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**Ottawa-Cornwall's New Archbishop
Will Ordain a Newly Consecrated Transitional Deacon
to the Priesthood in the New Year**

On October 4, 2020, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., ordained two permanent deacons—Michel Goyette and Claude Vachon—as well as one transitional deacon—Diego Rebeles—in Notre Dame Cathedral.

In 2021, Deacon Rebeles will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Marcel Damphousse, the new episcopal leader of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall.



Deacon Diego Rebeles was born in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 18, 1983. He is the firstborn of his family. He has a brother and a sister. He grew up in a Catholic family with a particular devotion to the Mother and Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. After having discerned religious life with the Benedictines and the Congregation of Holy Cross, he fulfilled the call to follow Christ in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. He is fluent in four languages: English, French, Italian, and Spanish. He studied philosophy in Rome and New York and finished his theological studies in Montreal and Ottawa. He completed his pastoral internship at the Paroisse Saint-Joseph d'Orléans, where he was recently appointed as the deacon.



Michel Goyette was born in Montréal on March 16, 1949. He received a classical education at Collège André-Grasset and graduated from Université de Montréal. He moved to Ottawa in 1981, where he worked for two years in sports. He met his wife Yvonne through his interest in sports; they married on August 1, 1987, in Saint-Denis parish in Montréal. They have attended Sainte-Marie parish in Orléans since 1990. In addition to his work as a translator and reviser, as well as running his own translation business, Michel devotes a considerable portion of his time to volunteer activities, such as leadership roles at Richelieu International, on Pastoral Committees, the committee of wedding anniversary celebrations at Notre Dame Cathedral, sacramental preparation at Sainte-Marie parish, the evaluation team for interns at the parish, liturgical coordinator of the 9AM Sunday Mass and at funerals, the Knights of Columbus, and the Scout Movement.



Claude Vachon was born in Ottawa on August 21, 1947. He attended Rockland High School and the University of Ottawa, where he earned a B.A. with specialization in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in School Administration. He earned Industrial Arts Certification at the University of Toronto and went to Teacher's College at the University of Ottawa. He married Isabelle Delorme of Plantagenet in 1969. He taught for 32 years in elementary and high schools for the Ottawa Board of Education and the French Public Schools of Eastern Ontario. He serves his parish of Très-Sainte-Trinité. He has three daughters, two sons, and four grandchildren.

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