Press release
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Montreal, March 13, 2020 - Following the recent developments surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the directives issued by the Government of Quebec on March 12, 2020, La Fabrique de la paroisse Notre-Dame de Montréal has taken the decision to implement exceptional measures in order to participate in the collective effort to limit the spread of an unprecedented virus.

With regard for the health and safety of all its employees and visitors, the Notre-Dame Basilica will be suspending all of its activities from now on and until further notice, including liturgical, pastoral and tourism activities, as well as the presentation of the AURA experience. Only the Notre-Dame-du-Sacre-Cœur chapel (accessible via the 426, Saint-Sulpice street) will remain open for the 12:15 Masses from Monday to Friday and certain previously scheduled religious ceremonies, and will welcome a maximum of 25 people at a time.

Ticket holders for the canceled AURA performances will be able to exchange their tickets for a later performance in 2020. Those who purchased their ticket on the Ticketpro platform will be contacted directly by Ticketpro. Those who bought their ticket on site at the Notre-Dame Basilica will be directed to the ticket office located at 424, rue Saint-Sulpice, from March 16 to 27, 2020.

The activities of the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges cemetery are maintained. However, the number of family members authorized to enter simultaneously into an office to make funeral arrangements will be limited to 2, and the number of persons authorized to enter simultaneously into a mausoleum or the Notre-Dame-de-la-Résurrection chapel for a funeral will be limited to 25. Additional hygiene measures will also be put in place.

La Fabrique de la paroisse Notre-Dame de Montréal aims, through the implementation of these measures, to do its duty by helping to contain the spread of the virus and accelerate the return to normal, and hopes for the understanding and collaboration of the public during this critical period.

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