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**NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
FOR THE CANADIAN RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE**

Montreal, August 12, 2019 - The Administrative Council of the Canadian Religious Conference is delighted to announce the appointment of Fr. Alain Ambeault, CSV, as new Executive Director for a three-year term.

Originally from Lachute in the Lower Laurentians in Quebec, Fr. Ambeault took his vows with the Clerics of St. Viator in 1980 and was ordained a priest in 1986.

In addition to his studies at the Faculty of Theology at the Université de Montréal, he carried out a first ministry dedicated to parish pastoral and facilitation work with Christian communities, notably that of Saint-Stanislas-de-Kostka (Quebec) as parish priest.

From 1993 to 2006, he assumed the duties of Provincial Councillor, Assistant and Provincial Superior (1998–2006). Subsequently and until 2012, he became General Councillor, Vicar of his congregation and finally Superior General of the Clerics of St. Viator.

Fr. Ambeault is not unknown to the CRC, having served on the Administrative Council as Councillor from 2002 to 2004, and as President from 2004 to 2006.

Passionate about the mission of consecrated life in the world and in the Church, he believes deeply in the relevance and prophetic value of consecrated life. He is determined to help Canadian congregational leaders deal with the current reality and especially to raise a word that fuels the hope of those who are on the roads for the missions of consecrated persons.

**About CRC**

The Canadian Religious Conference is a network that brings together the leaders of 240 Catholic congregations of women and men religious in Canada. The CRC's mission is to encourage its members to live fully their vocation in following Christ and to support them in their prophetic witness to justice and peace in a Canadian context.

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