



# Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

Archdiocese of  
Grouard-McLennan

Meeting Notables  
September 25, 2021

## Pastoral Plan 2020—2025

The APC is responsible for developing the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 and then monitoring the implementation of the actions and strategies. Pastoral Councils and Deanery Councils are asked to make the Pastoral Plan a standing item on their meeting agenda.

At this meeting, we:

- heard from Archbishop Pettipas about several events and initiatives, in the Archdiocese and Canada, that directly impact Indigenous Ministry. This includes a public apology from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to all Indigenous Peoples who experienced harm from Indian Residential Schools issued on September 24, 2021.
- were updated on the progress being made to improve communication in the Archdiocese, with regular social media posts and the introduction of our own magazine, *Northern Light*.

## Things to share...

- The Archbishop's Dinner 2021 will be on Friday, November 5, 2021. It will be a virtual gathering again this year. The Archbishop will be back in the kitchen, preparing a meal for himself and a guest; there will be another edition of the well-received online auction; and, everyone joining in for the livestreamed event will have a chance to find out "How Well Do You Know Your Bishop?"
- Pope Francis and the Synod of Bishops will gather in 2023 to consider input from the universal Church on the question: "How is our 'walking together' in synodality realized today in the Church?" The Diocesan Phase for listening to and praying with each other will go from October 17, 2021—April 30, 2022. Everyone in our parishes and Catholic groups can expect to be given the opportunity to participate!

## WHAT WE DO

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body for the benefit of the Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan. It is made up of representatives of the clergy, Religious and laity of the Archdiocese.

## Our Members

**Deaneries 1—5:** The Dean and 2 lay representatives from each deanery

**Committees:** 1 representative and 1 alternate from:

- Finance - Communications
- Youth - Faith Formation
- Indigenous Pastoral
- Vocations -Liturgy

**Schools:** 1 representative from

- HFCRD - GPCSD

**Religious Sisters:** 1 representative

**CWL:** 1 rep and 1 alternate

**Knight of Columbus:** 1 rep and 1 alt

**Cursillo Board:** 1 representative

**Catholic Family Services:** 1 rep

**Archbishop's Designate(s)**