



From the STM President's Office



*And every winter
changes to spring.
– Tennyson*

As we emerge from a rigorous Saskatoon winter, celebrate the joyful renewal that is Easter and the hope that is spring, all of us at STM eagerly

anticipate the months to come.

During the winter months, construction continued on our new \$8 million, 12,000 square foot complex designed to house classrooms, student study and research space, and administrative offices. We are excited that this project will be completed this year, thereby creating for our students by January 1, 2014 a state of the art facility that will enhance opportunities for engaged learning, promote student-professor and

student-student interaction, and provide a public space to serve both STM and the broader academic and Catholic communities.

Winter 2013 also witnessed the first major academic conference sponsored by the recently established (Fall 2012) Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies. Approximately 100 participants attended this conference entitled "Turning to the World: Social Justice and the Common Good since Vatican II" on March 8-9, 2013. Among those addressing the manner in which Vatican II and its teaching on social justice have resonated throughout the Church and society were distinguished scholars from across Canada and abroad and, of particular note, a Council Father, Bishop Remi De Roo and a Council peritus, Dr. Gregory Baum. Bishop Don Bolen of Saskatoon attended the opening session of the conference.

This highly successful Vatican II conference along with STM's First Annual Ecumenical Lecture on January 21, 2013, also sponsored by the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies, were the first fruits of this endowed Chair; they foreshadow further stimulating Chair-sponsored lectures and conferences in the years to come that will enrich STM's already fertile scholarly tradition.

We continue to fundraise for both our \$8 million building expansion and for the \$4 million Endowed Chair for Catholic Studies. These crucial initiatives represent the future of STM: each is directed to serving students, enhancing our Catholic mission and fostering scholarly opportunities that are unique to STM. Thank you for your generous support that makes possible all that we do and all that we are at STM.

Terrence J. Downey, PhD
President

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Building Progress

STM continues to make progress toward the completion of an impressive 12,000 square foot expansion along College Drive.

"We've said from the beginning that this project is critical to our success as a college," says CFO and Director of Administration Derrin Raffey. "It's vital we have the space and physical resources available to support our students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider Catholic community."

The new addition will add almost 4,500 square feet of new classroom space and permit STM to use more of its existing building to meet the high

demand for faculty offices, which will facilitate increased student-faculty interaction.

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

An event is being planned in the spring of 2014 to celebrate the opening of the new expansion.



President Terry Downey surveys construction of the new addition.

Much Ado About Nothing



L to R: Linnea Bargaen (student), Cynthia Sprung (STM alumna), Chiara Tate-Penna (student), Rachele Block (student)

In March Newman Players continued its tradition of offering students a chance to participate in community theatre by staging Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. A play about the battle of the sexes, wild rumours, and mistaken identities, Shakespeare's famous Seventeenth-Century rom-com was a hit for both adults and families.

"One of the reasons I was attracted to this particular Shakespeare play was

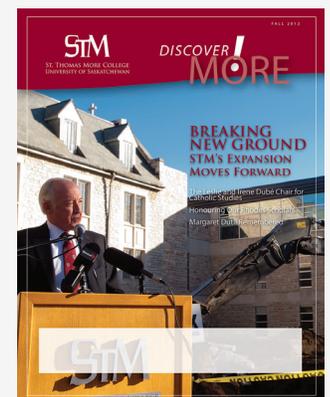
its appeal to a general audience," said Adam Day, the play's Director and an STM graduate. "It's important that our productions are not only fun for us to perform, but fun for our audiences to watch."

Newman Players will stage in November its next production, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, a family friendly play based on Norton Juster's popular children's adventure novel.

Changes to Discover More!

STM's semi-annual college newsletter *Discover More!* will undergo a major facelift this fall when it's redesigned as a more comprehensive college magazine. While part of the change will likely include the addition of an e-magazine to the college's current communications, a change that will significantly reduce production costs, the new college magazine will also receive a new moniker.

"This change is about achieving more impactful and efficient communication with our community," says Dianne Anton, the college's Development Officer. "This is a wonderful opportunity to streamline one of our critical business practices in a way that supports our stakeholders, while at the same time keeping them involved and engaged in the life of STM."



Submit suggestions for the publication's new name by emailing danton@stmcollege.ca or calling 306.966.8918.



Social Justice Conference

With the Papal transition underway at the time, STM's recent social justice conference in March was timely.

"It's always important to pause and reflect during times of great change," says Dr. Carl Still, Dean of STM College. "The conference was the perfect opportunity to do just that."

With over 100 participants over two days, the "Turning to the World: Social Justice and the Common Good since Vatican II" conference celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The conference focused on the various approaches to the modern world called

for by the Council, and included Council participants Bishop Remi De Roo and Dr. Gregory Baum, professor emeritus at McGill University. The theme of ongoing dialogue emerged as central to understanding the Vatican Council's progress during the last half century, as well as a call for justice and solidarity when dealing with the concerns of those living on the margins.

The conference was the inaugural event sponsored by the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies. The Chair is a permanent position within the college focused not only on supporting Catholic knowledge and education, but also promoting ecumenical dialogue

and advancing the awareness of the great faith traditions. The conference received additional funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connection grant program, as well as from the University of Saskatchewan's Conference Fund.

"It offered a unique opportunity for us to explore ideas that at once speak to our concerns and values not only as a Catholic community, but as an academic one," said Dean Still. "It was very well received, and we're already exploring themes and speakers for our next conference."

Report on Research Activities Released

Earlier this year, STM released a new report highlighting the college's research activity. The Explore More Research publication offers a window into the substantial research activity taking place within the college.

"We have an earned reputation for teaching excellence, but we also have faculty members with impressive research programs," says Associate Dean Dr. Darrell McLaughlin. "We think it's important that people hear about that."

The report shows that STM faculty members now hold a quarter million dollars in external research funding and that these grant monies are producing research findings that are presented



nationally and internationally. Notably, the college's annual rate of academic publication has tripled in the past decade.

For more information on the Explore More Research report, email jillingworth@stmcollege.ca.

SUMMER FUN BBQ

alumni and friends are welcome!

June 20th, 2013
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Food Served 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.)
North Patio (weather permitting,
STM Cafeteria alternate venue)

\$10 per person
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Coming Events

Jun 4	Convocation Luncheon
Jun 20	Alumni and Friends Summer BBQ
Oct 3	Red Mass
Oct 24	Keenan Lecture
Nov 14-17	Newman Players' The Phantom Tollbooth

In Memoriam

James Bromberg Bcom 1959
Dr. Victor Buyniak
Noreen Mahoney BA 1947
Mary Mollard BHSC 1945
Robert Pulak BCOM 1953
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