

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 77 – FEBRUARY 28, 2023
DIOCESAN ROADWORK / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the following are some important news items for the life and mission of our diocesan Church:

1. Diocesan roadwork of synodal and missionary transformation: progressing together on the road!

Aside from the consultations conducted in response to Pope Francis's call for improved "synodality" in the Church, our diocesan roadwork continues in 2023. At this point we are paying particular attention to the calls of the Spirit, in order to discern together the priority guidelines respecting the missionary activities that we will be carrying out among our contemporaries.

As we recently announced, the *Facilitation Document* for this new stage of the diocesan roadwork of synodal and missionary transformation is **now available** on the diocesan microsite: [link](#).

The *Facilitation Document* has also been supplemented with a *Reference Document*: [link](#). This additional tool will provide further information on our Montreal Church's vision and mission and the calls and aspirations that have been expressed by our faithful, as well as presenting several missionary insights gathered during the initial phases of the consultation process.

If you have not already done so, I invite you to read the update on our synodal process and distribute this information via your communications networks: [link](#)

Two new meetings for the presentation of the Facilitation Document have been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 15, 2023, via videoconference:**

Presentation in **English:** 8:00 pm: [link](#)

Presentation in **French:** 7:00 pm: [link](#)

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any difficulty connecting to the videoconference, please contact Ms. Marie-Josée Duval at: mjduval@diocesemontreal.org

2. Farewell, Bishop Frank!

As you will know by now, the Holy Father recently appointed Msgr. Frank Leo Archbishop of Toronto. Bishop Leo has until now been Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for our Archdiocese. We rejoice with the faithful of our sister church in Toronto as they welcome their new pastor. With confidence in the Lord, we will embrace the challenges facing our Church with the departure of a minister who has shown such dedication and competence in his numerous responsibilities.

We wish to give thanks to the Lord and say thank you to our brother +Frank. Accordingly, you are all cordially invited to a **Farewell Mass** for Bishop Leo at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, with Archbishop Christian Lépine presiding, on Saturday, March 4, 5:00 pm. The celebration will be livestreamed on the diocesan YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@EglisecatholiqueaMontreal/streams>

As announced by the Archdiocese of Toronto, **the installation of Msgr. Frank Leo will take place on Saturday, March 25**. Due to limited capacity at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto, participation is expected to be by invitation only, however the ceremony will be broadcast live.

3. Create Hope. Share Lent 2023 Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

Members of clergy are warmly invited to an Information Meeting, on Wednesday, March 8th, at 1:30 pm (ending at 2:30 pm).

Please use this link to join the zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731892031?pwd=MjFXZG5OandlN1I0U24zbjQ3U0dRUT09>

Development & Peace - Caritas Canada relies on your support as clergy for the success of the Share Lent campaign. The campaign is vital to our ability as the Church in Canada to raise much needed funds to support those who suffer from poverty and injustice in the global south. This is an information session on how you can support and encourage your parishioners to help make the campaign a success in your parish!

Resources for Share Lent 2023 can be found at the following website in advance of the meeting:

<https://www.devp.org/lent>

Please Contact Luke Stocking, Director of Public Engagement with any questions:

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Once again wishing you a fruitful Lenten Season, I assure you, dear Brothers and Sisters, of my prayers and my solidarity in the mission.

In Jesus our Saviour,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+Alain Faubert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

† Alain Faubert, VG
Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal