



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



Message from the President

March 24, 2020

STM College community and friends,

The extreme challenge we now face with the spread of the new coronavirus calls for us to think and act in ways that are unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Our college administration continues to meet regularly to assess the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and update our response. Our immediate priority is to support our students in completing the winter term successfully, while ensuring that our faculty and staff can continue their work safely and effectively.

Following the latest enhanced measures instituted by USask to support the health and safety of our campus community, STM will also close our college building as of 4:30 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. All staff and faculty are to be working off site after that time.

As at USask, all STM classes are now being delivered remotely through the remainder of the Winter 2020 term. Final exams in the April 2020 period will also be completed in this mode. Plans are also in place to facilitate spring and summer courses in remote delivery. Spring convocation ceremonies have been postponed. Regular campus updates can be found at updates.usask.ca

Our main College exchange 306-966-8900 remains open to answer or redirect student, faculty and staff questions. Please continue to correspond via email with staff and faculty for support needs. Email addresses are available on the STM website.

STM Campus Ministry team members remind you that they are available to support you in this stressful time: please visit <https://stmcollege.ca/campus-ministry.php>. You are able to contact members of the team via email to set up a time to talk, if you wish.

Prevention remains the best way to protect yourself and others from this highly contagious virus. Please recognize that symptoms may also take up to 14 days to appear after exposure. For more information, please see <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

I greatly appreciate all the work and commitment reflected by all in our STM college community to ensure the support of our students, the successful completion of this academic year, and planning ahead for the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 sessions. Thank you for your dedication!

Pope Francis recently called for all Christians to respond to the coronavirus pandemic "with the universality of prayer, of compassion, and tenderness". He added, "Let us remain united. Let us make our closeness felt to those who are alone and to those who are most stricken". As we take the necessary steps to slow the spread of the virus, let us keep in mind that we must remain united in our resolve and at the same time attentive to the needs of those most affected by the pandemic.

Thank you and take care,

Carl N. Still, PhD
President