



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) Announces Procedures for Journalists on the Election of the New Pope**

**Ottawa, 7 May 2025** – The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) outlines the following procedures for journalists on the election of the new Pope.

#### **News Conference**

The day following the announcement of a new Pope, a press conference will take at the Pontifical Canadian College with Their Eminences Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix (Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada), Frank Cardinal Leo (Archbishop of Toronto), and Thomas Cardinal Collins (Archbishop *Emeritus* of Toronto). The precise time of this press conference will be announced after the election of the new Pope.

#### **Individual Interview Requests:**

- **National News Outlets:** The CCCBC will assist only national news outlets with requests for interviews.
- **Local News Outlets:** Local news outlets must contact the diocese or eparchy within the territory they cover if they wish to obtain an interview with the Diocesan Bishop or his spokesperson.

Journalists who are in Rome may request interviews on site with Their Eminences Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix (Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada), Frank Cardinal Leo (Archbishop of Toronto), and Thomas Cardinal Collins (Archbishop *Emeritus* of Toronto). Please be advised that, due to their limited availabilities, one-on-one interviews with these cardinals may not always be possible.

Journalists may also request interviews with the CCCBC President (in Rome) and Vice President (in Canada). The scheduling, location, and format of interviews will be accommodated to the extent possible. Early enquiries are encouraged to facilitate planning and coordination.

For interviews with Their Eminences Michael Cardinal Czerny, S.J., and Marc Cardinal Ouellet, please contact the Holy See's Press Office.

#### **How to Request an Interview:**

Journalists from national news outlets should direct interview requests to:

- **Maribel Mayorga, Director of Communications**
- Phone: 613-241-9461, ext. 225
- Email: [communications@cccbc.ca](mailto:communications@cccbc.ca)

The CCCB Communications Office will be assisted in Rome by its Media Attaché, Mr. Neil McCarthy, who will facilitate interviews on site.

**CCCB Statement to the Catholic Faithful:**

- Following the election of the new Pope, the CCCB President, Bishop William T. McGrattan, will release a public statement to welcome the new Pope. This statement will be posted on the CCCB website and sent to Canadian journalists.

For further information or to request interviews, please contact:

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