

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS
AT HUBERDEAU CALVARY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022, STARTING AT 10:30 AM**

Huberdeau, July 7, 2022 – The members of the Huberdeau Calvary Committee are pleased to invite you to the traditional annual outdoor mass which will take place this year on **Sunday, August 7, starting at 10:30 a.m.** After two years without being able to celebrate this important annual mass, the public is invited to come in large numbers to this magnificent heritage site with five stations of the Passion of Christ. This year, the mass, which will begin at 11:00 a.m., will be presided over by **Bishop Pierre Morissette**, Bishop Emeritus of Saint-Jérôme, who will honor us with his presence. At 10:30 a.m., our parish priest, **Bishop André Daoust**, will begin the meeting with the pilgrims by stopping at each of the stations of the Way of the Cross in the forest, ending with a stop at the last five stations located on a mountain offering an impressive view of the surroundings.

A large delegation from the Council 2377 of the Knights of Colomb de Saint-Jovite whose Grand Knight is Huberdeau resident Benoît Gratton, and from the Curé-Labelle Assembly 1022 will be present for this special celebration which will be enhanced by a guard of honor under the leadership of the faithful Commander-in-Chief of the Curé-Labelle Assembly, the lord Knight Stéphane Breton.

Religious Heritage in Complete Restoration

In 2021, the *Ministry of Culture and Communications*, under its agreement with the *Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec*, granted financial assistance for the complete restoration of the 27 statues of the Calvary, which are in a sorry state. « *The government's financial assistance is conditional on the contribution of our non-profit organization. We are appealing to the generosity of the public and pilgrims to raise funds to ensure both the ongoing maintenance of the site and the restoration of the sculptural works in progress* » said Ms. Andrée Thibodeau, Treasurer. Official receipts will be issued upon request for all donations of \$20 or more: all donations are welcome after two years during which no fundraising activities could be organized as usual.

Following a call for tenders that allowed the Calvary Committee to analyze three proposals, the restoration was entrusted to Mr. Pierre Yves Angers, a well-known sculptor and restorer of works of art from Quebec, who undertook this imposing work. Coming from Brébeuf, the artist will be on site to discuss the restoration techniques for these sculptures. On this Sunday, August 7, we will then have the pleasure of officially inaugurating the installation of three statues that are part of the first restored station. This station is the Xth one, where Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

Near the Red River, this unique site in the Laurentian region is home to larger than life cast iron statues made at the beginning of the last century by the *Union artistique internationale de Vaucouleurs* in France, true works of Quebec's religious heritage.

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