

So that's it!

Listening, working, seeing everything that has been said or done, especially the focal points for the future that we have drawn up together for our diocese,

COMMUNICATIONS, REMAINING CLOSE TO THE WEAKEST and THE WORD OF GOD

All this has brought to mind the famous saying "Do not be afraid" of St. John Paul II during the Mass of enthronement of his pontificate on October 22, 1978.

This message still resounds today: **Don't be afraid!** Do not be afraid to be witnesses, prophets, artisans, missionaries, bearers of the message of the Gospel. Do not be afraid of daring... of being Church differently. The mission is demanding and exciting.

I want to thank all the pastoral agents and priests of our diocese. I am also including the volunteers and the Fabrique wardens.

What we are going through at the moment is not easy. This crisis reveals our fragilities and our richness.

Yes, it is not easy to do things differently. It's not natural; I know how much it has cost us...what has been asked of us since the beginning of the pandemic in terms of efforts and adaptation to think outside the box (masses, catechesis, sacraments, offices, meetings). Yet, we have done so. *"To get out of our own comfort zone," Pope Francis tells us, "and to have the courage to reach all the peripheries that need the light of the Gospel."* (EG 20).

I want to thank the Leadership Team, Michel Boutot, Pascale L'Hébreux, Lynn Pouliot and to all the pastoral teams that participated in to the organization of this day.

Thank you and have a good year. Do not be afraid!

Let's allow ourselves to be carried away by the breath of the Spirit in joy and hope!

Bye!