



Archidiocèse de Montréal

## GENERAL DECREE

### EXTRAORDINARY FACULTIES FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION

As the pandemic continues to create disruptions and challenges to the pastoral and sacramental life of the Catholic Church of Montreal, her pastors are once again called to partake in the ministry of the bishop (can. 519 CIC) in order to ensure that the faithful are able to receive the essential services from the spiritual treasures of the Church. Therefore,

CONSIDERING that the bishop ordinarily receives catechumens during the annual Rite of election;

CONSIDERING that the bishop may delegate the members of his clergy to assist him in his ministry by special mandate (ex can. 883 2°);

CONSIDERING that the conditions created by the pandemic make it impossible to celebrate the rite of election in its habitual form;

CONSIDERING that the catechumens who have completed their preparations for sacramental initiation should not be deprived of the graces imparted by the essential sacraments of initiation;

### I decree

that all parish pastors, as well as administrators of parishes and missions, mandated by an official nomination by the Archbishop of Montreal, are hereby granted the faculties to celebrate the Rite of election for the members of their proper parish(es) or mission. These faculties are effective beginning February 18<sup>th</sup> 2021, until June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, inclusive.

These pastors must take special care to ensure that all candidates are adequately prepared and properly disposed.

Given at present, this 15th day of February 2021.

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