



# Infobox



## 1- World Mission Sunday

On this Sunday we are invited to pray for the Missions and to support them materially. In the message that he published for this occasion, Pope Francis writes : *“Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born “to go forth”. World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. A celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. A celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sent to evangelize the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts”*.

## 2- Beatification of Pope Paul VI

On this Sunday, Pope Francis is proceeding to the Beatification of Pope Paul VI who thus becomes Blessed. We are reminded of the importance of this great Pontiff (1963-1978) : he presided over the Ecumenical Council Vatican II (1962-1965) and promulgated it’s documents from it. He wrote many Encyclicals: on the Church (1964), the Eucharist (1965), the Development of Peoples (1967), the Celibacy of the Priest (1967), Human Life (1968). Also attributed to him are Apostolic Exhortations on Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary (1974), Evangelization (1975), Christian Joy (1975). Blessed Paul VI guided the Church during a period of great change.

### 3- Synod on the Family

Today the Extraordinary Synod on Life and the Family concludes in Rome. The Bishops, in the company of experts and married couples, studied the present situation concerning the family by seeking to grasp more deeply the Lord's view in respect to it in such a way as to accompany the family pastorally in the challenges that it encounters. This Synod prepares for the Ordinary Synod on the same theme that will take place in 2015.

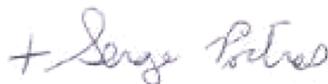
### 4- Prayer for Vocations

For the moment, as you know, our Diocese has no seminarian preparing for ordination to the priesthood. This situation is very concerning. The Lord recalled that the first thing to do for vocations is to ask the Master to send labourers into his harvest (Mt 9: 38). He therefore invites us to intensify our prayer for this intention.

To this end, I will preside over a bilingual hour of Eucharistic adoration for vocations on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard. During this hour of prayer, the two diocesan Directors of Vocations will give a testimony, Father Simon Drapeau for the Francophone sector and Father John Lemire, for the Anglophone sector.

This prayer time will be followed by a fraternal sharing in the parish hall. It would be important that each parish in the southern region delegate representatives for this hour of prayer.

In February, a similar celebration will take place at the Cathedral for the northern part of the Diocese.



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