



January 19, 2018

His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect
Congregation for Divine Worship
and the Discipline of the Sacraments,
Piazza Pio XII, 10
00120 Citta del Vaticano

Your Eminence: *Pax Christi!*

Our Ottawa parish of St. Clement's has a history of celebrating the Extraordinary Form of the Mass since 1968 and are rightly proud of this year's Golden Jubilee as a strong community of faith. For close to thirty years, the parish has been entrusted to the Pastoral Care of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Personally, I have celebrated Mass for their faithful on an occasional basis as well as presided at the celebration of Confirmation.

They would like to observe their 50th Anniversary by inviting Your Eminence to visit them in either March or November this year with the exact parameters of your participation to be elaborated according to your availability. They are a bilingual (English-French) congregation, so you could address them in either language or, as their priests and I often do, a bilingual address or sermon. Your engagement could take a number of forms: celebrating a Mass to mark the jubilee, a conference in French, English or bilingual, etc.

The ideal would be for you to come for their patronal feast in late November (23rd or 24th). But the priests and parishioners realize that you will be coming to Kingston and Toronto in March and that it is not likely you would be able to come to this part of Canada twice in a year. So we wonder whether you might add a stop in Ottawa before, between or after these March engagements. Canada's Capital, Ottawa is an easy two-hour drive from Kingston or a 45-minute flight from Toronto. We would be willing to adjust our timetable to suit your schedule.

After returning the Relic of St. Francis Xavier to the Church of the Gesù in Rome, I will be staying at the Jesuit Curia on Borgo Santo Spirito from February 4-8; it would be a pleasure to visit with you in person and discuss the possibilities for your participation in this special St. Clement's Jubilee Year. Your staff could connect with me by mobile telephone (001-613-222-5025), email (abpterrance@archottawa.ca) or by regular post. I would be pleased to clarify the above or answer any questions you might have.

Be assured of my prayers and personal best wishes for you and your ministry of collaboration with the Holy Father in service to the Universal Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terrence Prendergast", with a small cross symbol to the left of the first name.

✠Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

Cc: Rev. Erik Deprey, FSSP, PP