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DIOCESAN FEAST
JUNE 9TH 2016

All Catholics from across the archdiocese are invited to join in the Diocesan Feast, which will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 7:30 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.

This celebration is held in June to commemorate both the foundation of the Diocese of Bytown on June 25, 1847 and its promotion to the rank of archdiocese on June 8, 1886. In light of this being the Year of Mercy, we will also celebrate all the various works, corporal and spiritual, by which our parishes are a reflection of God's mercy.

Pastors have been asked to send two to four parish representatives to the Cathedral for the diocesan feast who are involved in a corporal or spiritual work of mercy in the parish, such as visiting or praying for the sick, helping with funeral liturgies, catechesis, or helping with a foodbank or other outreach group to poor or less fortunate. They will represent the parish by bringing to the Archbishop a card which illustrates how the parish is involved in various works of mercy. These cards will be placed on display for the rest of the year close to our Door of Mercy in the Cathedral so that visitors and pilgrims may see the works of mercy being performed in our parish communities.

The celebration will end with the send-off for the pilgrims from our archdiocese who will attend World Youth Days in Krakow, Poland in July.

The Archdiocese of Ottawa is home to more than 394,500 Roman Catholics and serves more than 100 parishes.

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