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

*On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 7 pm, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will host the 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 more than 700 guests for this event.*

The following charitable organizations have been designated as the two beneficiaries for this year's dinner:

**Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)**



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Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) was founded by the Holy Father in 1926 to accompany the Eastern Catholic churches, who provide the lifeblood for so many who suffer and struggle in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

For nearly a century, we have walked side by side with them and have prayed with them in good times and bad times.

When crisis hits, our brothers and sisters are confronted with war, destruction, drought, or persecution because of their faith; we are there and we remain with them, offering continued support, ensuring their needs are met and sustaining their faith.

In order to be closer to the Churches and communities, we have established offices staffed by local people in India, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Jordan, Lebanon and Jerusalem.

Hope is our calling card. We exist not only to give what one can see — food, shelter, medicine, but also to provide what one cannot see -- comfort, faith, education, consolation, hope.

We also strengthen the church to fulfill its mission by forming seminarians, novices, lay catechists and faith formation leaders so that the Church can always affirm and spread Christian values of forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion and lasting peace.

*“Love breaks down all boundaries and tears down all walls.”*

John Corston

### Kateri Native Ministry



Kateri Native Ministry was founded in 2001 as a non-profit charitable organization committed to the healing, reconciliation and spiritual growth of Indigenous people across Canada. Our founder John Corston passed away on Good Friday in 2016 - and the ministry is flourishing by the grace of our loving Creator.

Our ministry now touches the lives of thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Rooted in prayerful ceremony, our principal instruments are **Healing** and **Training**.

**Healing:** Healing and reconciliation are central to everything we do. Our activities include Mass, prayer, outreach ministry, healing ceremonies, conferences, workshops and sharing circles to give our people a true sense of wholeness and belonging.

**Training:** Indigenous Pastoral Leadership Formation, run in collaboration with St. Paul University, equips our people to exercise ministry in their home communities. Our Enculturation activities educate both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous learners about our rich culture, heritage and traditions and how they have always been compatible with the Christian faith.

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