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

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S EASTER MESSAGE

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

Sunday, March 25, 10:30 am – Bishop Riesbeck – Holy Korean Martyrs Parish (254 Argyle Avenue)

Bishop Riesbeck will preside at the ***Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass***.

Sunday, March 25, 5:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

Archbishop Prendergast will preside at the bilingual ***Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass*** for a local diocesan World Youth Day (WYD) celebration. This year's theme is: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30)

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – 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 28, 7:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside and give a 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 29, 7:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Eucharist in Memory of the Lord's Supper*** - 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 30, 8:30 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Saint Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent Street)

The Archbishop will preside at **Morning Prayer**.

Friday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – 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 30, 3:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

Archbishop Prendergast 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.

Saturday, March 31, 8:00 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual **Easter Vigil** which is the most solemn liturgy of the Church's year. The liturgy commences by a rite of the blessing of the new fire.

Saturday, March 31, 8:00 p.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Albertus Pfarrgemeinde (416 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the **Easter Vigil** (in German and English), which is the most solemn liturgy of the Church's year. The liturgy commences by a rite of the blessing of the new fire.

Sunday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Paroisse Sainte-Thérèse de Lisieux, (1304, Lisieux Street, Cornwall)

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

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 am. – Archbishop Prendergast – Blessed Sacrament Parish (321 Tollgate Road, Cornwall)

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

Sunday, April 1, 12:00 p.m. - Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

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

The Archbishop's Easter Message is attached to this document.

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