

**COMMUNIQUÉ No. 106 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**  
**DIOCESAN UPDATES**

**To Members of Parish Teams,  
To our Clergy, PCLs, and LPAs,  
To the faithful active in their communities,  
To Members of Religious Communities,  
To Archdiocesan Staff,**

Brothers and sisters, at the start of this pastoral year, it gives me great pleasure to send you these reminders and important news for our Church, which is undergoing missionary transformation and growing towards a deeper synodality.

**REMINDER: LAUNCH OF THE PASTORAL YEAR**

I would like to remind you of the invitation I extended to you, on behalf of our Archbishop, to join us for the Launch of the Pastoral Year of the Archdiocese of Montreal, on **September 13, starting at 7:00 pm** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral.

This special evening of sharing and prayer is designed to strengthen our unity and ignite our ardour, as we embark on a new year together in the service of the mission entrusted to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Together, we can celebrate the progress we've made and learn about the projects that will enrich our communion in 2024-2025.

It will also be an opportunity for each of us to personally renew our commitment to our respective ministries and services, and to nurture our fraternal solidarity around our Archbishop. Archbishop Lépine will offer us his encouragement and share with us his vision and hope for the future.

The evening will include: prayer and worship, listening to the Word of God, testimonials, sharing of experiences, reflections in small groups, a word from our Archbishop and a presentation of priority orientations for the life and mission of the Catholic Church in Montreal over the coming months and years.

Those unable to join us in person for this important event will still be able to follow the proceedings on the Catholic Church of Montreal's YouTube site: [LINK](#)

**IT'S A RENDEZ-VOUS!**

## [ANNOUNCEMENTS: ORDINATION OF STÉPHANE GERMAIN AND NEW RECTOR](#)

Our diocesan Church is delighted to receive from the Lord the gift of a new priest! Father Stéphane Germain will be ordained on September 14 at the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, at 10:00 am. We also receive as a gift from our God a new rector for the Grand Seminary of our archdiocese, Mr. Robert Gauthier, p.s.s. Details of these good news: [Newsletter link](#)

## [CANCELLATION OF THE DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATION FOR NEOPHYTES](#)

We would also like to inform you that the diocesan celebration of the Mass for neophytes and those who were baptized last year, originally scheduled for October 6, 2024, at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, has been cancelled. However, in order to continue to accompany your neophytes, we offer you an outline for a thanksgiving celebration in your parish or mission [DOC link](#). You will also find suggestions for enriching their faith journey.

## [CATECHUMENATE/RCIA](#)

As regards the catechumenate in our archdiocese, two meetings with our Archbishop are scheduled at the Cathedral. Please take note:

- Rite of Election of catechumens, *Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.*;
- Election of adult confirmands, *Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.*

In a future communication, you will receive information on the forms to be filled out for your catechumens, as well as the delegation request. We are currently aligning the process with the Chancery to make your task easier.

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Wishing you a fruitful start to the new pastoral and missionary year, and hoping to see you again on the evening of September 13, 2024, at the Cathedral, I assure you, brothers and sisters in Christ, of my prayers and solidarity in the service of the Kingdom in our world.

In Jesus our Saviour,

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