



## MEMO

**Date:** 8 June 2020

**To:** Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

**Re:** Archdiocesan Pilgrimage at Notre Dame de Lourdes Shrine, Girouxville

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, and the protocols that have been established for dealing with the spread of this virus, I have made the decision to cancel the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage at the Shrine in Girouxville, planned for the weekend of August 14-16, 2020.

Several months ago the decision had been made to establish the annual pilgrimage at this shrine as an archdiocesan event. A planning committee was put in place representing clergy and parishioners from around the archdiocese. I am grateful for the work that was done in preparation for this year's pilgrimage. I regret that those arrangements are now annulled until 2021.

I pray that by this time next year, we will anticipate an uplifting and inspiring event focused on Our Blessed Mother and her place in our life as missionary disciples.

Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.  
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