
MEDIA ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ENGAGEMENTS OF ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST AND AUXILIARY BISHOP RIESBECK FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

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 11, 7:30 p.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Theresa’s parish (95 Somerset Street West)

Bishop Riesbeck, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, will preside and be the homilist at a **pro-life Mass** (in English).

Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

Archbishop Prendergast will concelebrate a bilingual **pro-life Mass** with other bishops, including Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto and Archbishop Christian Lepine of Montreal. The homilist will be Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Theresa’s parish (95 Somerset Street West)

Bishop Riesbeck, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, will preside at a **pro-life Mass** (in English) and Bishop John Pzak, Eparchial Bishop for the Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite in Canada, will be the homilist.

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 and Homilist: Archbishop Brendan O’Brien, Archdiocese of Kingston.
- In French: Saint-Joseph Cathedral, 245, St. Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau (Hull sector)
Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archdiocese of Gatineau

Thursday, May 12, 12 p.m. – Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Riesbeck – Parliament Hill

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 12, 4 p.m. – Parliament Hill (Wellington Street, Ottawa): Bishop Riesbeck will be the homilist at the **Greco-Catholic Ukrainian Catholic Prayer Service** on Parliament Hill.

Thursday, May 12, 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.

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