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**STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST ON THE DEATH
OF JEAN-CLAUDE CARDINAL TURCOTTE**

The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, on learning of the death of Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Montreal, provided the following personal reflection:

“My personal memories of Cardinal Turcotte are very positive. He always encouraged me from the time of my nomination as a bishop – we were from the same city and my family lived a little to the north of where he grew up. The Sulpicians from Andre Grasset College, where he had studied, used to help out with pastoral ministry at our parish. His Eminence attended the inauguration of my pastoral ministry in Ottawa, which took place on his birthday, June 26 in 2007. His Christmas cards always had a brief personal message of encouragement to me.

As Archbishop of Montreal, the Cardinal sat ex officio on the CCCB’s Permanent Council and I was elected to serve on it on two separate occasions. Whenever there was a discussion of a circumstance or question that had a history, Cardinal Turcotte would recall why and how decisions had been taken and the advice he then proffered was uniformly wise and constructive. May the Lord grant him a merciful judgment and the crown of life to cap his life of devoted service.”

Please note that Archbishop Prendergast is participating in formation sessions outside of the City of Ottawa and, therefore, is not available for media interviews.

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