

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FABRIQUE

The purpose of this exercise is to check your knowledge concerning some aspects of the administration of a Fabrique.

#### Look out for tricky questions

Quiz



## **ANSWERS**

	Questions	TRUE	FALSE	Comments
1	The "raison d'être" of a Fabrique, all that it owns and the goods it administers are for the sole purpose of the Roman Catholic religion.			Act Respecting Fabriques, art. 13
2	Only a catholic of 18 years old and over residing in the parish and practicing his religion is eligible for the position of churchwarden.		x	Not "practicing", art. 1 j
3	A Fabrique is always made up of seven members: the chairperson of the Fabrique meeting and 6 elected churchwardens.		x	Pastor is a member; 7 or 8 if lay chairperson, art. 14
4	Decisions made during Fabrique meetings always have the force of law.		X	Art. 26 vs art. 18, Bishop approval
5	In the case of a tie vote, the chairperson of the Fabrique meeting has the casting-vote.		X	No casting-vote for nobody, art. 45
6	In the absence of the chairperson, the churchwardens may appoint a replacement and hold a valid and legal meeting.		X	Nomination by the Bishop, art. 45
7	In the case of an emergency, the churchwardens may be convened orally for an immediate meeting.	X		Art 43, but only to discus that subject
8	A churchwarden remains in office even if the Fabrique signs a contract with his or her spouse.		X	Conflict of interest, art. 39 and 46
9	A churchwarden may have to resign if he is too often absent from meetings.	x		Regulations of the Fabrique #2, art. 4.5; Handbook 31.400
10	When the time comes to prepare the budget, it is mandatory for the members of the Fabrique to meet with the mandated pastoral team.		x	BUT preferable
11	It is for the Fabrique to decide on the working conditions of the support staff.	Х		Handbook 23.100 and 23.400

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12	Pastoral agents are routinely called to "leave the parish" for regional meetings, a retreat or an annual training sessions, etc.	X		
13	Any parishioner has a right to attend a meeting of the Fabrique.		X	Invitation only. Minutes are public
14	Anyone who pays for a marriage or a funeral is entitled to an Income tax receipt.		x	Except mass and donation, Handbook 32.100
15	Any major expenditure already included in the annual proposed budget may be incurred by the Fabrique without the approval of the Bishop.		x	Bishop must approuve real costs; Handbook 43.100
16	To be legally recognised, every contract (ex. purchases, repairs, rentings, lease renewals) must be approved by the Fabrique meetings	x		But Bishop approval needed, art. 26
17	The Bishop pre-authorizes the rental of premises on the condition of using a standard lease of the diocese.	x		Handbook 36.200
18	Any sale of property, or any alienation of an object having a patrimonial, historical or artistic value, must be first authorized by the Bishop.	x		Art. 26; Handbook 43.200
19	The Fabrique may reorganise the interior of its place of worship (painting, moving furniture, etc.) in concertation with the Pastoral team and the diocesan Sacred Art committee.			Handbook 36.200 and 36.300 and Sacred art committee
20	Any financing committee, for a single event or for normal operations, must be delegated by and handover to the Fabrique all the proceeds of its campaign.			
21	There are only two occasions for the parishioners to intervene directly: for the election of churchwardens and for contracting a loan.	X		Art. 35, art. 27-28, other matters can be discuss by an Information meeting
22	The "Fabrique Act" is a law voted by the all the Bishops of Quebec.		x	Civil act, provincial law
23	The Handbook for the administration of Fabriques is now available on the Web site of the Diocese.		х	Not wet but soon

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## **ANSWERS**

# SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIOCESE...

	rest calling upon your knowledge or intuition ark your answer with an ✓. In your opinion:	9	Notes
1.	The diocese was founded in:  ☐ 1903 ☐ 1920 ☐ 1933 ☐ 1950	3	A
2.	The founding Bishop was:  ☐ Mgr Gérard-Marie Coderre ☐ Mgr Lionel Gendron ☐ Mgr Jacques Berthelet ☐ Mgr Claude Hamelin		Mgr Coderre: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mgr Hubert: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mgr Berthelet: 4 <sup>th</sup> Mgr Gendron: 5 <sup>th</sup> Mgr Hamelin 6 <sup>th</sup>
3.	The present population of the diocese is about:  ☐ 529 322 ☐ 574 927 ☐ 615 548 ☐ 682 982 ☐ 751 796 ☒ 821 324		Québec Institute of statistics 2021 574 927 catholics = 70% 3 <sup>rd</sup> diocese in Quebec by population
4.	Number of parishes in the diocese is:		Including Kahnawake Mission. 92 parishes in 2000
5.	Number of places of worship in the diocese is:  ☐ 46 ☐ 54 ☐ 59 ☐ 92		Parishes with several churches; + 35 cemeteries
6.	The parishes are grouped into how many Regions:  2 4 6 8		3 geographic. English speaking region whole diocese
7.	Number of "incardinated" priests in service in the diocese is:  14		+10 non-incardinated; +10 religious; total 34 priests for 46 parishes and 59 churchs
8.	Number of <u>lay</u> pastoral workers:  a) in <u>parishes</u> is:		

	Notes
9. In <u>parishes</u> , the medium time of work of a lay pastoral agent is:  ☐ 4.0 d/week ☐ 3.5 d/week ☐ 3.0 d/week ☐ 2.5 d/week  The <u>medium</u> salary pays is:  ☐ \$ 42 500 ☐ \$ 34 700 \$ ☒ \$ 29 750 ☐ \$ 25 800	Only 39% full time. \$ 42 500 if full time
10. There are <b>28</b> persons working at the Diocesan Centre; out of this figure:  a) □ 16 □ 22 □ 25 □ 28 are lay employees. b) □ 16 □ 22 □ 25 □ 28 are full time.	79% 57%
11. The Bishop's residence is:  ☐ at the Diocesan Centre ☐ at a private home ☐ at a Convent ☐ at a rectory	St. Mary
12. This year, the Diocese wishes to emphasize:  Co-responsibility Vulnerable people Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples The Word of God The synodal approach	
13. The "Fondation Mgr Gérard-Marie Coderre" principaly serves for:  ☐ fund-raising for the Diocese ☐ supporting future priests ☐ formation of lay pastoral agents ☐ diocesan religious information	
14. The phone numbers for contacting diocesan services are:	Diocese Total Acces Fax