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## BEATIFICATION OF MRG MOREAU

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, is pleased to announce that an official Canadian delegation will attend the beatification ceremony of Monseigneur Louis-Zéphirin Moreau on May 10 at the Vatican. The delegation, led by the Honourable Pierre Cadieux, Minister of Labour, will include Mr. E. Pattyson Black, Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See, the Honourable Andrée Champagne, MP for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, Mr. Charles Messier, provincial Member for Saint-Hyacinthe, Mr. Gilles Loiselle, the Quebec Delegate to Rome and Milan, and Mr. Clément Rhéaume, the Mayor of Saint-Hyacinthe.

Mgr Moreau was the fourth Bishop of the diocese of Saint-Hyacinthe, from 1876 to 1901. He was also closely involved in the work of his predecessors in organizing the diocese over a period of nearly 50 years. He was and continues to be an example to his diocese, where he founded religious communities and aided the poor. Mgr Moreau is the first Canadian-born bishop to be beatified.

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