



Archbishop of Montréal

November 23, 2022

Dear collaborators of the Archdiocese of Montreal,

I am writing to you concerning Msgr. Roger Dufresne, C.S.S.

Due to a serious breach of his commitment to confidentiality in the context of the Archdiocese of Montreal's process of handling complaints, and in accord with the oath of office he took in his capacity as Episcopal Vicar, I have decided, after verification of the facts, consultation and deliberation, to relieve Msgr. Roger Dufresne of his office of Episcopal Vicar. This decision was communicated to him on November 22, 2022 and it is effective as of today.

Msgr. Roger Dufresne remains a priest of the diocese and can continue to exercise the ministry.

The discernment is underway to seek a new Episcopal Vicar for the deaneries in view of the animation of the French-speaking communities for the western part of our diocese. In the meanwhile, for the specific communities concerned and for questions regarding pastoral personnel, kindly contact Fr. François Charette, director of the Pastoral Personnel Office at fcharette@diocesemontreal.org. For administrative questions, kindly contact Bishop Alain Faubert, Vicar General and Pastoral Coordinator at afaubert@diocesemontreal.org.

We are a family before being an organization. Let us pray for one another, so that Jesus Christ keeps our hearts in his peace and that the Holy Spirit guides us.

As we journey together towards Advent and Christmas, let us remain with each other in kindness and trust.

Sincerely yours in the Good Shepherd,

+Christian Lépine

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