



## **PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION**

### ***Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, will celebrate a Mass in Spanish for seasonal workers***

Montreal, July 6, 2018 — The Office for Cultural and Ritual Communities of the Catholic Church in Montreal and the Spanish-Language Missions of the same are pleased to invite you to the 6th annual pilgrimage of Latin American farm workers to Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

"We expect about 2,000 people, representing Montreal's cultural diversity, who will arrive at the Oratory. The attendants are invited to offer, as has become a tradition during Masses for Latin American farm workers, produce from their farms, or the '**fruit of the earth and the work of human hands**,'" said Msgr. Pierre Blanchard, Director of the Office for Cultural and Ritual Communities of the Catholic Church in Montreal. He further said, "This produce will be laid at the altar during the Offertory procession, in which the workers are very proud to participate."

**The celebration will take place in the Basilica at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, 2018.  
A "serenade" will begin at 2:00 p.m at the belvedere**

Among the political figures whose presence at this event is confirmed are: Mr. Cristobal Herrera, Consul General of Guatemala; Mr. Hector Ramirez, General Consul of Honduras; Mr. Alejandro Ives Estivill Castro, Consul General of Mexico; Mr. Saul Polo, Member for Laval-des-Rapides; Mr. Bernardo Leblanc, from Fraternité Québécoise.

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