



Ottawa – A delegation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) will be in Rome from 3-14 December 2018 for the annual visit of its Presidency with a number of dicasteries of the Holy See. The Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and CCCC President will lead the delegation which also includes The Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCC Vice President, and Monsignor Frank Leo, Jr., CCCC General Secretary. A highlight of the visit will be a private audience with Pope Francis on 6 December.

During the visit, the delegation will meet with numerous dicasteries (administrative departments) of the Holy See including the Secretariat of State, the Congregation for Bishops, the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Congregation for the Clergy, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Apostolic Signatura, the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the Pontifical Council for the Promoting of the New Evangelization, and the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Likewise, the CCCC delegation will meet with representatives of the Centre for Child Protection, *Caritas Internationalis*, as well as the *Délégation du Québec* in Rome.

The annual visit of the CCCC Presidency is an opportunity to share with the Holy Father and his collaborators information about the work of the Bishops of Canada and significant developments in the life of the Church. The delegation will discuss the principal activities of the CCCC concerning questions of faith and doctrine, culture, ethical and moral issues, social justice, ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, consecrated life, and catechesis and evangelization.