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## Saint Paul University will award the fourth Eugene de Mazenod medal to Mr. John Corston and Mrs. Virginia Corston

**Ottawa, February 27, 2014** – Saint Paul University will award the fourth Eugene de Mazenod medal to Mr. John Corston and Mrs. Virginia Corston during a ceremony which will take place **in the De Mazenod Chapel, on Friday, February 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

This medal, bearing the name of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, recognizes Eugene de Mazenod's primary concern of adapting to people's real situations by showing boldness and zeal in dealing with urgent societal issues. The Eugene de Mazenod medal honours a person who has made a significant contribution to developing human capital in his or her environment or more widely in society.

Mr. John Corston, a member of the Ojibway-Cree nation, is Founder and Executive Director of [Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa](#). Mrs. Virginia exercises an active role in the mission of Kateri Native Ministry, and supports Mr. Corston in his entire ministry. Founded in 1998, Kateri is a Christian Native Ministry committed to the healing and reconciliation of aboriginal. Its purpose is to provide spiritual care to aboriginal people through the blending of aboriginal culture and traditions with Christian spirituality and values.

Having overcome serious hardships in his life, Mr. Corston has persevered and devoted himself to promoting healing and reconciliation between Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Society at Large. Saint Paul University is proud to bestow one of our highest honors on such deserving recipients.

**What:** [Awarding of Eugene de Mazenod Medal](#)  
**When:** February 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Saint Paul University, 223, Main Street, Ottawa

*Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual and on a human scale, it offers programs in canon law, conflict studies, counselling and psychotherapy, human relations and spirituality, public ethics and philosophy, social communication and leadership, and theology.*

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