

Longueuil, March 11, 2021

As we remember those who have passed away, often in circumstances of unspeakable sadness, from COVID-19 ;

At a time when we highlight the work of all those who, sometimes at the risk of their lives, have been essential to support, help, care and feed our population;

At a time when the hope of overcoming this pandemic is on the horizon through the generosity and social conscience of researchers around the world;

The Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil wishes to express its solidarity and respect for all those who are participating in this public health struggle and who are seeking to relieve human suffering. At the same time, **we strongly reject** any form of discourse that would question the necessity or morality of vaccination, which we consider to be an act of charity inspired by the Gospel commandment: love your neighbor.

We will highlight this sad pandemic in various ways today. May the spiritual support we can offer be part of our contribution to society.

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