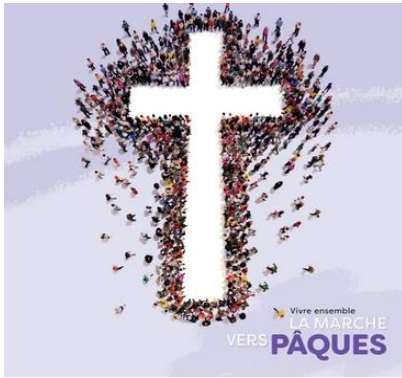


## Lenten project 2023 for our diocese



Each year, during the season of Lent, Vie liturgique proposes liturgical arrangements to accompany Christian communities in their Easter journey. The theme suggested for this Lent is Living together the walk towards Easter. We note the very close link between this theme and the synodal process in which the Church is currently engaged (process of listening, dialogue and community discernment).

At the level of our diocese, we believe that it is good to revisit some of the pastoral priorities that were identified during the diocesan synodal phase and to redeploy them in light of the Gospel readings of the Sundays of Lent. Thus, from week to week, during this Lent, we propose to walk together while being attentive to families, to the elderly, to young people, to hospitality.

**On the first Sunday of Lent**, we will be called to walk together with young families (with a special focus on families from elsewhere). The Gospel of the Temptations of Jesus will serve as a backdrop to help us look at the different temptations we face today.

**On the second Sunday of Lent**, we will welcome the invitation to walk together with our elders. The Gospel of the transfiguration will help us discover how the light that emanates from Jesus can bring out the beauty of the faces of our elders. It may also be an opportunity to discover the Gospel calls that come from the sometimes disfigured faces of our elders (because of loneliness, rejection, lack of love...).

**In the third week of Lent**, we will walk with young people, often thirsty for the Word, like the Samaritan woman.

**On the fourth Sunday of Lent**, we will revisit the theme of welcome. A synodal conversation will be proposed, to be lived in the light of the Gospel of the healing of the blind man.

**On the fifth and final Sunday of Lent**, we will be invited to live it out with Development and Peace.

Please accept the proposals as such. They are not binding. They are not programs to be carried out. Their purpose is above all to remind us of the pastoral priorities that we have set for ourselves and to make our Easter ascent a privileged moment to relearn how to become disciples and missionaries.