

## **Welcome Words for His Grace, Jean-Claude Hollerich**

On behalf of the parishioners of the English-speaking community, I would like to welcome you, your Grace, to this celebration of the Feast of the Holy Trinity which is also the day that twenty-six young men and women of our parish will come forward to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since your first day as our Archbishop, you have emphasized the importance of the presence and participation of youth in the Church of Luxembourg, including those from the different linguistic communities. Last year, you visited the European School to answer the questions of students who follow the Catholic religion program there. In January, two of our youth left with fourteen other young people from Luxembourg on pilgrimage with you to Rome. Just a few weeks ago, these Confirmation candidates were privileged to have been invited by you to your home for a prayer service, a question and answer session and dinner - including sushi! - where you invited them to think about joining you on a trip to Asia next year. And in July, you will once again be leaving with youth from Luxembourg – 300 of them! - for the World Youth Days in Rio de Janeiro. As a representative of the parents, the teachers, the catechists and all members of this community, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the way you respect, reach-out and listen to these young people who have so much to offer. They are our future! Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to you for the encouragement you have offered to our parish during this period of great transition and integration.