



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**Gatineau**

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN SERVICES - March 9, 2021

As of January 11, 2021, the Diocesan Services team has been working from home. You can still reach diocesan services by email or by leaving a telephone message. For any emergency, please dial 819-771-8391, followed by zero.

## Office of the Archbishop

### NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCHES IN THE ORANGE ZONE

Last week, the Quebec government announced its intention to increase to 100 the maximum number of people admitted to places of worship for liturgical celebrations in the Orange Zone. We have learned some new details about the changes to the protocol for places of worship made by the Ministry of Public Health. Here are the instructions to be followed as of March 8, in our diocese.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

### TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF COVID-19



The government of Quebec plans to mark one year since the beginning of the state of emergency brought on by the coronavirus by remembering its many victims. The official hour-long ceremony will take place, starting at noon.

At the end of this ceremony, people are asked to observe a moment of silence. They would like the churches of Quebec to ring their bells following this moment. Specifically, they ask the churches to start ringing at 1:02 p.m., for a duration of three minutes.

They also request that, where possible, parishes prepare an outdoor place where people could go to meditate during the day and leave a rose or a candle. Such a space will be set up at the Calvary of Notre-Dame cemetery in Gatineau, but all of us could prepare something similar in our neighborhoods and villages. This would be a concrete way for our Christian communities to show their solidarity with our neighbourhoods.

## Pastoral services

**Visit our website for the daily news we present to you:**

[Interreligious commemoration for those who died of COVID-19](#)

[Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers of the Faithful During March 2021](#)

[On March 11, commemorate the victims of COVID-19 by lighting stars in their memory](#)

[Patris Corde's "Prayer to St. Joseph" and Saskatchewan artist Gisele Bauche's "Prayer to St. Joseph"](#)

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE LENTEN SEASON: [FREE EBOOK FROM EWTN](#)

WHAT ARE THE PRACTICES OF LENT? [Video with Robert Barron](#)

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### SCOTT HAHN: THE BIBLE AND THE MASS - FREE VIEWING DURING LENT

Scott Hahn's new video series Parousia - The Bible and The Mass is a 10-part series that is being made available for free online viewing during Lent. Each episode is about twenty minutes long. Two episodes will be made available every Wednesday (starting on Ash Wednesday) and can be viewed during a two-week period (see schedule below). [The series is available here.](#)

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### FOUR-SESSION WEBINAR SERIES TITLED NURTURING FRIENDSHIP

The CCCB Office For Evangelization And Catechesis offers a four-session webinar series titled Nurturing Friendship – The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti. The four sessions will be offered from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays: March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, and March 23rd. You are invited to register to participate in the engaging webinar – a perfect way to nurture your faith during the holy season of Lent! For more information, and to register, [click here.](#)

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### WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT ABOUT RETREATS, ACTIVITIES IN FRENCH?

In this English version of the diocesan bulletin we are sharing information which is relevant to our English-speaking parishioners. If you want to find out about retreats and resources, which are available in French only, you might want to also subscribe the French *Infolettre*. [You can sign up here.](#)



## Office of the diocesan bursar

### NOTICE TO THE FABRIQUES: 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Thank you to the parishes that have already sent in their financial statements for the year 2020, as required by the Loi des fabriques. Parishes that have not yet had the opportunity to do so are invited to send in their document within the next few weeks at the latest. This document will be of great importance in assessing the full extent of the impact of the Covid-19 health crisis on the finances of the parishes and the diocese. The form for the presentation of the financial statements for the year 2020 is available in Word, PDF and Excel format on the website of the archdiocese, [forms section](#). Thank you for your collaboration!

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES AND MOVEMENTS



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVITATIONS TO SHARE

This section is for the sharing of announcements/invitations from parishes and movements in the diocese. If you have an activity to share or advertise, please send a note to [Bozica Domitrovic](#) on Friday before the newsletter release.



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