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**SEVEN HUNDRED TO GATHER FOR THE ARCHBISHOP'S
SIXTH ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER FUNDRAISING EVENT**

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 7 pm, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will host the sixth annual Archbishop's Charity Dinner at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre (formerly known as Hampton Inn Ottawa and Conference Centre), 200 Coventry Road, in Ottawa. He expects to welcome close to 700 guests for this event.

The foundations of the following four Catholic school boards have been designated as the beneficiaries for this year's dinner:

The Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB): At the OCSB, all students are inspired and guided to realize their spiritual, social and academic potential, and to take their place in the world as thoughtful, well-rounded citizens. The mission of the OCSB is to provide all their students with a well-rounded education for the mind, body and spirit through an emphasis on academic excellence, social responsibility and Catholic values. The OCSB's 82 schools from junior kindergarten to grade 12 serve 38,500 students in the region from Fitzroy Harbour in the West, to Orleans in the East, to the Metcalfe / Greely area in the South.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO): The CDSBEO is inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ, and aims to transform the world with justice and peace, through Catholic education. Motivated to nurture and celebrate the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of their students, the Board's faith journey is inspired by the bi-annual theme. For 2013-2015 it is "Witnesses to Hope – Remembering, Celebrating, Believing." This theme invites staff and students to reflect upon their Christian beliefs, and to share them with their families and community. Inspired by Scripture, the theme provides the opportunity to deepen the centrality of hope in the Christian experience. Hope as a Theological Virtue, and the Christian Hope inherited in the Catholic faith tradition. It calls the CDSBEO Catholic community to reflect on the Paschal Mystery, recalled and celebrated during every Eucharist, as one of the central concepts of our Christian faith. Lastly, the theme is a reminder of the Christian call to bring hope to a world in need through daily work, to transform the world through justice and peace.

Le Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE): The CECCE serves 41 elementary schools, 10 high schools and one adult education school. In total, 21,300 students attend these schools. The school board's vision is to be a leader in education, to be recognized for its schools' excellence, its hospitality, its innovation, as well as for its involvement in the community. Its goal is to equip each student for academic success, personal development, and to be engaged in society, the Church and in the Francophone community. The CECCE believes that every student can succeed if given the time and support needed. The CECCE is committed to do whatever it takes to provide each student with the guidance and support necessary for his or her success, and makes every effort to ensure that each talent and ability is developed.

Le Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien (CSDCEO): The CSDCEO's mission is to give its students access to education based on success, a passion for the French language, Catholic faith and Franco-Ontarian culture. The school board consists of eight boards of trustees who represent the counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, and Russell. The CSDCEO serves more than 10,000 students in 26 elementary schools, six middle schools and eight high schools. Religious formation plays a very important role. The youth participate in activities that awaken their faith and make it grow. Under the theme « Allume-toi ! », students are encouraged to strive to be like Christ, a model of peace and love.

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