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To the reverend clergy, monastics, laity, and parishioners of our Archdiocese of Canada.

My dearly beloved in Christ,

21 months ago, we were asked to alter our way of life in order to flatten the curve.

Throughout these months we have been obliged to adapt our way of life socially in order to follow the sanitary rules.

Our church life and worship has not been spared, with God’s help we have adapted to the best of our ability to struggle to bring back a sense of normality to our worship.

Our Archdiocesan Assembly was canceled, and we hopefully will assemble in two years.

As a consolation, the Archdiocesan Council in its meeting last month proposed to organize a virtual “assembly” to allow us an opportunity to focus on our needs and experience during this troubled time.

I am happy to give my blessing for this meeting and encourage all our beloved clergy and faithful to join in this moment of fellowship and sharing.

As we are approaching the Nativity Fast, I pray You all may experience spiritual peace and growth by His divine Grace.

In Christ,



*+ Ab. Irénée*

+Abp IRÉNÉE  
Archevêque d’Ottawa et du Canada (ÉOA)  
Archbishop of Ottawa and Canada (OCA)





**BETWEEN ASSEMBLIES:**  
**ZOOM CONFERENCE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA (OCA)**

**DATE: Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
**at 1-3 pm (EST), 10-12 am (PST), 8-10 pm (Greek Time)**

**PASTORAL CARE AND PANDEMIC**

**REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/3kvRn0p>**

**Program:**

- 1. Opening Prayer and Introduction**
- 2. “Orthodox Church and Pandemic”**  
Rev Fr. Vasileios Thermos (Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Theologian)  
(30 minutes)
- 3. “Mental Health of Youth During the Pandemic”**  
Dr. Lila Amirali (Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist) (20 minutes)
- 4. “Archdiocese of Canada: Achievements and Challenges”**  
Prof. Dr. John Hadjinicolaou (20 minutes)
- 5. Round Table Discussion**  
His Eminence Archbishop Irénée, speakers, participants, and the Archdiocesan Council (1 hour)
- 6. Closing Prayer**



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