

Montreal, April 5th, 2021

2021 Annual Campaign: "On a mission: Growing. Stronger. Together."

On Easter morning, the Church community reawakens, invigorated by the new life that the Holy Spirit breathes into it. Grace flowing from the Risen Christ impels us to respond, to act. We embrace our baptismal promises with renewed strength and vigour. We are asked, therefore, to be generous and to contribute to the cause of proclaiming God's love.

This year's Annual Campaign — "**On a mission:** "**Growing. Stronger. Together.**" — will begin on April 5. The Catholic Church in Montreal is in need of your support to continue its mission and to do so together: to be witnesses to God's Love, to journey toward Jesus Christ — becoming ever more fully the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ and sons and daughters of the Father — lovingly serving individuals, families and all of humanity.

We are celebrating a second Easter under the shadow of the pandemic. As the uncertainty that grips our world stretches into the months ahead, God's people continue to need accompaniment, support and a reminder of Christ's presence, now more than ever.

We are called upon to live in solidarity with one another at all times. Let us use the gift of the Easter season to express that solidarity through concrete gestures of giving and prayer, and let us be proactive in finding innovative ways to share love.

Let us make this an Easter of solidarity, an Easter of sharing, an Easter of hope. May Jesus Christ guide us and make us instruments of this solidarity, of this sharing and of this hope.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity! "Growing. Stronger. Together."

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