

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins on the Elevation of Archbishop Gérald Cyprien Lacroix to the College of Cardinals

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Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, issued a statement regarding the January 12, 2014 appointment by Pope Francis of Quebec Archbishop Gérald Cyprien Lacroix to the College of Cardinals:

"I join Catholics from across the country in offering our prayers and best wishes to Cardinaldesignate Lacroix on his appointment to the College of Cardinals. I have enjoyed working closely with him through our mutual membership in the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as we have engaged in the pastoral and apostolic service of the Church in Canada. As the Archbishop of Quebec City, the original diocese in our country, and as the Primate of Canada, he has been a joyful, thoughtful and passionate ambassador of faith for the people of the Archdiocese of Quebec and all of Canada.

I look forward to participating in the consistory this February in Rome when he becomes a cardinal, and to working alongside him in the years ahead. I invite all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for Cardinal-designate Lacroix and the newest members of the College of Cardinals as they prepare for this next chapter of their pastoral ministry in the service of the people entrusted to their care."

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