
**MEDIA ADVISORY
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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST TO CELEBRATE A PRO-LIFE MASS AND SPEAK
ON PARLIAMENT HILL AT THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

On Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m., at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa - the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa will preside at a Eucharist Pro-Life which will precede the Annual Pro-Life March in the streets of Ottawa which will begin on Parliament Hill at approximately 12 noon. The homily at the Eucharist will be given by the Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal.

For interview requests with Archbishop Prendergast prior to or following the Eucharist, please contact Sarah Du Broy, Communications Officer, who will be at the Cathedral from 9 a.m. on: 613-620-5641 (cell).

Other pro-life Masses and prayer services in the Ottawa region at 10 a.m. on Thursday include:

- Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica – 220 Kent Street, Ottawa, celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.
- Mass at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish – 95 Somerset Street West, Ottawa, celebrated by the Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall.
- Mass in French at Saint-Joseph Cathedral, 245 Saint-Joseph Blvd., Gatineau (Hull sector), celebrated by the Most Rev. Gerald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of the Church in Canada.
- Reformed prayer service at First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Avenue West, co-hosted by Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church of Ottawa and the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada. Jubilee's Pastor George van Popta will lead the service. There will also be a motivational call to action by Jonathon Van Maren of Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform and an interactive Pro-Life 101 presentation by ARPA's legal counsel André Schutten.
- Interdenominational prayer service at St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican church, 152 Metcalfe Street, led by Rev. Fred Milnes, retired United Church Minister.

At 12 noon, the national March for Life gathering will begin on Parliament Hill. Speeches will be made by pro-life Members of Parliament, by religious leaders including Archbishop Prendergast and other Catholic bishops, and by Jim Hughes – national President of Campaign Life Coalition. The speeches will be accompanied by uplifting music by pro-life musicians.

At 1:30 pm, the March will take place through downtown Ottawa.

At approximately 3:30 pm, Archbishop Prendergast will speak at the Ukrainian Catholic prayer service on Parliament Hill.

At 6:00 pm, the Rose Dinner will take place at the Hampton Inn, 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa. This prestigious dinner event features some of the premiere pro-life speakers in the world and always inspires attendees. Keynote speaker is Reggie Littlejohn, Founder and President of Women's Rights without Frontiers, an international coalition to expose and oppose forced abortion, gendercide and sexual slavery. She also led the international effort to free blind Chinese activist Chen Guangcheng, who arrived in the United States on May 19, 2012.

For further information about these events, please contact Suresh Dominic, Campaign Life Coalition by phone: 416-204-9749 or by fax: 416-204-1027, or visit their website: www.campaignlifecoalition.com.

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