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**1,600 Gather for 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardinal's Dinner**

*Canada's largest annual dinner brings together religious, political & business leaders*

TORONTO (November 6, 2014) – His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will welcome 1,600 guests to the 35th annual Cardinal's Dinner this evening at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building).

Founded by Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter, the late archbishop believed passionately that business, political and religious communities should join together in fellowship and fraternity to strengthen the communities in which we work, live and worship.

Confirmed head table guests include:

*The Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment, Government of Canada*

*The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario*

*Her Worship, Hazel McCallion, Mayor of the City of Mississauga*

*John Tory, Mayor-elect, City of Toronto*

*His Excellency, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Papal Nuncio (Ambassador) to Canada*

Chair of the 2014 Cardinal's Dinner is The Honourable Michael Wilson, Chairman of Barclays Capital Inc. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a keynote address by Cardinal Collins. Approximately 40 dignitaries will be seated at the head table, with government, religious and business leaders represented.

The event is primarily a community dinner with fundraising a secondary goal. Yet over the years, close to \$6 million has been raised and allocated to local charities not fully funded by traditional sources. In 2013, 34 charities benefited from the dinner proceeds.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is one of the most diverse dioceses in North America, serving as the spiritual home to 1.9 million Catholics, celebrating Mass in more than 30 languages each week at 225 parishes.

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