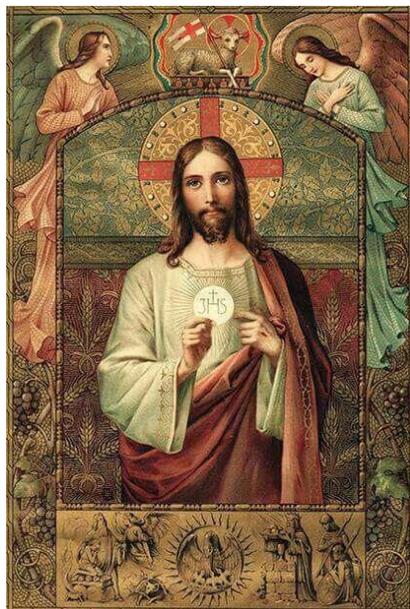




ARCHBISHOP'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

June 12, 2020

Pastoral Year Theme: Christ Is Everything for Us



“I am the living bread come down from heaven” (John 6.58)

Coadjutor Archbishop's Arrival

Archbishop Marcel Dampousse will arrive in Ottawa on Sunday evening. He will make the Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Office on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the Residence in Ottawa. As a member of the CCCB's Permanent Council, he will take part in sessions at the CCCB Offices here on Wednesday and Thursday. He will give the homily for the Mass of the Sacred Heart as part of the Day for the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 19.

Congratulations, Archbishop Gervais

Best wishes to His Grace, Archbishop of Ottawa from 1989-2007 on the 40th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on June 11, 1980. Please pray for him as he has been hospitalized this week at the Ottawa Heart Institute.

Ad multos annos!

Reopening of Our Churches

As you know, the Premier of Ontario has indicated we are entering Phase Two of the re-opening of the economy and return to permitted activities. One of these allows for use of churches—up to 30% of the building's capacity—on condition of strict adherence to the social distancing and other measures needed to assure safety and health precautions are observed.

With this message, I am attaching the Guidelines the Dioceses of Ontario have presented to the civic and health authorities with the conditions we have committed ourselves to observing to resume acts of worship in the coming days. The attached set of directives from Madame Le Dorze in Human Resources spells out the challenge.

Though it is permitted to begin on June 12, I caution you to begin slowly, as the new measures will take some time for us to adapt to them.

Please do not—DO NOT—resume the celebration of Mass in your parish unless you can assure that the conditions spelled out will be met. Pastors themselves are responsible for seeing that the norms are followed.

It might be advisable this weekend, to begin by opening for personal prayer and perhaps one Mass or more, if volunteers are available and trained. Some Ontario dioceses are beginning LORD'S DAY Masses on the weekend of June 21, with the first celebrations of Mass starting in mid-week.

Please pace yourselves and keep everyone safe; let's rejoice in these new opportunities but not overextend ourselves.

God bless you and all our people.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and Annual Day for the Sanctification of Priests

I am proposing that we celebrate this occasion this year along the following lines: choose a time for some sustained personal prayer on Friday morning, June 19 between 8 and 11AM.

At 11 AM, tune in to a pre-recorded bilingual Mass at which I will preside and Archbishop Dampousse will be the homilist. Invite your parishioners to tune in as well (it will be posted on our websites and on YouTube). Pray that we may all be the priests that Christ desires us to be in this time and place.

Afterwards, celebrate your call to be a holy priest guiding your people to holiness of life with a festive lunch.

Pastoral Internship

Seminarian Michael El-Nachef will serve his Pastoral Internship at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Cornwall under the supervision of Father Kevin Maloney (September 2020—August 2021).

Bishop Desrochers' Schedule

- June 13-15: travel to and meetings in Pembroke
- Tuesday, June 16, 9-10:00 am: Meeting of the Episcopal Council via Zoom
- Tuesday, June 16: 10:15 Ceremony of Profession of Faith and Oath of Office of Coadjutor Archbishop Marcel Damphousse (Archbishop's Residence)
- Wednesday, June 10, 3:00 pm: Prerecording of Mass for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"
- Friday, June 19: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Day for the Sanctification of Priests.

Coadjutor Archbishop Damphousse's Schedule

- Tuesday, June 16, 9-10:00 am: Meeting of the Episcopal Council via Zoom
- Tuesday, June 16: 10:15 Ceremony of his Profession of Faith and Oath of Office as Coadjutor Archbishop (Archbishop's Residence)
- Wednesday, June 17 pm and Thursday, June 18 am: Sessions of the Permanent Council of the CCCB
- Friday, June 19: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Day for the Sanctification of Priests.

My Schedule

- Friday, June 12-15: Personal Retreat
- Tuesday, June 16, 9-10:00 am: Meeting of the Episcopal Council via Zoom
- Tuesday, June 16: 10:15 Ceremony of Profession of Faith and Oath of Office of Coadjutor Archbishop Marcel Damphousse (Archbishop's Residence)
- Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 pm: Prerecording of Mass for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"
- Friday, June 19: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Day for the Sanctification of Priests.

Please pray for us bishops as we do for you.

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