

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
Metropolitan Election 2020
Request for profile Information Form

The names of all Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Canada will be on the ballot. Each Bishop is asked to provide the following **profile information and a photo** to be distributed to all eligible synod delegates.

1. Basic Information

- a. **Mary Catherine Irwin-Gibson**
- b. **Diocese of Montreal**

2. Ordinations:

- a. Date of ordination as a Deacon: **June 7, 1981**
- b. Date of ordination as a Priest: **May 16, 1982**
- c. Date of ordination as a Bishop: **September 29, 2015**

3. A short statement (about 100 words) their episcopal ministry.

Called to the ministry of oversight in this part of God's vineyard, I love the challenge and privilege of helping to grow the church for its current and future mission. I have a heart for strategic leadership and financial planning with a view to revitalizing church organizations and nurturing discipleship in all Christians. In my public role in the Diocese of Montreal, I value communication and relationship building and seek to use social media platforms to advocate for and to highlight the mission of the church in the 21st century and to invite greater participation and engagement. With my years of experience in parish ministry and working with gifted team members, I bring gifts of wisdom and faith as I exercise the roles of Pastor, Strategist, Practitioner, Manager and Policy-Maker.

4. A short statement (about 100 words) outlining their view on the mission and vision for the Province of Canada.

My vision for The Province of Canada is of a coalition of dioceses, members and bishops which seek to support and encourage one another by sharing the strengths that each Diocese has in ministry. I see this mainly by the use of internet resources, Zoom meetings or other, Facebook Live presentations; targeted and strategic use of our financial resources to build up the ministry in a particular areas such as the discernment of candidates for Ordination and governance issues that may arise from time to time. The Bishops, in partnership with one another and in consultation with the leaders of their dioceses help identify where resources can be shared or which are needed or desirable to pursue the ministries we have in common and which can be strengthened by shared efforts.

5. Photo

