



## Office of the Archbishop

### ANNOUNCING THE PREPARATORY PHASE OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS AND THE QUÉBEC SYNODAL PROCESS

[LETTER FROM MGR PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER](#)

### ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE OF THE AECQ

On the occasion of the Plenary Assembly of the Quebec Bishops, elections were held.

Bishop Christian Rodembourg, St-Hyacinthe, who was finishing his first term as president, was re-elected. Cardinal Cyprien Lacroix, Quebec City, who was finishing a second term as vice-president, was re-elected as an ex officio member, as was Bishop Christian Lépine, Montreal. Bishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau was elected to his first term as Vice President, and Bishop Cyr of Sherbrooke was elected to his first term as a member of the Executive.

The Executive of the Assembly is thus composed of the following bishops:

- Bishop Christian Rodembourg of Saint-Hyacinthe, President
- Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, Vice-President
- Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, ex officio member
- Most Reverend Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal, ex officio member
- Most Reverend Luc Cyr, Archbishop of Sherbrooke, elected member



### A SUCCESS FOR THE 9TH EDITION OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLF OPEN

After a one-year pause due to the pandemic, the annual Archbishop's Golf Open on September 10th was a great success at Kingsway Golf Club. [Read more...](#)

# Pastoral services

## LISTENING TO THE FAITHFUL: VATICAN RELEASES SYNOD PREPARATORY DOCUMENT



The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops issued the preparatory document for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place during the month of October 2023 on the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communication, Participation and Mission". You will find the [preparatory documents on our web site](#).

## HELPING PARENTS PREPARE THEIR CHILDREN FOR THEIR FIRST COMMUNION



A team at the Archdiocese of Montreal has prepared [resources for parents](#) to use to help prepare their children for the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist. Parish teams might want to review these materials to see whether they might be of interest in this coming year. Please note that it would still be important to identify leaders of sacramental preparation to guide parents in this preparation.

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

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

# Office of the diocesan bursar

## COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: SUPPORT FOR THE BISHOPS OF CANADA TO PURSUE THE CHURCH'S PASTORAL MISSION

Though it is difficult to comprehend the full extent of the pandemic on Canadian society, Bishops easily recognize, nevertheless, the common experiences that have touched all regions: communities in lockdown; overwhelmed healthcare providers and institutions; struggling businesses and the mental, emotional and physical toll on families, friends and neighbours.

To support the pastoral mission of the Bishops, the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on September 25 and 26, 2021. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry to accompany, teach, guide, sanctify and care for the Church in Canada. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared [an information kit to assist parishes in promoting this annual collection](#).

## 2022 PARISH BUDGET



The presidents of the parish councils will receive, by the beginning of October, the documents related to the preparation of the parish budget for the year 2022. As announced in the spring of 2020 with the decision to exempt the diocesan contribution during the church closures of the first wave of the pandemic, the calculation of the diocesan contribution for 2022 will be based on the taxable income of 2019. The deadline for submitting your budget will be October 31 as required by the Fabrique Act. Thank you for your cooperation!

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES AND MOVEMENTS

### ***Do you know an isolated elder or would you like to become a volunteer?***



Since 1962, they have been brightening the days of seniors by providing them with a caring and dedicated family for the rest of their life.

In the past year, with the support of 2,917 volunteers, Little Brothers impacted the lives of 2,388 elders.

**Please reach out!**  
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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](mailto:Bozica.Domitrovic) on **Friday before the newsletter release.**



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