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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST TO PRESIDE  
AT A MULTILINGUAL MASS  
ON SUNDAY JANUARY 14**

*The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa will preside at the annual Homelands Mass on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa. All are welcome to attend.*

As a result of Archbishop Plourde's influence, the Mass grew over the years and began to take place at Notre Dame Cathedral under Archbishop Gervais. "I am privileged to continue this tradition of celebrating Mass in several different languages each year, in addition to French, English, and traditional Latin," said Archbishop Terrence Prendergast.

The Gospel will be read in Swahili. The first and second readings will be read in Tagalog and Lebanese, and the prayers of the faithful will be read in Hungarian, Karen, Korean, Polish, English and French. Members of the Portuguese community will participate in the offertory procession.

More than 750 members of the national parishes of the Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa have been invited to join in the procession which will feature a display of traditional dress. National flags will be displayed over the balconies of the cathedral and will remain in full view throughout the celebration.

A reception with international dishes will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

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