
**MEDIA ADVISORY
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**ENGAGEMENTS OF ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST AND AUXILIARY BISHOP RIESBECK
FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2015**

On Wednesday, May 13 and on Thursday, May 14, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, and his Auxiliary Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC will celebrate or participate in the following activities for the March for Life:

Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – St. Brigid’s Centre for the Arts (310 St. Patrick Street)

*The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) will be filming a **pro-life roundtable** with a live audience of 500 people with hosts Jim and Joy Pinto from the television programme *At Home with Jim and Joy*. Admission is free. Archbishop Prendergast will be among the distinguished panelists as well as Deborah Gyapong (*Canadian Catholic News*), Brian Lilley (Journalist), Alex Schadenberg (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition), and Dr. Tim Lau (Geriatric Psychiatrist) among others.*

Wednesday, May 13, 9 p.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – The Canadian Tribute to Human Rights monument (120 Lisgar St. at Elgin)

Bishop Riesbeck will speak during Campaign Life Coalition’s **Candlelight Vigil** the night before the March for Life.

Thursday, May 14, 10 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck will concelebrate with other bishops, including the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi; Archbishop Christian Lepine of Montreal; and Rimouski Archbishop-elect Denis Grondin, representing Quebec City Cardinal Gerald Cyprien Lacroix, a bilingual **pro-life Mass**; the homilist will be Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse, Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall.

Other pro-life Masses in the Ottawa region at 10 a.m. on Thursday include:

- In English: Saint Patrick's Basilica, 281 Nepean at Kent Street, Ottawa
Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto. Homilist: Bishop Ronald Fabbro CSB, Diocese of London.
- In French: Saint-Joseph Cathedral, 245, St. Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau (Hull sector)
Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archdiocese of Gatineau
- In English: St. Theresa's parish, 95 Somerset Street West, Ottawa.
Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Frederick Colli, Diocese of Thunder Bay.

The following prayer services are also scheduled at 10 a.m.:

- Lutheran Worship Service, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Street, Ottawa
Organized by Lutherans For Life
- Celebrating the Gift of Life: From Conception to Natural Death; A Service of Encouragement through The Word and Prayer, organized by Anglicans for Life Canada
St. Peter & St. Paul Anglican Church, 152 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa
- Reformed Christian Prayer Service, First Baptist Church – 140 Laurier Avenue West, (at Elgin Street), Ottawa: This prayer service is by Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church of Ottawa and ARPA Canada. Led by Pastor Holtvlüwer of Tintern Church

Thursday, May 14, 12 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Parliament Hill (Wellington Street, Ottawa). At 12 noon, **the national March for Life** will begin gathering on Parliament Hill. Speeches will be made by pro-life Members of Parliament, by religious leaders, including bishops, and by Jim Hughes – national President of Campaign Life Coalition. The speeches will be accompanied by uplifting music by pro-life musicians. At 1:30 pm, the March will take place through downtown Ottawa.

Thursday, May 14, 4 p.m. – Parliament Hill (Wellington Street, Ottawa): Archbishop Prendergast will attend **the Greco-Catholic Ukrainian Catholic prayer service** on Parliament Hill.

Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck will attend **the Rose Dinner and the Youth Banquet**, taking place simultaneously at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre (Hampton Inn), 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa. These prestigious dinners feature some of the premiere pro-life speakers in the world and always inspire attendees.

For further information about these events, please contact Matthew Wojciechowski, Campaign Life Coalition by phone: 416-204-9749, ext. 239 or by email: matthew@campaignlifecoalition.com, or visit their website: <http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/>.

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