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Following the signs and coming soon to a church near you... *Former sign installer and film student are Toronto's newest priests!*

TORONTO (May 8, 2015) On Saturday, May 9, two men will be ordained to the priesthood to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will preside at the ceremony, which will take place at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. Close to 1,000 guests are expected.

Candidates for the priesthood undertake a minimum five years of extensive spiritual formation, theological education and practical training in preparation for priestly ministry. Following their ordination, they will be assigned to one of 225 parishes in the archdiocese, which stretches from Oshawa to Mississauga and north to Georgian Bay. The "Class of 2015" includes:

Reverend Mr. Ricardo Davis - Born in Jamaica and raised in Ottawa, Rick obtained an undergraduate degree in Philosophy at the University of Ottawa and a BFA in Film Studies at Ryerson University. It was during his work on staff at St. Michael's Cathedral as head sacristan that he heard God's call grow stronger. In 2008, he attended a "Come and See" weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary and entered formation in 2010.

Reverend Mr. David Twaddle - Born in Unionville, ON, in 1980, David studied Aircraft Maintenance at Canadore College in North Bay. He fell deeper in love with the Eucharist after a pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. He worked as an aircraft maintenance apprentice and then as a sign installer before entering Serra House – a residence for religious discernment - in 2008. He then entered the seminary in 2010.

As one of the most diverse dioceses in the world, the Archdiocese of Toronto is home to 1.9 million Catholics, with more than 800 diocesan and religious priests providing pastoral leadership in churches throughout the GTA. Mass is celebrated each week in more than 30 different languages.

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