



**MEDIA ADVISORY – For Immediate Release**

**A New Archbishop of Toronto – Archbishop Francis Leo  
Mass of Installation - Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.  
St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica**

**TORONTO (March 24, 2023)** – Saturday, March 25, 2023 will mark a new chapter for the Catholic Church in Toronto as the Most Rev. Francis Leo (*pronounced Lay-oh*) is installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Toronto, following the retirement of Archbishop-Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins.

The service will take place at the historic St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. 1,200 guests are expected including 300 priests, 60 bishops from across Canada (including two cardinals), interfaith, ecumenical and political leaders as well as representatives from the Catholic community throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

Journalists are welcome to attend with designated camera positions reserved for news gathering. Please contact archdiocesan media representatives (note info below) to confirm your participation – staff will be pleased to assist upon arrival.

For networks wishing to carry live coverage of the Mass in part or in its entirety, a clean feed with embedded audio will be made available to Canadian broadcasters that are part of the TV POOL and can receive a Dejero MPD signal distributed by Global. All footage is courtesy of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Complete details including the ceremony program are available at:  
[www.archtoronto.org/media](http://www.archtoronto.org/media).

**What:** Mass of Installation of the Most Reverend Francis Leo as Archbishop of Toronto

**When:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. (lasting ~ two-hours)

**Where:** St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto

**Who:** Archbishop Francis Leo, appointed Archbishop of Toronto by Pope Francis on February 11, 2023

The Archdiocese of Toronto, Canada’s largest diocese, is one of the most diverse faith communities in North America, serving as the spiritual home to approximately two million Catholics with close to 400 priests celebrating Mass in more than 30 languages each week at 225 parishes. The archdiocese stretches from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga.

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\*\* To access our online media kit containing resources including high-res photos, the ceremony program, and detailed biography and backgrounders, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/media](http://www.archtoronto.org/media) \*\*

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