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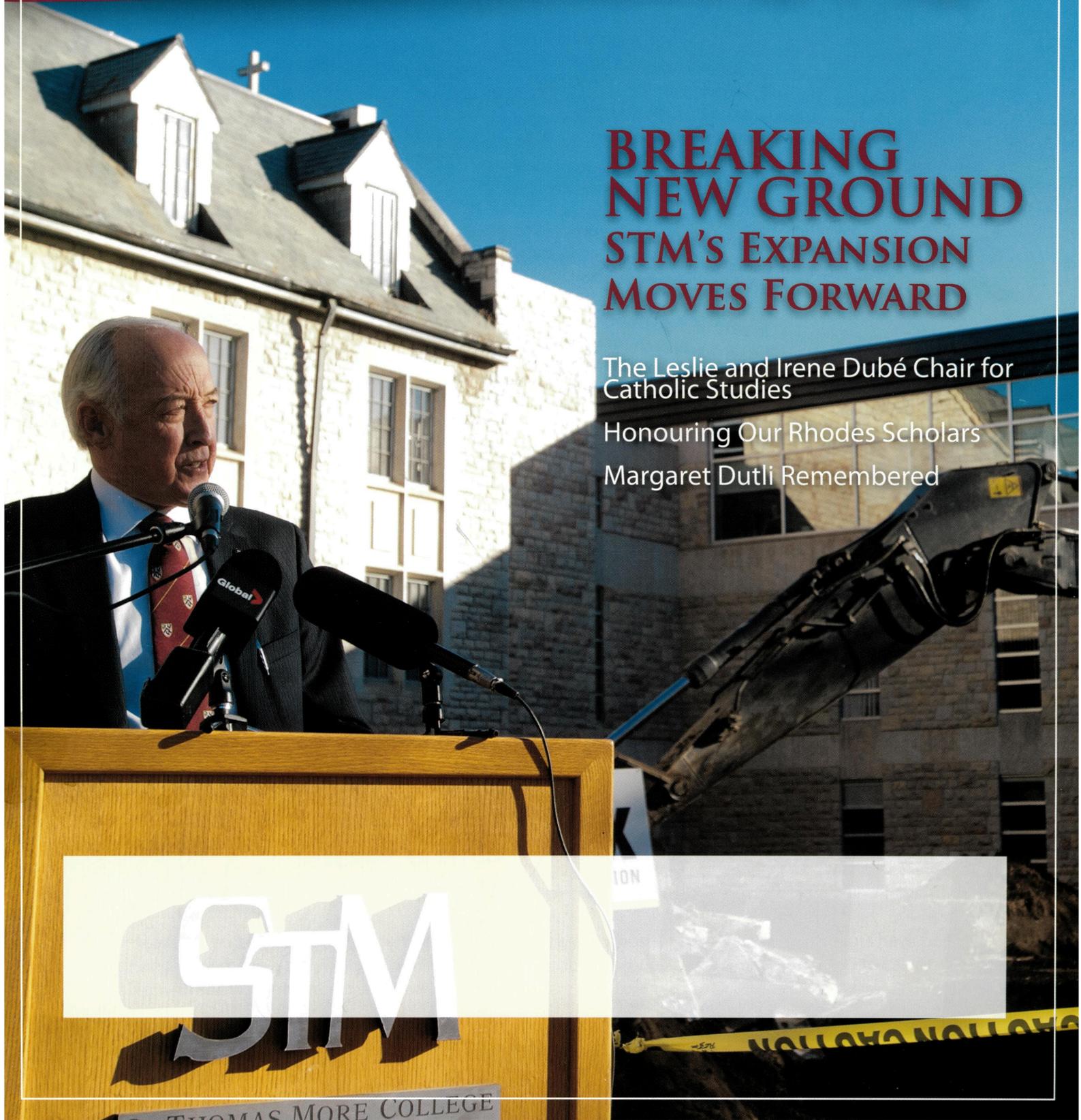
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# FROM THE STM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

The twilight of the year, the hope that is Advent and the joyful assurance of Christmas together provides a unique perspective from which to appreciate 2012 and envision the future. This was a year of transition for St. Thomas More College characterized at the outset by celebrations of STM's storied history and concluding with major initiatives that confidently herald a promising future.

While recognizing the historic contributions of the Basilian Fathers who created and then sustained this Catholic college at the University of Saskatchewan, we deliberated and then developed the civil and canonical documents that within the year to come will provide for the formal transition to our post-Basilian future. Simultaneously, recognizing our unequivocal obligation to further the transformative Basilian educational tradition, we focused on the challenges and the opportunities of the next generation in our evolution.

Major initiatives in 2012 included: faculty renewal through the hiring of three (tenure-track) well-qualified and very promising young academics; and, the establishment of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies, an endowed Chair that will not only provide opportunities for students to study and contemplate Catholic teaching and tradition, but also be a valuable, accessible resource for the broader Catholic community. The scholarly leadership of the Chair will also promote ecumenism, understanding of other faith traditions and, as Catholic colleges are specifically called to do, inspire dialogue with contemporary culture. The contributions of the Chair will both reflect and enhance STM's Catholic identity and reinforce our already national standing in Catholic higher education.

We also commenced construction of an urgently required major addition to our classroom facilities that will refresh the vigorous academic environment for which STM is well known. This new facility will enhance community for students, promote further opportunities for closer faculty-student and student-student scholarly engagement, and ensure a continuation of the uniquely inspiring learning experience that is the STM intellectual tradition.

Through generous support from the entire STM community, including alumni as well as from the broader society, STM will continue to stimulate both the intellectual and spiritual development of students by inspiring scholarly encounters where all matters including faith and belief can be discussed, debated and contemplated. It is this that expedites critical thinking and the development of disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit.

Sincerely,



Terrence Downey, PhD



# WELCOME NEW FACULTY

In 2011-12, STM welcomed to our community three new scholars in the departments of Religion and Culture, English, and Sociology.

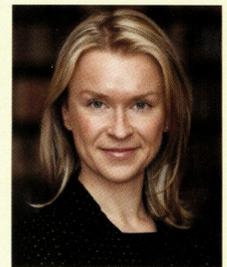
Dr. Alisha Pomazon is a specialist in Judaic Studies with a broad background in Western religious thought. She holds both a BA and MA in Religious Studies from the University of Regina (Campion College) and obtained her PhD at McMaster University. Dr. Pomazon is well placed to make numerous contributions to the academic programming at STM, including the Minor in Jewish and Christian Origins.



Dr. Cynthia Wallace joins STM with expertise in literary ethics. She earned her BA from Cedarville University in Ohio before completing her MA and PhD in English at Loyola University in Chicago. As part of her work at STM, Dr. Wallace will contribute to the Minor in Catholic Studies, as well as shape the College's offerings on Catholic writers.



Dr. Sarah Knudson brings to STM much-needed expertise in the areas of gender and the family. Dr. Knudson obtained her BA (Honours) in Sociology from the University of Ottawa. She completed her MA and PhD in Sociology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Knudson's background and expertise will enable her to rebuild the College's offerings in Sociology of Family, as well as make important contributions to the Minor in Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good.



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



*Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI (BA'70) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in abstentia.*



*Sr. Teresita Rose-Marie Kambeitz, OSU (BA'69) with Gertrude Rompré, STM's Director of Mission and Ministry.*

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie and Sr. Teresita Rose-Marie Kambeitz were this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards winners.

The awards are presented annually to a female and male graduate whose lifetime accomplishments have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with the College since their graduation.

For complete biographies of the award winners, visit [www.stmcollege.ca](http://www.stmcollege.ca).

# HEART AND SPIRIT OF STM AWARDS



Last April, the St. Thomas More Students' Union (STMSU) honoured two members of the STM community with prominent awards. Mr. Dean Schmidt (Student Academic Services Specialist) was recognized with the Heart of STM Award to honour his commitment to enhancing the STM student experience. Ms. Caitlin Ward (Engaged Learning Coordinator) was honoured with the Spirit of STM Award in recognition of the ways in which her work positively affects students, faculty, and staff at STM.

*Caitlin Ward and Dean Schmidt*

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVOCATION AWARD

The St. Thomas More-Newman Alumni Association (STMNAA) continues to give back to the College community through its recently established financial award for graduating students. The award, which was presented for the first time at the Spring Convocation, was presented to graduating student Veronica Carr. Brandon Murray received the award at the Fall Convocation in October.

"The STM-Newman Alumni Association feels it's important to give back to the College because we all benefitted from our education and experiences there," says Adam Day (BA'06), President of the Alumni Association. "We wanted to emphasize Christian service and community engagement because those are central elements of an STM education."

The award, which recognizes significant contributions by graduating STM students to the campus and wider community, will be given out for a third time at the upcoming spring convocation ceremony in June 2013.



*Brandon Murray, winner of this fall's Alumni Association Convocation Award.*



*Alumni Association president Adam Day presents Veronica Carr with her award at STM's Spring Convocation Luncheon.*

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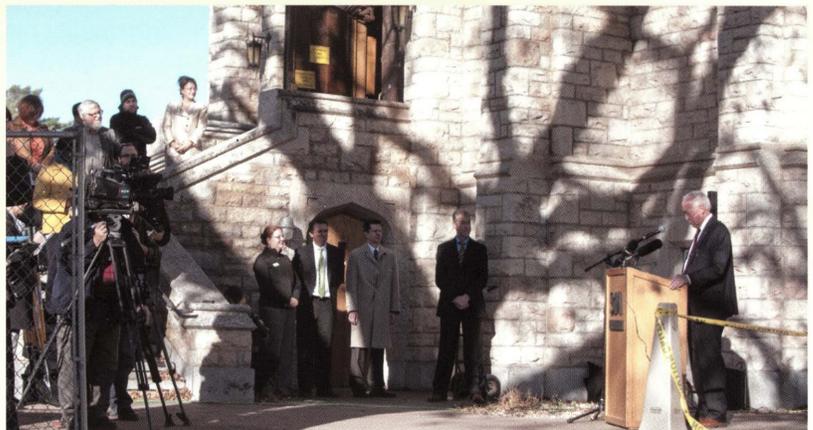
The ground was officially turned for an expansion to the ST. Thomas More College Building in Saskatoon Oct. 15. L-R: Desiree Steel, STM Student Union President; Kieron Kilduff, Board of Governors Vice-Chair; Dr. Terrence Downey, STM President; Carl Still, Dean; Derrin Raffey, Chief Financial Officer; Gertrude Rompré, Director of Mission and Ministry; and Philomena Ojukwa of the Newman Centre Council.

## BREAKING GROUND: STM'S EXPANSION MOVES FORWARD

If you haven't already heard about St. Thomas More College's expansion plans, you can now see them unfolding first-hand along Campus Drive. In spite of cold temperatures and early snow, STM began its 12,000 square foot expansion to the south end of its existing building this past October.

"It's an impressive looking project," says CFO and Director of Administration Derrin Raffey, who is overseeing the construction. "But much more than that, it is a necessary project that will ensure we have the space and physical resources required to fulfill our responsibilities to students, faculty, and staff of the U of S campus, as well as the wider Catholic community."

"AS A COLLEGE AND A COMMUNITY, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS." –PRESIDENT TERRENCE DOWNEY



The building expansion will increase STM's footprint by 20 percent and provide the College with much-needed additional classroom, research, seminar and gathering space. This will also allow the College to teach up to 75 percent of its courses within its own facilities.

"With teaching and research space at a premium, we've had to turn increasingly to the University to use their classrooms," says Raffey. "This will be less the case once this project is complete."

The new addition will add almost 4,500 square feet of new classroom space. The additional space will also permit STM to use more of its existing building to meet the high demand for faculty offices, which will facilitate increased student-teacher interaction. By keeping more students studying and learning at STM, the College will have better opportunities to engage students in the STM community and maximize the benefits of an STM education.

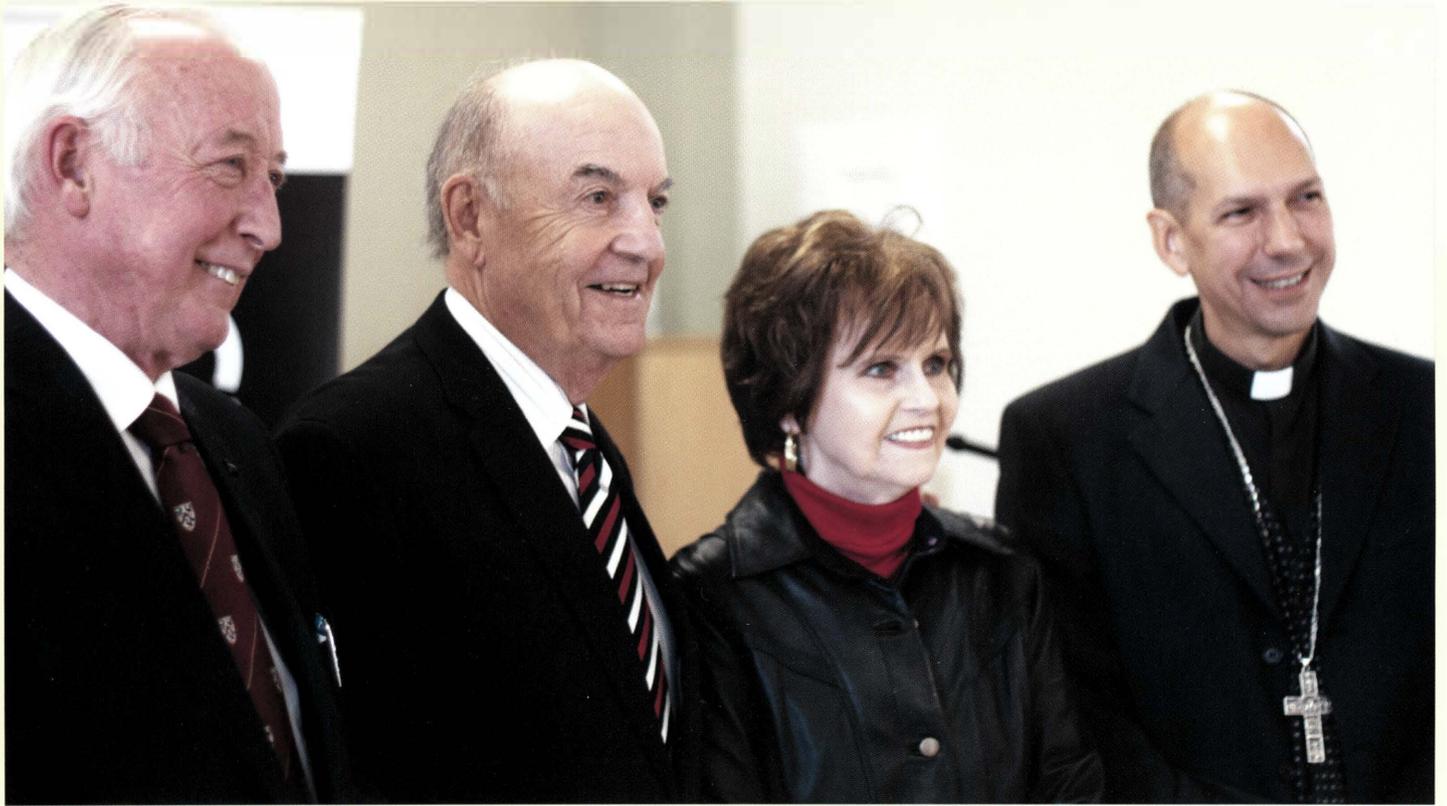
The estimated cost of the project is \$8-million, and there has already been early support from alumni and friends. David and Karen Holst from Warman, SK donated \$500,000 to the expansion, while friend of the College Allan Markin from Calgary, AB donated an additional \$500,000.

At the official groundbreaking ceremony on October 15, STM President Terry Downey expressed his deep gratitude for the support.

"As a College and a community, we are thankful for the generous support of our alumni and friends. This new building, our first major expansion in many years in spite of significant enrolment growth, ensures adequate classroom space to foster the nurturing scholarly learning environment for which STM is already well known. This new facility will enhance community for students, promote further opportunities for closer faculty-student and student-student academic engagement, and ensure a continuation of the uniquely inspiring learning experience that is the STM academic tradition."

The building expansion, which is part of the \$6-million Creating More campaign launched earlier this year, is projected to be completed by the late fall of 2013.





*L-R: STM President Terrence Downey, Les and Irene Dubé and Bishop Donald Bolen*

## THE LESLIE AND IRENE DUBÉ CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

While Leslie and Irene Dubé are well known in Saskatoon for their philanthropy, their recent gift to St. Thomas More College will have a lasting impact beyond the province and across the country. With the announcement of a \$1-million donation to STM on October 9, the Dubés established the first Chair for Catholic Studies in Saskatchewan and only the second in the history of western Canada.

In recognition of their generous support to STM, which has spanned three decades, STM dedicated the Chair in their name, calling it the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies.

"STM is near and dear to our hearts," said Irene Dubé. "We are strong believers in the importance of a College that encourages students to explore both faith and reason, and the Chair in Catholic Studies will be a vital contributor to this environment."

The Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies is a new academic position at the College that will support scholarship in the area of Catholic Studies, broadly defined to include early, classical, and contemporary iterations of Catholic teaching and tradition. Through exemplary teaching and reputable research, the Chair will foster the advancement of Catholic knowledge and education, promote ecumenical dialogue, and advance awareness of the great faith traditions.





*Les and Irene Dubé at their gift announcement at STM College*

The Chair is also expected to be a source of intellectual leadership for STM, as well as for the broader Catholic and local communities, through an annual public lecture, guest lectures, and invited presentations. The Chair will also be available to the Diocese, Catholic school boards, and the Catholic and secular media for commentary and expertise on Catholic issues.

At the public gift announcement, STM President Dr. Terry Downey thanked the Dubés for their generous commitment to Catholic higher education.

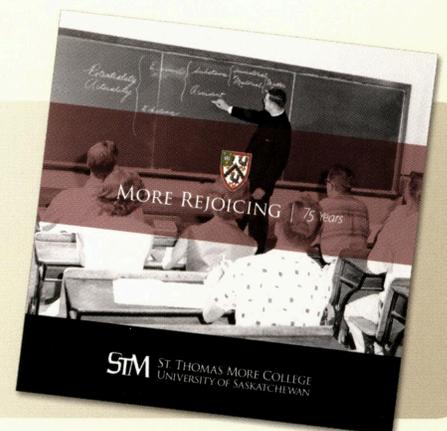
“Their support of this Chair makes possible a uniquely transformative learning experience for our students that will resonate through their lives and throughout the entire community,” said Downey. “The confidence they have shown in STM through their generosity is an inspiration for all who serve and study at STM and for this we are profoundly grateful.”

The Dubés’ \$1-million gift complements one of their earlier gifts that established the Leslie and Irene Dubé Service Learning Program. The program provides unique experiential learning opportunities that enable students to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world experiences.

## MORE REJOICING | 75 YEARS

Explore STM's history through the pages of the **75th Anniversary timeline booklet**. For your free copy, call or email Dianne Anton at 966.8918 or [danton@stmcollege.ca](mailto:danton@stmcollege.ca).

The booklet is also available to view online at [www.stmcollege.ca](http://www.stmcollege.ca) click on alumni; then publications.





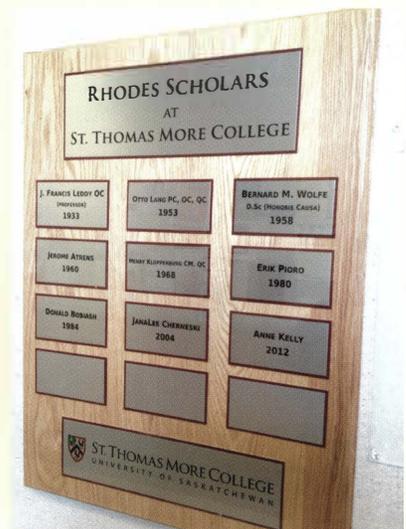
L-R: Honourable Otto Lang (BA'53), JanaLee Cherneski (BA'04), Anne Kelly (BA'12), and Henry Kloppenburg (BA'68)

## HONOURING OUR RHODES SCHOLARS

On September 15 and 16, STM's nine Rhodes Scholars were formally honoured at a dinner reception for their outstanding academic achievements. A plaque, which now hangs on the ground floor outside the entrance of Choices at STM, was unveiled during the dinner and lists all of STM's Rhodes Scholars.

"STM is honoured to celebrate excellence as personified by the Rhodes Scholars who have studied with us over the years," said President Terry Downey. "The superb scholarship, leadership abilities and disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit that they exemplify inspire all who come to study at STM."

The most recent Rhodes Scholar, Anne Kelly, is about to embark on her doctoral studies at Oxford. The college's first Rhodes Scholar, Francis J. Leddy, is a former professor of STM and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan before St. Thomas More College was officially established.



OTHER STM RHODES SCHOLARS INCLUDE:

JOHN LEDDY, 1933  
 OTTO LANG, 1953  
 BERNARD WOLFE, 1958  
 JEROME ATRENS, 1960  
 HENRY KLOPPENBURG, 1968  
 ERIK PIORO, 1980  
 DONALD BOBIASH, 1984  
 JANALEE CHERNESKI, 2004

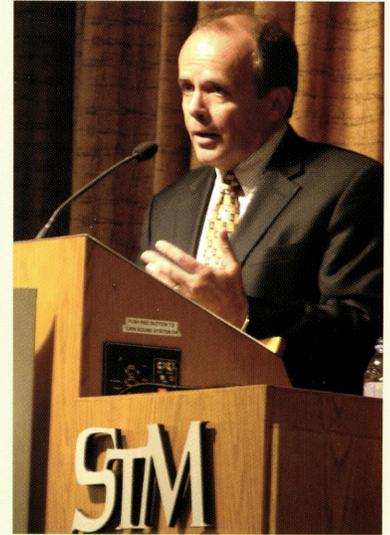
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# KEENAN LECTURE

On a cool evening on November 8, Dr. Patrick McCormick delivered the 24th Keenan Lecture at Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium entitled, "Reading the Bible as a Parable of Nonviolence." Dr. McCormick, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University, explained how sacred texts could be read not as justifying human violence, but as parables uncovering and critiquing our willingness to rationalize human violence by blaming our gods and enemies.

Dr. McCormick teaches courses in Christian Ethics, Medical Ethics, and Catholic Social Teachings and speaks, writes and directs retreats on issues of social justice. He is the author of *Sin as Addiction*, and *A Banqueter's Guide to the All Night Soup Kitchen of the Kingdom of God*, and the co-author of *Character, Choices & Community: The Three Faces of Christian Ethics* and *Facing Ethical Issues: Dimensions of Character, Choice and Community*.

The Annual Keenan Lecture honours the memory and achievements of STM's first Dean, Dr. Michael Keenan, and is open to the public.



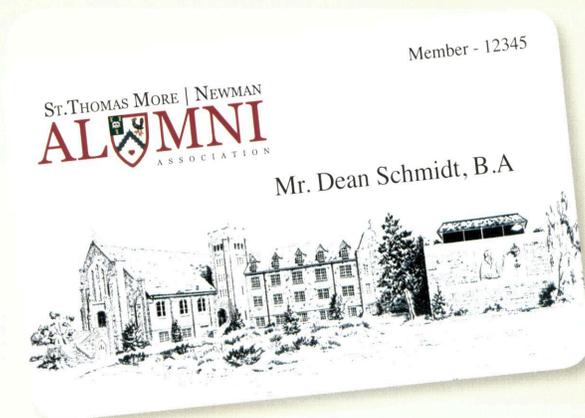
# MARGARET DUTLI REMEMBERED

On October 14, 2012, STM alumnus, former faculty member, and longtime friend Margaret Dutli passed into the Lord's presence.

Born on the family farm near Ermine, SK, Margaret was the last in a family of eleven siblings, whom she commemorated in her book, *Dust and Laughter, Memories of a Prairie Family* (2003). She was a Christian feminist and an activist in the worldwide Women's Liberation Movement. She was also a co-founder of two ecumenical feminist groups: Women in Christianity and Friends of Sophia.

As a lifelong learner herself, she was an elementary teacher and for twenty-eight years a Professor of English at St. Thomas More College. Margaret was honoured as a Distinguished Graduate of STM in 1999 and further honoured in 2003 with the creation of the eponymous faculty award, The Margaret Dutli Award for Community Service, which recognized her years of committed community service.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Prairie Messenger, Friends of Sophia, or STM's Student Bursary Fund.



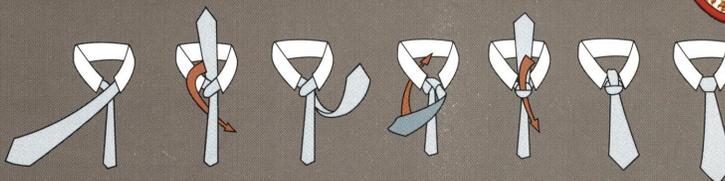
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## IN MEMORIAM

"In death the relationship we have with the world is not abolished, but is rather for the first time completed."  
- Karl Rahner, SJ, theologian

Margaret Dutli, BA'63  
Mary Epping, BA'48  
Helen Flegel, BA'46  
Edward Fritsch, BA'63  
Mary Kowal, BA'69  
Robert H. Schmit

If you know of any members of the STM community who, in the past year, have departed this world to enter into the Lord's presence, please let us know. Contact the St. Thomas More College's main office at (306) 966.8900.

## OUR MISSION

As the Catholic liberal arts college federated with the University of Saskatchewan, St. Thomas More College courageously explores the "riches of Revelation and of nature so that the united endeavour of intelligence and faith will enable people to come to the full measure of their humanity" (Ex corde ecclesiae, 5). We are an inclusive community open to all persons. Through our teaching we are devoted to a partnership of learning and growth with our students which addresses the synthesis of faith and reason in all aspects of the human condition. The creative discovery of truth and its open dissemination nourishes our life as teachers and members of the wider academic and Catholic intellectual community. As a Catholic college we are called to share in Christ's service to the people of God. Thus, the work of our college is not an end in itself, but must find application for the good of humanity.

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