in many of the needs of the Church.

DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

On Sunday, September 25th of this year, will be marking the 108th World Day of [Migrants and Refugees](#) under the theme: ***Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees***. An occasion to express support and concern for people who are forced to flee their homes, to encourage Catholics worldwide to remember and pray for those displaced by conflict and persecution and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. It was first celebrated in 1914.

The [Pope](#) convokes the **Church of God in Synod. Synod 2021-2023**: [Diocesan microsite for a Synodal Church](#) communion, participation, mission.

Synod prayer invoking the guidance of the Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but silent, with much in the past but little future. Come among us, so that in this synodal experience, we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions. Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! Amen.

Following the extraordinary 2015 Holy Year of Mercy the Vatican announces motto of [Jubilee Year 2025](#): “Pilgrims of Hope”.

The year 2022 is indeed an exceptional one for the [Pontifical Missionary Societies](#) (PMS) as it marks a series of important milestones.

[2022 Annual Campaign – Giving, changes lives.](#) Contributing to the Mission of the Catholic Church of Montreal allows us to serve our communities, to help those in need and to accomplish the mission that the Lord has entrusted us with, always in a spirit of humility, peace and love and always following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let’s support the Catholic Church of Montreal in its mission of service and reaching out to fulfil the needs that are around us. Together, by the grace of God, we can meet the challenges that our community faces. Thank you for your generosity!

ON THE ARCHBISHOP'S AGENDA

2022

Monday, August 1st to August 4

Supreme Convention with the Knights of Columbus in Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Saturday, August 20 at 10:30 AM

Outdoor mass followed by a corn roast with the Knights of Columbus at St. Saint-Donat Church, 6805 rue Marseille, Montreal

Saturday, August 27 at 10 AM

Inauguration Vigil with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, Montreal

Sunday August 28 at 2 p.m.

Inauguration Mass with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem followed by a banquet, at the B.C.-Marie-Reine-du-Monde, Montreal

Friday September 2 to Sunday September 4

Annual Retreat, Consecrated Virgins

Saturday, September 10 from 10 AM to noon

Resourcing for SASMAD volunteers (Pastoral Home Care)

at 1:30 PM

Mass with Pastoral Home Care (SASMAD) at Saint-Isaac-Jogues' Church, 1335 Chabanel East, Montréal

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