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**SCHEDULES OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST AND
BISHOP RIESBECK DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

During Holy Week – the most solemn week of the Catholic Church’s calendar – the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, and his Auxiliary, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC will preside or participate in the following public liturgies and events:

Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck - Notre Dame Cathedral (385 Sussex Drive)

Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck will participate in the local **World Youth Day Event** with youth from the archdiocese (reflection, pilgrimage walk to Elisabeth-Bruyère Hospital, Divine Mercy Chaplet, entrance through the Door of Mercy of Notre Dame Cathedral and Mass).

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual **Chrism Mass** and consecrate the sacred chrism. The oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick are also blessed at this Mass. Representatives from each parish will receive the Holy Oils for their parish at the end of the celebration.

Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside and give a closing reflection at **Tenebrae** – an ancient service of readings, psalms and prayers. A male-voice chorus anchored by the men of the Cathedral choirs will sing the Tenebrae texts.

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Elisabeth-Bruyère Hospital

The Archbishop will preside at the **Eucharist in Memory of the Lord’s Supper**.

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the ***Eucharist in Memory of the Lord's Supper*** (bilingual) – a celebration which commemorates the actions of Jesus Christ the evening before his Passion and death in Jerusalem. It is considered to be the event of the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrament by which Christ gives himself to us in His body and in His blood.

Friday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Leaving from Saint Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent Street)

The Archbishop will lead a public ***Way of the Cross through the downtown streets of Ottawa***, arriving at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica at approximately 12:00 noon. The Way of the Cross commemorates the journey of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem (*Via Dolorosa*) on the Friday of his Passion and death. This event is organized by Communion & Liberation.

Friday, March 25, 3:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*** which commemorates the events surrounding the death of Jesus Christ on the Hill of Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Friday, March 25, 3:00 p.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – Saint-Jacques Parish (1041, rue Notre-Dame, Embrun)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside, in French, at the ***Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*** which commemorates the events surrounding the death of Jesus Christ on the Hill of Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Easter Vigil***.

Sunday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the ***Mass of the Lord's Resurrection***, in French.

Sunday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Basil's Parish (940 Rex Avenue, Ottawa)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the ***Mass of the Lord's Resurrection***, in English.

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