

ARCHEVÊCHÉ DE MONTRÉAL

• ENGLISH PASTORAL SERVICES •

November 11, 2008

Dear Father,

In October, Cardinal Jean Claude Turcotte invited all parishes in our diocese to participate in the evaluation process on the **Diocesan Faith Education** project for all ages, entitled "Proposing Jesus Christ Today".

A questionnaire has been made available on the diocesan website for pastors, PCLs, wardens, pastoral team members, catechists and parents of children in catechism programs, to answer and give their comments and suggestions regarding this diocesan project.

Also, Public Audiences for presentation of Briefs (written reflections) will be held on Tuesday, December 9th from 1-5 p.m. and Wednesday, December 10th from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall.

We ask that you invite members of your parish to attend and give their feedback on Faith Education of children and adults and how these projects are affecting your faith community.

Preparation and Registration for this Public Audience:

People/groups wishing to present a written or verbal reflection must contact the Office for English Pastoral Services by December 4th in order to schedule a "time slot" for their presentation.

Please contact either Elizabeth Koessler at ekoessler@diocesemontreal.org, or 514-925-4315, or Diane Bellizzi at dbellizzi@diocesemontreal.org, phone 514-931-7311, ext. 296. Your Brief should be forwarded in advance to the attention of Msgr. Sean Harty, E.V.

To assist you in developing your Brief, the following question may be used to inspire your written/ verbal reflections:

Within the current context, what factors have proven successful for faith education of children and people of all ages?

N.B. Each presentation (written or verbal) must clearly indicate the:

- ▶ Name of Parish
- ▶ Name of Individual/Group submitting the Brief (and contact number)

Public Audience – Process and Presentation of Briefs

People (individuals or groups) will be allotted ten minutes for presenting a summary of their reflection. Following this presentation, a 10-20 minute exchange between the panel and those presenting their Brief will be held.

We invite you to pass this invitation on to your parish members so that together, we can voice our thoughts, opinions and progress on the Mission of our Church to date. We look forward to meeting with you and listening to your comments on this diocesan project.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Sean Harty, E.V.
Director

Elizabeth Koessler
Assistant to the Director

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Vade Mecum (“Go With Me”) Guidelines for Public Audiences

Preparation of the Public Audiences:

- Individuals/groups presenting a Brief (written or verbal reflection) are asked to contact the Office for English Pastoral Services, Msgr. Sean Harty, Episcopal Vicar
- If possible, your text should be received by Thursday, December 4th the latest.

What is a Brief?

A Brief is a text which reflects the process and experiences on faith education for children and people of all ages in your parish community. It describes:

- Concerns, Setbacks, lived realities
- Best practices over the past five years
- Expectations and recommendations for the future

The following question may help focus you in your written/verbal reflection for submission to the Public Audience:

“Within the current context, what factors have proven successful for faith education of children and people of all ages?”

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- ▶ Following this presentation, a 10-20 minute exchange between the panel and presenter(s) of a Brief.

Dates for Public Audiences:

**Tuesday, December 9th
AND Wednesday, December 10th**

Registration for presentation of Brief in English-speaking Sector:

**Msgr. Sean Harty, E.V. (oepe@diocesemontreal.org) or 931-7311 ext 296
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