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**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST AND ARCHBISHOP DAMPHOUSSE  
WILL CONCELEBRATE A GOLD MASS FOR SCIENTISTS  
ON NOVEMBER 13**

*The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, and the Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse, Coadjutor Archbishop, invite the faithful, especially scientists, engineers, and mathematicians, and well as educators and students in these disciplines, to the Gold Mass that will be celebrated on Friday, November 13 at 5 PM at Notre Dame Cathedral – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.*

“I am privileged to remind our scientists in this Mass that they are part of a long history of scientific enquiry encouraged by the Church and compelled by faith. From the very foundation of the scientific method to the most recent discoveries in astrophysics, Catholics have been called by God to play a key role in expanding human knowledge of His glorious creation. Faith and reason are not only compatible, they are co-essential,” said Archbishop Terrence Prendergast.

The Gold Mass follows in the tradition of special Masses for members of particular professions. The oldest, the Red Mass for lawyers and lawmakers, was introduced in the 13th century. The Gold Mass seeks to create spiritual fellowship among Catholic scientists and science educators. This year’s Gold Mass, the second one in Ottawa, anticipates the Memorial of Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, patron of scientists and philosophers.

Local science teachers as well as members of the scientific community at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, the National Research Council, and other research institutions have been invited to the Mass.

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