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**DIOCESAN FEAST
JUNE 8TH 2017**

All Catholics from across the archdiocese are invited to join in the Diocesan Feast, which will be held on Thursday, June 8th 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, we will celebrate the 170th anniversary of foundation of our archdiocese and the 70th anniversary of the Marian Congress held in Ottawa for the centennial of the diocese in 1947. Parish representatives as well as representatives of religious communities with their distinctive banners will form a procession from the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity on Bruyère Street to Notre Dame Cathedral. A replica of the statue of Our Lady of the Cape that was in Ottawa for the Marian Congress (1947) will open the procession.

The Archdiocese of Ottawa is home to more than 394,500 Roman Catholics and serves more than 100 parishes.

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