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Dear friends of the CFEB,

Warm greetings to you all from the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique! We hope that you are keeping well and safe as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impede our lives in so many ways. We are pleased to be able to send you this mailing, which includes two issues of *Les Nouvelles* from the École Biblique, as well as an invitation for you to support the work of the Canadian Friends. Despite the pandemic, the work of the CFEB goes on!

**News from Jerusalem:** *Nouvelles de Jérusalem*, the newsletter of the École Biblique, is published twice a year in a bilingual, full-colour format. You will find the Spring and Fall, 2020, issues enclosed with this mailing. If you would prefer to receive *Nouvelles de Jérusalem* electronically, please contact Tim Hegedus at [cfef.aceb@gmail.com](mailto:cfef.aceb@gmail.com).

For more information about the ÉcoleBiblique, you are welcome to visit their website at <http://www.ebaf.edu/en/>. It is updated frequently with articles of interest, events, lectures and videos.

### **CFEB News:**

Despite the pandemic, the Board of the CFEB was able to meet three times this year, with the last two meetings occurring online via Zoom.

Our president, Dr Michael Higgins, in July began a two-year term as Interim President and Vice-Chancellor of Corpus Christi College and St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C.. Previously he served as Vice-President for Mission and Catholic Identity and more recently as Distinguished Professor of Catholic Thought at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

### **Publishing News:**

CFEB Board members have a number of publications in the works. Michael Higgins' book on Cardinal Newman and the laity will be published next year. Marie de Lovinfosse has completed a book entitled *Naître et devenir. La vie conversante de Jésus selon Matthieu*, which will be published by Éditions du Cerf in the spring of 2021.

Peter Warrian is a member of the Economics Working Group of the Vatican, which provided knowledgeable counsel for Pope Francis' encyclical on human fraternity to be published on October 3. The working group itself will release a document, *Work as Care and Care as Work*, on October 10.

Eileen Schuller and Hervé Tremblay are members of the Catholic-Jewish dialogue in Canada, which has published a booklet on the Psalms.

### **CFEB Website:**

Don't forget to check the Canadian Friends' website in English at <https://www.cfebweb.ca> and in French at <https://www.acebweb.ca>. The website is updated regularly and is a good place to catch up on our work.

**Our Scholarships:** Four scholarships were awarded earlier this year. The scholarship winners are Joseph Atkinson, Alicia Batten, Michael Johnson and Isabelle Lemelin. In addition to a regular scholarship, Isabelle Lemelin also received the first scholarship in memory of former CFEB president Father Guy Couturier, CSC. Unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, some of our scholarship winners have had to defer their work and study at the École Biblique, but they hope to be able to take up their scholarships there some time in 2021.

Currently, there are no in-person classes at the École, but on-line courses are being provided. As well, Israel is not yet issuing visas to foreign students. Therefore, the Canadian Friends' Board has decided to suspend applications for new scholarships pending resolution of the Covid-19 situation. However, it is important for Canadian students and researchers to know that our scholarship program is continuing, but is indefinitely delayed by COVID restrictions in Israel. We will move ahead with the next round of scholarship applications as soon as possible.

If you know of any students and researchers who might be interested in applying for a scholarship for the École in 2021 or 2022, please ask them to contact Tim Hegedus at [cfeb.aceb@gmail.com](mailto:cfeb.aceb@gmail.com) so that he can update them regarding resumption of the scholarship program.

Meanwhile, we will continue our financial support for the library and other aspects of the important work of the École.

### **Your Support**

We are thankful to all who contribute to the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique. When our scholarship program resumes, please remember that in addition to our regular scholarships, we now offer two named scholarships – one in honour of **Father Philippe LeBlanc**, a Dominican priest who was a founding member and long-time Vice President of the CFEB, and the other in honour of **Father Guy Couturier**, CSC, founder of *Les Anciens Amis de l'École Biblique* in Montreal and a founding member of the CFEB, which he served as president from 2000-2009.

If you wish to contribute to either scholarship, the procedure is the same as making a regular contribution – but please add the name of the scholarship to which you wish to contribute.

Funds donated to the CFEB also provide funding for the École library and IT upgrades as well as other projects of the École Biblique.

### **How you may contribute:**

You may fill in the enclosed donation form and send us a cheque by mail. Or:

Our website, <https://www.cfebweb.ca> (in English) and <https://www.acebweb.ca> (in French) offers you a way that you can donate to the Canadian Friends online.

**Our website has a direct link to CanadaHelps**, a non-profit organization that assists a broad range of charities across Canada to make it easy for people to donate via the web.

Simply click on the CanadaHelps link on the Home Page. You can also click on the heading 'To Make a Donation' on the Home page to get directly to the Donations page of our website, and then go directly to CanadaHelps online.

With appreciation and best wishes,

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