



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**Gatineau**

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN SERVICES - May 18, 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.

**Please note that the Diocesan Center will be closed on Monday, May 24, 2021.**

## Office of the Archbishop

### ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP GOLF OPEN



As you all know, this past year has been quite challenging due to the unprecedented pandemic. However, we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccination rates are increasing. In view of this, we are hoping to host our annual Archbishop Golf Open at the Kingsway Golf Club **on September 10, 2021**. With proper measures in place, outdoor golf has continued to be recognized as a sport that can be easily played while practicing social distancing. More details to follow shortly.

**Mark the date in your calendars!**

### MEASURES IN FORCE



Québec Premier François Legault announced that the situation in the Outaouais has improved sufficiently that the emergency measures decreed in the region since April 1 will be revoked as of May 17, 2021. This means that the curfew will be changed from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm, that high schools will be reopened as well as non-essential businesses.

**Please note that places of worship are limited to 25 participants. This maximum number of people also applies to funerals and weddings.**

## Pastoral services

### MONTH OF MARY

Pope Francis encourages everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually. In his letter, he notes that [it is easy also on the internet](#) to find good models of prayers to follow. He offers to prayer suggestions; include one, which is [specific to this time of pandemic](#). [Here is a prayer to Mary](#).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you have a youth group in your parish? Would you like to start one up? A small group of people who are involved in youth ministry in our diocese will be getting together for a virtual meeting to share ideas and information. Please get in touch with [Julie Cool](#) if you would like to join this meeting.

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## Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)

[Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers](#) of the Faithful during May 2021.

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## 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.](#)

# Chancery

## NOMINATIONS

1. Archbishop Durocher has accepted the resignation of Fr. Bernard Cantin, Eudist, as parish priest in solidum of the cathedral parish of Saint Joseph. Fr. Papy Manengo, also parish priest in solidum of this parish, will continue as sole parish priest, effective June 27.
2. Archbishop Durocher has accepted the resignation of Fr. Yves Mayer as parish priest of the parishes of Saint Paul (Aylmer) and Saint Médard (Rapide Deschênes). Fr. Charles Fournier, Marist -- presently administrator of the parish cathedral of Notre-Dame in Ottawa -will replace him as parish priest of both parishes, effective July 25.

# Office of the diocesan bursar

## The 2021 fundraising campaign for our parishes ("la dîme")

### Standing together even 2 metres apart!



On the same theme as last year, the 2021 fundraising campaign for our parishes ("la dîme") is currently taking place in the 53 parishes of our Diocesan Church. As in previous years, the Archdiocese continues to collaborate with the parishes by offering promotional tools and advertisements in the media. In addition, parishes can count on *Les Jardins du Souvenir* corporation partnership to support them in distributing their solicitation letter. The campaign runs throughout the spring and there will be a reminder in the fall. In the coming weeks, a video message from Archbishop Paul-André Durocher will also be published on the archdiocese's web platforms (website, Facebook). To make a donation to one or the other parishes, it is possible to do so via the online donation platform on the website of the Archdiocese of Gatineau.

Your donation allows your parish to continue its mission. Thank you!

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## Communication tools for the 2021 fundraising campaign ("la dîme") now available

Parishes that have ordered promotional tools for the 2021 fundraising campaign ("**la dîme**") can drop by the Diocesan Center to pick up their materials. If your parish has not placed an order, please contact us and we will see what we can offer you with the surplus. You can contact Bozica Domitrovic at 819-771-8391- ext 308 or Sophie Lamirande by e-mail at [lamirandes@diocesegatineau.org](mailto:lamirandes@diocesegatineau.org).

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## EXEMPTION FROM THE DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

During its regular meeting on April 19, the Diocesan Council for Economic Affairs decided to grant parishes an exemption of 1/50 of their 2021 diocesan contributions for each Sunday of the period from January 10 to February 21, 2021. The credit for the seven Sundays when the churches had been closed at the request of the government for sanitary measures will be granted with the invoice of the diocesan contribution for the second quarter of 2021. If parishes have decided to extend the closure of their church after February 21, the exemption does not apply for additional Sundays. Parishes that have questions or particular difficulties for their finances are invited to contact the diocese to discuss them. This is the second time in a year that the diocese has granted such exemption due to the health crisis. The objective is to help each parish face the decrease in revenue from regular collections. Thank you!

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES AND MOVEMENTS

### FOR SALE

**St-Médard parish** has for sale an upright piano, work desks, tables, chairs, office filing cabinets. For more information, contact the parish office: 819 684-6760

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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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