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**DEACON TAVIS GOSKI TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016 AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL**

The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will preside at the ordination of Deacon Tavis Goski to the priesthood at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2016.

Tavis Goski was born in Ottawa, Ontario. He is the youngest of three children. Growing up, he played competitive hockey and classical guitar. He graduated from St. Patrick's Catholic High School and did his first post-secondary degree at the University of Ottawa, graduating with a B.A. majoring in English literature and minoring in philosophy. Through his encounter with Catholic Christian Outreach, a Catholic group on university campuses across Canada, he discovered the profound beauty of the Catholic faith and soon started to hear the call of the Lord to the priesthood.

After completing his undergraduate degree, he applied and was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Ottawa in 2011. Tavis was part of the first class to do the spiritual year program at St. Augustine's seminary, which is a program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

In September of 2014, Tavis was assigned as a parish intern to Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata for the duration of one year under the supervision of Fr. Pierre Champoux, the current Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. On December 20, 2015 he was ordained to the transitional diaconate.

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