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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S SCHEDULE FOR
THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

During the Christmas period, the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will preside or participate in the following liturgies and events:

Diaconal Ordination

Sunday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. – Ordination to the transitional diaconate of Tavis Goski, Holy Redeemer church (44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata).

Christmas season celebrations

Sunday, December 20, 2:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert followed by the Archbishop's Reception for the men, women and children of the Archdiocese and general public in the Cathedral Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa).

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass with Kateri Native Ministry, St. Elizabeth Church (1303 Leaside Avenue, Ottawa).

Thursday, December 24, 11:30 p.m. – Christmas carols followed by a bilingual Midnight Mass, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa).

Sunday, December 27, 11:30 a.m. – Mass At Sheng Chen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish with Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples

Sunday, December 27, 5:00 p.m. – Mass for Feast of the Holy Family, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa).

Thursday, December 31, 5:00 p.m. – Mass with Archbishop Christian Lepine, Mary Queen of the World Basilica (1085 Cathedral Street, Montreal).

Sunday, January 3, 7:30 p.m. – Mass for Solemnity of the Epiphany, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa).

Masses with religious congregations

Thursday, December 25, 10 a.m. – Mass in French with the Sisters of Charity at the Mother House. Ottawa's first bishop, Bishop Eugène-Bruno Guigues, began this tradition in our local Church in the mid-19th century and the Archbishop continues this Christmas Day celebration.

The Archbishop's Christmas message is attached to this press release.

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