

# Sessions and workshops

## pastoral year 2013 – 2014

« WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF JESUS CHRIST »

« *Exploring the word of God* »

Diocese of Edmundston

### Launching of Pastoral year 2013-2014

**Theme:** Just like Jesus, I often study the Word of God

**Objectives:**

- Reflect on and deepen the understanding of our pastoral priority: *Walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ* and this year's theme: *Just like Jesus, I often study the Word of God*.
- Motivate ourselves and share our ideas so as to live, in our pastoral units, the pastoral priority and theme for this year.
- Inspire and motivate all persons engaged in pastoral ministry to carry out the "vision" of our Diocesan Church and the recommendations of the 2011 Pastoral Orientation Congress.

**For whom?**

All priests, members of Pastoral Animation Teams (PAT), and 5 other persons engaged in pastoral work in each pastoral unit.

**Resource person:**

Bishop Claude Champagne, o.m.i., Bishop of Edmundston

**Date and place:**

Thursday, September 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in Perth-Andover

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### Session on Homily and Commentaries during Sunday celebrations of the word

**Theme:** How to impart the Word of God today

**Content:**

Many pastoral interventions are required for a homily. How is this done? What is to be said? What is the difference between a sermon and a homily? How to take into account today's experience? How to prepare oneself? That we are new or experienced in the matter, the challenge is always there as is the need to constantly try to be faithful to the power of the Word of God.

This session aims to help participants reflect on the content of the homily (the Word of God), to structure the message so as to touch the lives of the people.

This session is also a practical one. Therefore it is required that each participant come with a prepared text, ready to be delivered.

**For whom?**

All priests and pastoral agents and/or persons preparing to lead the Sunday celebration of the Word.

**Resource person:**

Father Eugene King, o.m.i.

**Date and Place:**

Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Saint Mary of the Angels, Perth- Andover.

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**Social Ministry**

**Theme:** The faces of poverty in our milieu, how to discover them, continue to take effective actions towards them and where to find our motivations.

**Objectives:**

- Discover persons and groups living with problems in our milieu
- See what is already being done
- Determine actions and means to be taken
- Motivate ourselves to take action

**For whom?**

- For members of the Justice and Solidarity committees in the pastoral units
- All persons already engaged in social justice and those who would like to involve in this ministry
- Members of the Pastoral Animation Team (PAT)
- Those who worry of the progression of poverty around us
- Persons in financial difficulty

**Resource person:**

To be determined

**Date and place:**

Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Saint Thomas Aquinas, Plaster Rock



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