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MEDIA ADVISORY:

**Road to Priesthood Runs through Regent Park, the Chemistry Lab and the Butcher Shop...
- Meet Toronto's Newest Priests -**

TORONTO (May 6, 2009) On Saturday, May 9, seven new priests will be ordained for service to the Archdiocese of Toronto. His Grace, Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will preside at the ceremony, which will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral at 10 a.m. Approximately 1,000 guests are expected to attend.

The members of the Class of 2009 come from wide-ranging backgrounds, including a biochemist, a financial securities specialist from Regent Park, a meat cutter and high school teacher. Having spent no less than five years preparing for their ordination, the seven newest priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto, will each assume a role of service in one of the more than 220 parishes of our local church, which stretches from Oshawa to Mississauga and north to Georgian Bay.

Prior to this year's ordinations, the Office of Vocations will host a breakfast for current seminarians and those interested in learning more about the priesthood. After the breakfast, attendees will make their way to St. Michael's Cathedral for the ordinations.

Schedule of Events – Saturday, May 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Pre-Ordination Breakfast – informal discussion led by Archbishop Thomas Collins on topics related to priestly ordination. 100 people expected to attend.

Location: Marriott Toronto Downtown Eaton Centre – 525 Bay St. (open to the media)

10:00 a.m. Ordination of seven Priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto.
Archbishop Thomas Collins to preside. 1,000 people expected to attend.

Location: St. Michael's Cathedral – 65 Bond St. (corner of Shuter St.) (open to the media)

Media Availability:

His Grace, Thomas Collins – Archbishop of Toronto

Fr. Liborio Amaral – Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto

Newly ordained Class of 2009

Background Resources:

Background information on the "Class of 2009" and extensive resources explaining the ordination ceremony are available online at: www.archtoronto.org.

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