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OUELLET TO ATTEND VATICAN CEREMONY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that he will be heading the Canadian delegation to the Vatican for the Consistory, where the Most Reverend Jean-Claude Turcotte, the Archbishop of Montréal, will be one of 30 new cardinals to be elevated. The event will take place on November 26.

Mr. Ouellet will be accompanied by a delegation that includes Canada's Ambassador to the Vatican, Léonard Legault; Senator Pierre de Bané; Senator Marcel Prud'homme; Alfonso Gagliano, Secretary of State (Parliamentary Affairs) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons; Shirley Maheu, Member of Parliament; Ghislain Lebel, Member of Parliament; Dr. Camille Laurin, Délégué régional de Montréal, Government of Quebec; Jacques Vallée, Quebec delegate to Italy; and Dr. Luc Larivée, Président du Conseil municipal de la Ville de Montréal.

Born in 1936, Monsignor Turcotte was ordained in 1959 and has been active in Catholic social action groups working on behalf of the poor and unemployed. He was appointed Archbishop of Montréal in 1990. His elevation will bring to four the number of Canadian cardinals.

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