

COVID-19: The Catholic Church of Quebec mobilizes Lent, Holy Week and Easter celebrated differently this year Quebec, March 19, 2020 –

On this feast of Saint Joseph, the Catholic Church of Quebec presented at a press conference a significant redeployment of its activities, particularly on the web with the Crown of Life operation. The Catholic community is mobilizing to continue its mission and inspire courage and serenity during this unprecedented crisis, despite the cancellation of all its public gatherings. Bishop Marc Pelchat, auxiliary bishop in Quebec responsible for the archdiocese during the absence of Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, announced by decree that the offices of Holy Week and the Easter Mass would not be celebrated publicly, in solidarity with all Quebecers who are redoubling their efforts to fight the spread of Covid-19.

The Bishop asks believers to prepare for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ with "a spirit of prayer renewed by new means and according to new habits" and to "implement an inventive charity, the heart always being greatly open to our more vulnerable and isolated brothers and sisters. Speaking for the first time since his bariatric surgery in January 2020 (his convalescence will continue for a few more weeks), the Archbishop of Quebec, Cardinal Lacroix, made a point of saying through a video that certainly, "The measures announced are upsetting us.

We have a great opportunity to show our solidarity with our most fragile brothers and sisters ". He strongly underlines the exemplary work of persons involved in sensitive tasks, in particular the care of the sick. He invites us to pray with trust and says he is convinced that "fraternity and solidarity will help us through these unprecedented times of upheaval".