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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK
AND EASTER (THURSDAY, MARCH 28 TO SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013)**

During Holy Week – the most solemn week of the Catholic Church's Calendar – the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, will preside or participate in the following public liturgies and events:

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

Eucharist in Memory of the Lord's Supper is a celebration which commemorates the actions of Jesus Christ the evening before his passion and death in Jerusalem. It is considered to be the event of the institution of the Eucharist which is the Church's most solemn form of prayer.

Friday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. – Leaving from St. Patrick's Basilica (281 Nepean Street)

The Archbishop will lead a public ***Way of the Cross through the downtown streets of Ottawa***, arriving at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica at approximately 12:00 noon. The Way of the Cross commemorates the journey of Jesus Christ through the streets of Jerusalem (*Via Dolorosa*) on the Friday of his passion and death. This event is organized by Communion & Liberation. Media contact: Andre Potworowski: (613) 746-9600, andre@potwor.com.

Friday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the ***Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*** which commemorates the events surrounding the death of Jesus Christ on the Hill of Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Saturday, March 30, 8:30 p.m. – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the ***Easter Vigil*** which is the most solemn liturgy of the Church's year. The liturgy commences by a rite of the blessing of the new fire.

Sunday, March 31, 12:00 noon – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the ***Easter Sunday Eucharist***, in English.

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