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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST TO PRESIDE AT A COLOURFUL, MULTILINGUAL
MASS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013**

It is with great joy that the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa will preside at the Homelands Mass on Sunday January 27, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa. All are welcome to attend.

A few short months ago, Pope Benedict XVI canonized the first North American woman aboriginal saint. Many celebrations were held in Rome and elsewhere. During the Homelands Mass, we the Catholics of Ottawa will thank the Lord for the canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

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 costumes and flags.

“I am honoured to celebrate Ottawa’s and Canada’s multiculturalism and the universal nature of the Church,” said Archbishop Prendergast.

“I look forward to welcoming members of our ethnic and national communities, including the Austrian, Burundian, Chinese, Congolese, Cree, Dominican, Salvadorian, Filipino, German, Guatemalan, Haitian, Iraqi, Irish, Karen, Lebanese, Lithuanian, Malagasy, Slovak, Korean, Sri Lankan, Swiss, Syrian, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, from our parishes in Ottawa,” added Archbishop Prendergast.

Mass will be celebrated using prayers and reading in some 10 languages. A reception with international dishes will follow in the parish hall.

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