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Toronto bishop breaking new ground in Canada *- Ordination of Bishop Vincent Nguyen takes place Wednesday -*

TORONTO (January 11, 2010) On Wednesday, January 13, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the ordination of Canada's youngest – and first Asian – Roman Catholic bishop. His Grace, Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will preside at the ordination ceremony for Bishop-elect Vincent Nguyen, taking place at St. Michael's Cathedral at 3 p.m.

Nearly 1000 invited guests, including family, friends, parishioners, 30 bishops and more than 200 priests of the archdiocese will be on hand as Bishop-elect Nguyen, 43, is ordained as an auxiliary bishop of Toronto. Pope Benedict XVI announced his appointment on November 6, 2009.

The sixth of nine children, Bishop-elect Nguyen was born in Saigon, Viet Nam and moved to Toronto in 1984. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Toronto in 1998. Since then, he has served in a number of Toronto parishes, achieved his licentiate in Canon Law from Rome and currently serves as the chancellor of spiritual affairs and moderator of the curia in Toronto.

This ordination marks the first time Bishop-elect Nguyen and all of his brothers and sisters have reunited in 30 years. Six siblings are traveling to Toronto from Viet Nam for the celebration.

This event follows the ordination Tuesday in London, ON of Bishop-elect William McGrattan, also as an auxiliary bishop of Toronto.

Auxiliary bishops assist archbishops in their pastoral work. The Archdiocese of Toronto, Canada's largest diocese, is home to 1.9 million Catholics and 224 parishes, with mass celebrated in more than 30 languages each week.

Due to space restrictions, all media wishing to cover the event are asked to respond, providing any recording/broadcast needs, to the Archdiocese of Toronto by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. (Both ordination ceremonies will be webcast live at 3 p.m. on the respective days by Salt+Light Television at www.saltandlighttv.org.)

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