

**CANADIAN RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY POSTPONED**

Montreal, March 25, 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic, which affects the entire world and does not spare Canada, has prompted health and political authorities to impose strict measures across the country. Thus, any gathering is prohibited and, above all, it is impossible to predict when the return to normal life will occur. **As a result, the Administrative Council (AC) of the Canadian Religious Conference (CRC) decided to postpone the General Assembly scheduled from May 28-31, 2020, to a later date.** It is currently impossible to determine when it will take place.

At this time, a large number of people have registered for this event. The organizing committee has taken a very interesting approach to make this biennial event a high point of meeting and exchange and to identify future prospects for the CRC. The AC regrets this postponement, but it remains confident in the approach proposed by the organizing committee to make the General Assembly a success on the dates that will eventually be announced.

At a time where so many people are affected by COVID-19 both in terms of health and economic issues, this decision is a gesture of solidarity and prudence.

The members of the CRC remain united in their faith and support by the prayer all those who care for the well-being of others.

About CRC

The CRC is an association that brings together the leaders of 250 Catholic congregations of women and men religious in Canada. Its mission is to encourage its members in living fully their vocation of following Christ and to support them in their prophetic testimony of justice and peace in society and the Church.

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