

**Journée pastorale — *differently***  
Thursday, October 8, 2020

**Participation sheet**

**Part 1 (vidéo)**

Word of welcome - Father Jean Roudy Denois  
Vicar General

Introduction to the day and theme song: Francine Vincent

Theme song part 1: Francine Vincent and Michel Boutot

Lyrics: Georges GOUDET Music: Marie-Louise VALENTIN

QUE LE VENT NOUS EMPORTE  
QUE LE VENT NOUS ENVOIE  
AMIS OUVRONS LA PORTE  
SOYONS SEMEURS DE JOIE

À notre tour, prenons la route  
D'un quotidien à transformer  
C'est un regard, c'est une écoute  
Deux petits pas qu'il faut oser.

À notre tour, soyons porteurs  
D'une Parole à partager  
Et par nos voix, vers chaque cœur  
Des mots de paix seront semés

Meditation text : Francine Vincent

Theme song part 2: Francine Vincent and Michel Boutot

QUE LE VENT NOUS EMPORTE  
QUE LE VENT NOUS ENVOIE  
AMIS OUVRONS LA PORTE  
SOYONS SEMEURS DE JOIE

À notre tour, soyons lumières  
Lorsque s'en vient l'obscurité  
Face aux jours gris, aux longs hivers  
C'est le trésor de l'amitié.

À notre tour, soyons disciples  
Ne craignons pas de l'annoncer  
À tous les hommes, à tous les peuples  
Christ est vivant, Ressuscité !

Introduction to testimonials: Francine Vincent

Testimony 1: Mgr Hamelin

Testimony 2: P. Jean Roudy Denois

Break

## **Part 2 (video)**

Synthesis of syntheses:           Monsieur Yvon Métras  
                                                  Secrétaire général

## **Part 3 (video)**

Poles, dreams and challenges: Mgr Claude Hamelin  
                                                  Évêque Diocésain Saint-Jean-Longueuil

Team discussions:

After viewing video part 2, take some time to discuss the following questions:

- What are your first reactions after having read the “synthesis of syntheses”, the words of the bishop, Mgr Claude, and the presentation of the three poles of action in connection with “Dare to be close ... differently!”?
- From what you have heard, what actions do you envisage? Which actions do you want to prioritize?
- To carry out your projects, do you have specific needs? (human resources, training, etc.)

## **PART 4: TIME FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER (text)**

### **Introduction to the celebration (Animator)**

We are gathered in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

It is together that we begin this new pastoral year, under the guidance of the Spirit, the One who is always at work, as we heard earlier in our various life stories.

Our God, who is a God of relationships, asks us to dare to meet, to dare and to get close to one another, in fraternity and in a new way. May his Spirit dwell in us and guide us in our mission.

Let us first listen to a moving encounter between Mary and Elizabeth. It took place a very long time ago, but this encounter speaks to us today.

### **Word of God (Reader 1)**

The Visitation - Luke 1, 39-45

***39** In those days Mary set out and went with haste into the mountainous region, into a city of Judea.*

***40** She entered into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

***41** Now when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped within her. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,*

***42** and cried with a loud voice, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*

***43** From where is it given to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

***44** For when your words of greeting came to my ears, the child in me shuddered with joy.*

***45** Blessed is she who believed that the words which were spoken to her from the Lord would be fulfilled."*

**(Soft music playing)**

### **Reflection (Reader 2)**

It is for Elizabeth that Mary is there. Mary came to see the miracle that God did for Elizabeth and in return, Elizabeth perceives the miracle of God for Mary.

These two women are drawn to each other to witness their joy.

In our moments of doubt, in our moments of despondency, when the future seems blocked, we are invited to look back, to remember God's fidelity that overthrows the powerful. To remember the past in order to reopen the future.

This memory is an anchor for faith, it nourishes perseverance and trust. It is at the heart of Christian life; it is the foundation of hope. Like Mary, we are invited to set out on a *different* path...

Mary sets out in haste, as if set in motion by the breath of the Spirit. And as it is written, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit comes into our lives without warning. And this encounter changes things.

The Spirit is accompanied by the great breath of the beginnings, the intoxication of the departures towards one cannot foresee where... This experience of Spirit is different from the routine of daily life. This experience of the Spirit differs from the routine of daily life, yet it is essential to the Christian life that is woven from day to day. The encounter with the Spirit is a summit experience. **It allows one to find one's way through the meanders of ordinary life where the fraternity dreamed of by Jesus is built.**

This experience of the Spirit bears much fruit. The fruits of life in the Spirit are positive effects that improve human relationships. Saint Paul speaks of love, joy, peace, and patience... This atmosphere of fraternity is a new language where, sooner or later, it requires witnessing, in word and deed. The Spirit is then our defender *par excellence*. He has many strings to his bow. His action is sometimes impalpable, sometimes powerful, disturbing and disruptive. This variety of effects can explain our difficulties in understanding its existence, its presence and its action in our lives.

Let us be aware of what we ask when we sing: "May the wind carry us away; may the wind send us...". "Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is God-who disturbs, God-who takes the place!

(Soft music)

**Blessing and symbolic** (Animator)

May the God who made himself close bless you!  
Dare to be close, with all your creativity, under the breath of the Holy Spirit!

**Sending** (animator)

May the Father, source of life, inspire in each one of you a passion for the proclamation of the Good News. **R/ Amen.**  
May Jesus open the way and teach us to be creative. **R/ Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit make us recognize that we are all called in a different and particular way. **R/ Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **R. We give thanks to God.**

**Song: May the wind blow us away! (traduction)**

May the wind blow us away  
May the wind send us  
Friends open the door  
Let us be sowers of joy

1. In our turn, let's hit the road  
From a daily life to be transformed  
It's a look, it's a listen  
Two small steps that you must dare to take
2. In our turn, let us be carriers  
A Word to Share  
And by our voices, to every heart  
Words of peace will be sown
3. It's our turn, let's be lights  
When darkness comes  
Facing grey days, long winters  
It is the treasure of friendship.
6. In our turn, let us be disciples  
Don't be afraid to announce it  
To all men, to all peoples  
Christ is alive, risen!

**PART 5: LAST WORD (Video)**

**Father Jean Roudy Denois, vicaire général**