

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 11 — June 2nd, 2020
UPDATES
for pastors, parish pastoral teams and religious congregations

Dear brothers and sisters, find below the latest news regarding preparations for the gradual reopening of our places of worship and the restarting of the activities therein.

1. Preparatory documents

The Archdiocese is publishing two preliminary documents in order for us to **prepare** for the opening of our churches : <https://diocesemontreal.org/en/parish-resources/pastoral-personnel# covid-19-deconfinement>

- a) The road map towards the end of confinement in the diocese of Montreal.
- b) The protocols for Phase 1: The opening of the churches.

Reminder: Once the green-light is given (**yet to come**) by the Quebec Public Health Department, the parishes who can prove that they have put into place the required measures will receive from the Archbishop the authorisation to open the doors of their places of worship, while implementing the approved health and safety practices.

2. Webinar on learning the required measures for the reopening

A Webinar is being prepared in order to present the Diocesan Guide for the restarting of the liturgical and pastoral life in our places of worship. It will take place on 16th June, from 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. (French) and on 17th June, from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (English). If you wish to take part, please write to Father Jean-Chrysostome Zoloshi at the following address: deconfinementmtl@gmail.com. A zoom link will be sent to you in the coming days, which will allow you to have access to the virtual room for the meeting.

3. Celebration of marriages this summer

While judicial activities are restarting in the civil courts, we have received confirmation from the civil authorities that marriages, recognized as a priority service, **can be celebrated in our churches**. We must respect the corresponding legal conditions and rules of social distancing currently in force. If you are accompanying a couple desiring to celebrate their marriage within the following months, (June, July and August), and who are willing to abide by the stated conditions, including a minimal number of participants (**5 persons**: the spouses, the minister, and two witnesses), please contact the Chancery office without delay at the following email : fgiordano@diocesemontreal.org

Thank you for your daily efforts, and let us together pursue the mission entrusted to us by the Lord.



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