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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST NAMED APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR  
OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL DIOCESE**

Pope Francis today named Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall.

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, which borders the Ottawa Archdiocese, became vacant following the installation of Most Reverend Marcel Dampousse as bishop of the Diocese of Sault Sainte Marie. Archbishop Prendergast will meet the priests who make up the College of Consultors of the Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese shortly to explore with them the way in which he can serve with them at this time.

“It’s an honour to serve the clergy, religious and faithful of another local church, respecting the unique characteristics of that church,” said Archbishop Prendergast about his appointment. “The coming months will be a time of challenge,” he added, “as together we reflect on the needs of Alexandria-Cornwall, its pastoral plan for evangelization and renewal and how the future might unfold. I thank the Holy Father for the privilege of serving in this way. I ask all in Ottawa and Alexandria-Cornwall to pray for me—to pray for us—in the days ahead”.

The Alexandria-Cornwall diocese consists of 26 parishes and missions for a population of 55 675 Catholics served by 26 priests, 1 religious priest, 25 religious men and women and 17 permanent deacons.

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