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**ARCHDIOCESE COMMENTS ON
CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST AN OTTAWA PRIEST**

The Archdiocese of Ottawa, on learning that Father Stephen Amesse, a priest of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, had been charged by the Ottawa Police Service, made the following statement through its Communication Officer, Sarah Du Broy:

“When Fr. Stephen Amesse was criminally charged today, following diocesan protocols in such matters, he was suspended immediately from all ministry.

Archbishop Prendergast extends to the parishioners of St. Patrick's Fallowfield, where Fr. Amesse is pastor, the assurance of his prayers and pastoral care. These are painful moments in the life of a faith community. May the parishioners know the spiritual support of our entire Catholic community.”

No other comment will be provided at this time.

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