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**DIOCESAN FEAST
JUNE 14th, 2018**

All Catholics from across the archdiocese are invited to join in the Diocesan Feast, which will be held on Thursday, June 14th 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. This year, the celebration will acknowledge the fact that Mother Élisabeth Bruyère has recently been declared Venerable by Pope Francis. Also, two papal decorations, the *Benemerenti* Medal, will be awarded to two people from our diocese.

The celebration will begin at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa. The representatives of our parishes will first visit the Oratory to pray at the tomb of Mother Bruyère and deposit a votive candle or flowers. They will then gather with the Archbishop in the chapel for a moment of prayer. The Sisters, members of the clergy and the representative families will then walk in procession to the Cathedral for the Eucharistic Celebration.

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