

Communiqué 5

"Lord, you who make all things new, when you send your spirit, give us the audacity to dare ambitious projects and patience in the planning." Give us the courage and strength to do Church differently. Give us the grace to listen to the breath of your Word.

The Diocesan Commission invites us to come up with a plan to transform our Christian communities into a true place of Evangelization. The working hypothesis proposed by the Diocesan Commission entails: 2 parishes made up of 3 worship centers: l'Annonciation in Oka, Saint-Benoit, and Saint-Eustache; 3 teaching venues (Saint-Benoit, Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, Saint-Esprit), 2 offices and 2 mission teams. This hypothesis is attached to the Communiqué.

Msgr Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, archbishop of Québec has written on this topic:

"The renewal of our parishes, of our Christian communities will not occur because of techniques or magic recipes; it will occur as a result of the Baptised who are captivated by Christ; who decide to live together the great adventure of Christian life in all its beauty. That is they will not only disciples who follow Christ, but missionary-disciples, burning with an intense inner flame to teach about, love and serve Jesus Christ.

Since the arrival of the first missionaries and Evangelists on the continent, the Church in Québec has had an important missionary side, but we no longer seem to know how to live the mission today.

We are well aware that we can no longer just sit there waiting for people to come to church; but we can't seem to find the way to approach our brothers and sisters to teach them the Good News of Jesus Christ and to invite them to live in community.

I believe deeply that together our parishes can become communities of missionary-disciples.! Let us come together, under the breath of the Holy Spirit, and let us let ourselves be guided by the great protagonist of evangelisation. He will show us "how" this will become reality" (1)

With this in mind, we strongly invite you to participate in the public meeting, to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017, following Mass, to allow you to express your point of view and to seek, together, new ways to do Church, to be Church differently. Sign up on the sheets at the main entrance of the church.

- (1) Commentary of Cardinal Gérard Cyprien Lacroix, archbishop of Québec; "Tous disciples-missionnaires" by Jean-Phillip Auger, ed Novalis; Coll. Défis d'aujourd'hui; 2017; 332p