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**ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY  
WITH VANDALIZED SYNAGOGUE CONGREGATION**

***The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, upon learning of the vandalism at a local synagogue, expressed his solidarity with the members of the congregation.***

In a letter to Emeritus Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Archbishop Prendergast wrote:  
*'The news of the vandalism at your synagogue overnight has shocked and appalled me and our Roman Catholic Community, your neighbours, associates and friends. In their name I offer you, Rabbi Scher and all your congregants our solidarity in condemning this action and others like it which trouble the hearts of all people of good will.*

*This type of hateful action has no place in our city and country, which strives to respect the dignity owed to every human being made in the divine image and likeness.*

*May our support and the assurance of our prayers for you at this difficult moment be balm and solace to you and all who have been hurt by this act of vandalism.'*

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