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President's Message

The STM Tradition

Prior to my career at St. Thomas More College, I was fortunate to have known several distinguished STM graduates. In every case, they proved to be worthy ambassadors indeed of the Catholic intellectual tradition that is the soul of STM. Each was not only scholarly but also fully and confidently engaged in transforming the world in which they found themselves. One of these graduates, Mary Jo Leddy, in her book *The Other Face of God*, writes about the obligation to live beyond the selfish, false sense of identity that is generated within what she defines as our imperial culture, a culture in which we see ourselves as being at the "Centre of the World." This is as good a statement as you will find on what STM stands for: it compels us to look confidently outward, to think well beyond our own comfortable and confining interests, to be fully engaged in the world, to consistently and enthusiastically seek new horizons academically, socially, politically, spiritually.



St. Thomas More is, therefore, an entirely appropriate patron for STM; a scholarly and deeply spiritual man who was fully and confidently immersed in the world in which he lived. Does anyone seriously think that he rose to the very pinnacle of political life in rough and ready Tudor England, thanks to the patronage of a volatile Henry VIII, by being simply a pious man, innocent of how politics works, lacking the political shrewdness to be a major player in the always perilous 16th century politics? On the contrary, Thomas More was the most sophisticated and worldly of men, chancellor of the realm fully engaged in ever tumultuous worldly affairs. An astute social critic, he was, to reference Christ's words in Matthew's gospel, wise as a serpent but, in the final analysis, gentle as a dove. His gentleness, and ultimately his saintliness, came via his profound spiritual substance, a humble and selfless recognition that he wasn't the centre of the universe; no matter how immersed and comfortable and remarkably successful he was in the world, his obligation was to transform it, not the other way around.

This was of course the major objective of the Basilian Fathers when they enacted the model established on this campus, and elsewhere in Canada, of having a Catholic institution in the midst of a much larger, secular institution. This is indeed the best of both worlds for students: exposure to the dynamic intellectual stimulation of a large, thriving research intensive university while being a member of a more intimate Catholic academic community that is equally stimulating in terms of promoting intellectual, personal and spiritual development. This is what prepares and enables STM graduates to take their place in the world as major participants without being consumed by it. Or, to recall Thomas More, to transform the world rather than being transformed by it.

Excerpt from President Downey's 2014 Patron's Day Address

Terrence J. Downey, PhD
President, St. Thomas More College

St. Thomas More College Board of Governors

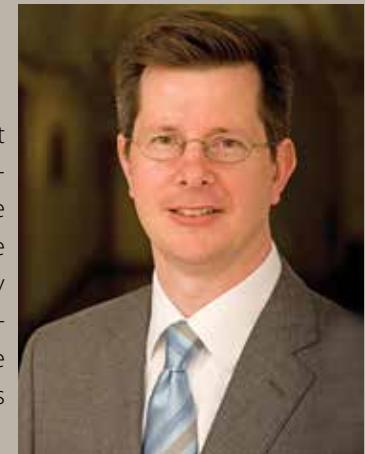


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Dean's Message

Prioritizing Change

Change usually happens slowly in an academic setting, but a dramatic change took place in the past year at STM – a new addition to our building. Since January the addition has transformed our operations by adding new classrooms, student study space, research space, a new boardroom, administrative offices, and a spacious atrium. As a result traffic in the building has greatly increased and with it the opportunity to introduce a larger number of students to the distinctive life of STM on the University campus. As we work on drafting a new strategic plan, we are better able to enhance the student experience by providing occasions for more students to study at STM. About 90% of STM classes will be held in our building this year, and the new study space already competes with the Shannon Library as a desirable place to study between classes.



The five priorities of the new strategic plan present us with a mixture of the familiar and the new. Our work on optimizing the student experience continues a tradition of teaching excellence and student care at STM, while the commitment to increasing Aboriginal engagement is new to this plan. Last year we made important strides in Aboriginal initiatives in the wake of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Now we seek to imagine an STM in 2020 that is in fruitful dialogue with indigenous communities and open to indigenous ways of knowing, learning, and being.

Other priorities take us further along paths in which we are already making progress: building a culture of research and discovery, ensuring our sustainability into the future, and embodying our Catholic identity and mission. STM faculty have reached new heights in recent years in obtaining research grants as well as presenting and publishing their research. Now we aim to make that aptitude for research permeate the whole college, because best practice requires engagement in the current state of every field. The commitment for sustainability is not only a question of adequate resources, but the deliberate and responsible use of our resources to achieve our most important priorities. Our new plan is not premised on major new sources of revenue, nor are we seeking to do more with less. Instead we will concentrate our activities on the five priorities that will serve as the measure of our success or failure over the next five years.

Finally, all of this activity will take place within the Catholic identity and mission of STM. Our long apprenticeship with the Basilians will serve us well as we launch into the next stage of our history. The fundamental values of intellectual freedom, social justice, and pastoral care of students still permeate STM and will serve as guiding lights in the next strategic plan. While the landscape of higher education will change in many ways by 2020, we approach the future with confidence rooted in principles that are forever relevant to a Catholic college seeking to bring all its members to the "full measure of their humanity".

Carl Still, PhD
Dean, St. Thomas More College

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International Initiatives

Intercordia

Over the summer, STM established a new partner in the Global South through the Intercordia program. STM sent three students for a community service-learning experience with the Federacion de Campesinos Hacia el Progreso (the Federation of Farmers Toward Progress) in the region of Bonao, Dominican Republic. The Federation pursues the two-tiered mission of improving the quality of life of campesinos in the mountains while protecting their natural resources and environment.

The students spent two months living with families in host communities, while planting coffee seedlings for the Federation's coffee co-operative or planting trees for a rainforest re-forestation project. These projects represent only part of the Federation's important development and environmental stewardship activities in the region. Others include building mini hydroelectric dams that bring electricity to remote communities for the first time, training youth in bamboo furniture construction while ensuring their formal education, and supporting a resistance against exploitation.

"The Federation provided me with a first hand experience of grassroots development. It gave me hope that around the world, communities are rallying together to improve the lives of those around them and protect their environment," says STM student Shannon McAvoy. McAvoy also points out that, "unlike other NGO's, the Federation was initiated and is sustained by the Dominican people."

While the Federation is a uniquely independent organization, they are also globally-minded, and are looking to deepen international partnerships with organizations that share their mission and values. With this relationship through Intercordia, STM has an incredible opportunity to create a meaningful partnership with an organization committed to social and ecological justice in the Dominican Republic.



STM student Joshua Smith

Bat Kol

Each July, the Bat Kol Institute in Jerusalem organizes intense month-long courses. This past summer, Josh Smith, a Religious Studies student from STM, and a faculty member from the STM Department of Religion and Culture, Dr. Alisha Pomazon, were participants in one such course.

Bat Kol was founded in 1983 as an institute where Christians can engage in biblical studies and explore their own historical relationship with the Jewish tradition as a whole. As one might imagine, the impact of studying sacred text in a location with religious and historical significance for people of Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths has the potential to be transformative.

"To say that my experience in Jerusalem has changed my life would be an understatement," Josh said. "Coming home, I have realized how valuable it is to step out of your own culture and go to a place like Israel, where you can see first hand what other cultures are like in their element."

'BUILDING POSITIVE PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBOUR UNDER CONDITIONS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION WITH MOTHER EARTH'



Chris Hrynkow, Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College, took time this past summer to put in action what he teaches in Religious Studies and Social Justice, by living and working with marginalized communities in El Salvador.

A partnership between the Student Christian Movement Canada and the Foundation for Sustainability and Peacemaking in Mesoamerica, oversees students and adults from across Canada collaborating in an exposure trip to deepen international solidarity while incorporating daily educative and interactive work experiences.

From saving endangered turtles, working on sustainable farming education for young people, informative experiences and tree planting for peace, Dr. Hrynkow found the experience both enlightening and humbling. "Standing in front of impoverished people in the El Salvador communities we visited, I realized that they were educated in completely different ways - knowing things I did not," said Chris. "It is one thing to study - but quite another to live it."



"Lots of new students are exploring STM - it is a very exciting time" Jennifer Hildebrand

The enthusiastic new president for St. Thomas More College students union, Jennifer Hildebrand, reflects the qualities for which the College legacy has endured. Ambitious, scholarly, welcoming and inclusive - Jennifer is a great ambassador for STM!

As a Bethlehem High school student in Saskatoon, Jennifer initially heard about STM from her own brother and through student services presentations at the school. When she was on campus, she enjoyed joining friends who were involved with STM activities. Now in her second year of studies in history and political studies, Ms. Hildebrand felt it was the right time to take on the leadership role in the College. "I want to provide an STM presence on campus and have partnered with the USSU and am getting to know other student unions," says Jennifer. "I also have our STMSU participate in visits to the highschools with our STM recruiters, so we can share our story and encourage others to discover all we offer."

Spare time is rare as Jennifer also keeps very busy outside university managing a school daycare and as head server at the Berry Barn. She is also part of the USSU student crew and safe walk, and a member of the Catholic Christian Student Association(CCSA).

So whether she is at one of the STMSU free waffle events, or racing down a hallway, say hello - Jennifer is eager to meet you. "Our STMSU rule is that our door is always open. We are here for the students. Let us know how we can help."

2014-2015 ST. THOMAS MORE STUDENT'S UNION(STMSU) EXECUTIVE:

(L - R): Connor Moen – VP Academics; Jennifer Hildebrand – President; Sheldon Moellenbeck – VP Communications; Gabriela Potosme – VP Operations; Nigel Detbrenner-Rempel – First Year Rep; Monica Iron - USSU Representative; Ben Schwab – MSC Representative



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STM 2014 CORPORATION AWARDS

The Margaret Dutli Professional and Community Service Award

The Margaret Dutli Professional and Community Service Award recognizes an STM faculty member who exemplifies sustained involvement in the scholarship of community service in pursuit of the common good, particularly service that involves the specific application of one's professional expertise, as well as publicly model the mission of STM.

Nominees are received by the Professional and Community Service (PCS) Committee, a committee of STM Faculty Council, who will once a year ask faculty and the Dean to consider possible candidates for the award. The Chair of the PCS Committee will take the recommendation to Faculty Council for approval; the name of the winner of the award will be sent to the Board for information and the name of the winner announced at the Corporation weekend.

Dean Carl Still announced at Corporation evening that the 2014 recipient is Dr. Brian Chartier, Associate Professor in STM's Psychology Department.

His leadership within the College in combination with extensive community service, embodies the qualities and characteristics for which this award was designed.

Dr. Chartier received his B.A, M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Saskatchewan. He has been a member of the STM faculty since 1991.

As a part of STM's Department of Psychology, Dr. Chartier is a wonderful asset with his expertise in bereavement and parenting capacity, which have been the focus of several of his research projects.

He has held key roles on the STM faculty union executive, served as a member of the STM Scholarship Committee, as a member of the Clinical executive committee for the Department of Psychology, University of Saskatchewan and as a member of the Psychological Services Centre Committee, Department of Psychology.

Applying his professional experience in community service, Dr. Chartier has again proved a role model for us all. He has served as a Board member for Saskatoon Friendship Inn, Family Service Saskatoon, the Association for Death Education and Counseling; served as a member of St. John Bosco Parish council; was a presenter for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan and is integral as support for the Grief Ministry Program for the Diocese of Saskatchewan and Diocese of Prince Albert.

Dr. Chartier also manages to maintain a half-time clinical practice as a registered clinical psychologist providing a handful of psychotherapy services annually on a pro bono basis, assisting the Ministry of Social Services with parenting capacity assessments and psychological assessments for survivors of Indian Residential Schools.

Thank you and congratulations to Dr. Brian Chartier – a most deserving recipient of the Margaret Dutli Professional and Community Service Award and an inspiring model and ambassador for St. Thomas More College.



The St. Thomas More Medal

The St. Thomas More medal has been established to recognize and honour persons, groups of persons, and organizations which have combined personal qualities of care, integrity and faith with significant contributions to community and public life. The award is named after Thomas More whose extraordinary example of faithful virtue and public service remains an inspiration 'for all seasons.'

Gertrude Rompre, Director of Mission, STM, announced at Corporation evening that the 2014 recipient of the St. Thomas More medal is Father Bernard de Margerie.

Working for Christian unity has been the lifelong passion for Bernard de Margerie's priestly mission. Rev. Bernard de Margerie was a young priest, newly ordained, when Pope John XXIII put out the call for Vatican II in 1959. Inspired by what the Pope had said, Father de Margerie yearned to play an integral role. "That night it dawned on me that his call to work on Christian unity was the call of the gospel for me." de Margerie said.

The idea that resonated most with him was that Catholic people needed to be educated in the area of Christian unity and church renewal. De Margerie coined the phrase 'ecumenical formation'. While initially, he thought this "new way of thinking" would be limited to Catholics, during the period from 1959 to 1984, he found himself doing a lot of ecumenical things in the broader Christian community.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Council of Churches in Saskatoon, organizing interdenominational sunrise services, and carrying out, to this point, unheard of dialogues with various other denominations.

In 1984, the Centre for Ecumenism became a reality, governed by a "devoted band of 12 people, six of them Catholic, and other six from the Council of Churches." The Centre's ecumenical sponsorship expanded to include Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Church of Canada, Ukrainian Catholic and Mennonite churches. The result is a centre that is unique in Canada.

Fr. de Margerie was the founder of the Centre back in 1984, and served as the executive director until 1994.



Fr. Bernard deMargerie award presentation from Gertrude Rompré



From the outset, it was a Catholic agency for the service of all denominations. In 1988, however, the Centre became jointly owned. A new constitution was drawn up for the Saskatoon Centre for Ecumenism (later renamed Prairie Centre for Ecumenism), an exclusively inter-denominational agency. House of Abraham was also established as a sub-office of the Centre to develop relations with other world religions. This, in part, also gave birth to Multifaith Saskatoon.

In recognition of his work in ecumenism, Fr. de Margerie has received honorary doctor of divinity degrees from St. Andrew's College, and the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad. De Margerie was also awarded the first Canadian Ecumenical Leadership Award by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal in 1985.

In 2009, Fr. de Margerie retired from active ministry after over 50 years. During these years he had served in parish ministry across the RC Diocese of Saskatoon, and in a number of specialized ministries, including serving as chaplain at City Hospital and ecumenical officer for the Saskatoon Roman Catholic diocese.

Although 'retired' he has continued to have an active role in ecumenism in Saskatoon and across the diocese, and is currently priest-moderator at the Francophone Roman Catholic parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens in Saskatoon.

A unique new book of prayers and reflections focused on Christian reconciliation and unity, written by Fr. Bernard de Margerie, was launched at a diocesan Administration Day Sept. 10 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon.

The 235-page prayer resource – entitled *In God's Reconciling Grace* – is designed to foster greater reconciliation and unity among divided Christians, explained author and editor Fr. Bernard de Margerie. "It is offered as gift, free of charge, to all churches and to all Christian faithful, across denominational boundaries."

STM has developed a series of lectures and workshops named the de Margerie Series on Christian Unity and Reconciliation in honour of Fr. De Margerie's known ecumenical ministry spanning over five decades. This January, the guest speaker for this series is Dr. Westerfield, Professor of Worship from Boston University.

Fr. De Margerie's lifelong dedication to bring Christians together is an inspiration to STM, as we embrace inclusivity in our own College community, welcoming all persons. As reflected in our Mission statement. Thank you Bernard for all

26th Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture

STM KEENAN LECTURE EXPLORES PAPAL CHALLENGES IN THE MODERN WORLD

As Chair of Catholic Studies, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and Research Professor of Law at the University of Tulsa, as well as holding the distinction of having been selected as member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and Pontifical Council for the Social Sciences, Dr. Russell Hittinger was an ideal choice for the St. Thomas More College (STM) 26th Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture.

The Keenan lecture is an annual public lecture by a distinguished visitor on topics reflecting the range of disciplines at St. Thomas More College. The lecture was established to honour Michael Keenan, who served as STM's first Dean from 1974 to 1984. Dr. Keenan was well-respected and known for the quiet leadership he provided St. Thomas More College. He represented the vision of STM as a dedicated teacher and as a person who stood up for what he believed was right. Soon after his death a memorial fund was set up in his name for an annual public lecture. The Keenan Lecture Committee now oversees the lectures, which are held each fall on a date close to the anniversary of Michael Keenan's death.

As guest lecturer on October 23, 2014, Dr. Hittinger's chosen topic was *The Crisis of Modern Times: The (ongoing) Legacy of John Paul II*, where he explored the crucial intersections between the papal office and modernity, drawing out both the challenges and the convergences represented by the encounter of the church and the modern world. In particular, Dr. Hittinger addressed Pope John Paul II's focus on the anthropological crisis and its continuing impact on our lives today.

The closing decades of the 19th century and the closing decades of the 20th encompassed two great pontificates — that of Leo XIII and John Paul II. Leo was first pope to be born in the 19th century and first to die in the 20th. Elected exactly one century after Leo's election in 1878, JP II was first pope to be born in the 20th century and first to die in the 21st. Measured from Leo's birth in 1810 to Pope John Paul II's death in 2005, the lived experience of these two men encompass all modern times, both secular and ecclesiastical — from Napoleon to the iPhone, from the papal states and the Austrian Empire (in whose army Pope John Paul II's father served) to European union, from Our Lady of Lourdes to Madonna.

Russell Hittinger graduated Summa cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1975. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University in 1981 and 1986. Professor Hittinger has taught at Fordham University, The Catholic University of America, NYU and Princeton University. In 1991 and 1994, he was a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum in Rome.

Since 2001, Dr. Hittinger has been a member of the Pontificia Academia Sancti Thomae Aquinatis (Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas), to which he was elected a full member in 2004. He is also a member of the Pontifical Council for the Social Sciences. In 1993 Dr. Hittinger was invited by the Ministry of Culture of the Italian Government to give a lecture to mark the centenary of the death of Pope Leo XIII. His books and articles have appeared on the University of Notre Dame Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, the Review of Metaphysics, the Review of Politics and several law journals (American and European). In 2000, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. He is currently at work on a book on the evolution of Catholic social theory and doctrine during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Dr. Russell Hittinger

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creating more.



Philomena Ojukwa

STM Scholarships and Bursaries

With education costs on the rise, enhancing student aid is a top priority for St. Thomas More College. Together with family or friends, you can significantly impact the life of an STM student and leave a named legacy at the school through the establishment of a scholarship or bursary.

While supporting today's students, scholarship gifts can also honor those who have made a difference in your life. Named scholarships can pay tribute to a loved one or special faculty member, preserve a family name, or highlight a company presence. Scholarships connect the past, present and future!

Each scholarship gift is unique because it is based on your wishes.

With more than 100 Scholarships and bursaries available exclusively to STM students, in addition to the awards offered by the University of Saskatchewan, STM students can truly "discover the best of both worlds".

The beauty of scholarship/bursary endowments is that the principal amount of the donation becomes a permanent asset for the school. The principal is invested, and the interest earned on the principal is what is given to scholarship/bursary winners. Once an endowment fund is established at an institution, it will always be there.

For more information on establishing a scholarship please contact Development officer, Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcolllege.ca



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STM NEWMAN ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

The St. Thomas More-Newman Alumni Association (STMNA) continues to give back to the College community with the STM-Newman Alumni Award presented to a graduating St.Thomas More College student recognized for significant contributions to the campus and wider community. Specifically, the award honours a student's commitment to Christian service, involvement in the college community, and excellence in leadership.

The award was formally presented at the 2014 Spring convocation ceremony to Philomena Ojukwa by alumna Sylvia Regnier.

Philomena graduated with a BA in Political Studies. During Philomena's university years she was very involved at STM in Development and Peace Just Youth group, Newman Centre, and a member of the STMSU. Philomena was also very involved with the Service and Justice project at STM from 2008-2013. In the summer of 2012 Philomena traveled to Ecuador for 8 weeks to serve in the Intercordia Program as a mentor.

Congratulations Philomena! Your dedication, commitment and passion for community and social justice are an inspiration for all. Philomena is currently attending her first year at the college of Nursing.

Lorne and Elizabeth Parker Bursary



Lorne Parker recognizes that bursaries are important because many students are living away from home, and have difficulty financing their education. With this in mind, Lorne Parker created the Lorne and Elizabeth Parker Bursary.

The Lorne and Elizabeth Parker Bursary bursary will go to an STM student who has an honours average and is in financial need with the first one to be given out in January 2015.

Lorne attended STM and obtained 2 degrees from the U of S a BA ('67) and BE ('69). Subsequent to his education at STM, Lorne attended the University of Windsor, earning his MBA, allowing him a career in finance, with specific interest in the stock markets. Although Lorne's career path developed into something not related to his liberal arts education at STM, the education he received is something that holds great value for him.

"I wanted to be able to give back to STM. I received so much from my years at the college and this Bursary Award and donation to the creating more Campaign is my way of repaying and saying thank you for the great Catholic education I received." Lorne Parker

Legacy of Support



Margaret McWilliam
Scholarship

by Brette Ehalt

There's nothing like good grams—or a good scholarship. As a student, I relied on both.

When I needed a break from far, far too much reading and essay-writing, I'd often swing by Grandma's to paint her nails purply-red or rummage through her refrigerator or lounge on her flowery couch or talk about her boyfriend, Al. She often cooked—her bacon and eggs were the best—but sometimes we'd go out together. In her last year, she didn't know who I was. She didn't know who she was. But she could still recite Kipling's "If" and, in the Chapel down the hall, pray The Lord's Prayer.

When my husband Keldon and I decided it was time to give back, I knew the scholarship we'd create would bear her name. Her life was a blessing, and I hope this scholarship will be, too.

"As a student, I spent as much time as I could within the walls of STM. I loved the food at Choices, the quiet of the library, and, of course, the professors. They were, in just one word, wonderful," said Brette Ehalt. Brette an STM Alumni (MA English 2010) was the recipient of scholarships while attending STM and is happy she is able to give back.

Brette and Keldon Ehalt have established the Margaret McWilliam Scholarship through their company Ehalt Oil Services. The Scholarship is given out to one third year and one fourth year student majoring in English.



Frederick W. H. Hill

Son, Paul Hill (Chairman, President and CEO, The Hill Companies) and Carol Hill (Director of Communications for Harvard Developments Inc.) continue to honour Fred and his respect for STM by generously supporting the College. They have committed \$200,000 to STM's Creating More Campaign Building fund. Thank you Hill family!



The Nasser Family Award

Born and raised in Lebanon, Karim "Kay" Nasser earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering at the American University in Beirut, his Masters Degree in Kansas, and his PhD at the University of Saskatchewan, where he served as a professor of civil engineering for 33 years.

Kay and his wife, Dora (also a U of S graduate), have five children -- all of whom studied at the U of S. The Nasser family has been a consistent and generous supporter of education for over 40 years. Recognizing that he would not be where he is today without the financial assistance of others, Dr. Nasser and his family are dedicated to providing the financial support necessary to help students achieve their educational goals.

"We love to donate to our community and we love to help deserving students who are in financial need. Also we hope the students will in the future, when they are able, also help one student in need of financial help." Dr. Karim Nasser.

The Nasser Family Award Bursary will be awarded for the first time in January, 2015. It will be awarded to a full time STM student entering their 2nd year of Study.

The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to a female and a male graduate of St. Thomas More College whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with St. Thomas More College since their graduation. We believe this year's recipients are wonderful examples of individuals whose life-work and commitment reflect the values and benefits of the education they received from the College.

Nominations are now open for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Past recipients:

- 1992 – J. Frank Roy & Mary Louis Long
- 1993 – Alphonse Gerwing & Marikay Falby
- 1994 – Bernard & Mae Daly
- 1995 – Grant & Vivian Maxwell
- 1996 – Ted & Danielle Fortosky
- 1997 – Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfs
- 1998 – Kevin & Dorothy Murphy
- 1999 – Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli
- 2000 – Not awarded
- 2001 – Dr. Tom Molloy and Mildred Kerr
- 2002 – Dr. Michael Krockach & Betty Farrell
- 2003 – Henry Kloppenburg & Kay Feehan
- 2004 – Joseph Bellefleur & Dr. Lois Brockman
- 2005 – Dr. Walter Podiluk & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald
- 2006 – Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein
- 2007 – Not awarded
- 2008 – Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay MacDonald, NDS
- 2009 – Dr. Douglas Schmeiser & MJ DeCoteau
- 2010 – Art Battiste & Barbara Berscheid
- 2011 – Dr. Mary Jo Leddy & Justice Peter Dielschneider
- 2012 – Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie & Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
- 2013 – Dr. W (Earle) DeCoteau & Geralyn (Geri) Hall
- 2014 - Margaret Sanche & Dr. Otto Lang

If you know of a special STM College Alumni you'd like to nominate, please fill out the Distinguished Alumni Nomination form found on our website under Alumni or contact Dianne Anton 306.966.8918 danton@stmcollege.ca to have a form mailed to you. Nominations must be received by June 30, 2015.



Distinguished Alumna 2014 – Margaret Sanche (née Shannon)

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Margaret Shannon grew up in Edmonton, Alberta and married there, moving with her husband Robert to Regina, Saskatchewan and following his doctoral studies in Illinois, relocated to Saskatoon where Robert Sanche was a Professor in the College of Education at the U of S.

Margaret Sanche completed her BA Honours (English and History) in 1984 and a MA (History) in 1989 at the University of Saskatchewan. She returned to St. Thomas More College in 1990, outside of a student role, to serve as archivist/historian of the College until 2010.

There is no doubt Margaret Sanche knows this College. Her published works related to STM include: Heartwood: A history of St. Thomas More College and Newman Centre at the University of Saskatchewan; as well as her Master's thesis, other articles on the history of STM, and work on the Anglin Collection, a special collection of the College's Shannon library.

Margaret's positive role in ensuring documentation of the legacy of this College and the Roman Catholic Diocese is reflective of her relationship with St. Thomas More College, life in the church and her faith and interest in Catholic and Canadian history.

Margaret Sanche has held several positions on the Canadian Catholic History Association Executive, contributes to the annual journal on Canadian religious History, is an active member of Holy Spirit Parish, one of the founding members of L'arche Saskatoon, and since 1993 has served on the Brazil Mission Awareness Committee of the Diocese of Saskatoon. In 2013 she authored Building the Church, Living the Gospel: The Cathedrals and Parish churches of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

At present, Margaret is the archivist/historian of the Roman Catholic diocese of Saskatoon as well as for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, St. Mary's Province. She and husband Robert have four children – all were STM students.

Thank you Margaret for all these accomplishments which not only celebrate and advance the spirit of STM but also ensure our legacy and that of the Catholic community will be shared for years to come.

Distinguished Alumnus 2014



The Honourable Otto Lang
 PC, OC, QC

Born in Handel, SK, the Hon. Otto Lang was raised and educated in the Humboldt area. After graduation he enrolled in Arts and Sciences at the U of S – and began his relationship with St. Thomas More College and the Newman Club. Otto went on to earn his B.A. with Distinction (1951) and LL.B. with great Distinction (1953) from the University of Saskatchewan, before attending Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar in 1953. There he completed his Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) in 1955. A life-long learner, he later attended the University of Manitoba where he received his degree of Doctor of Laws in 1987. In 2013, the University of Saskatchewan also presented Otto Lang with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Best known for his role representing Saskatchewan in the Canadian political arena, Otto Lang first served as Member of Parliament for the constituency of Saskatoon-Humbolt from 1968 to 1979. He was a productive cabinet minister, serving in numerous portfolios and introducing many pieces of important legislation. As a member of cabinet, he served as Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Minister of Justice, Minister of Transport, and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. He was named Queen's Counsel in 1972.

In 1979, Otto Lang redirected his energies and skills to the business world. He was appointed Executive Vice-President of Pioneer Grain Company, Ltd., and has served on the Board of a number of other companies and industry organizations.

Otto Lang has also been busy serving his community. He was Campaign Chairman for the United Way of Winnipeg and served as a Member of the Board of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He has also shared his talents and wisdom with a number of other organizations. After a busy career in law and politics, the Hon. Otto Lang officially retired in 2008.

Lang is married to Madame Justice Deborah McCawley of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba. They currently reside in Manitoba. Lang is the father of seven children.

We recognize Otto Lang as our 2014 Distinguished Alumnus. His life work has reflected his commitment to serving his community and family through public, business, and academic worlds always working towards making Canada a better place to live.

We are proud to have you Otto, as an STM Alumni.

Leave a Legacy at STM



Jocelyn Richardson a former long-time STM Board member and member of the STM congregation for over 35 years recognizes the importance of a university education and understands the significance of ensuring financial support through Planned Giving. With the rapidly rising cost of university education, she and her husband, Doug Richardson, have designated STM as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy in their will.

"Our years spent as students are looked back on fondly and with great gratitude for the exceptional education received and overall welcoming and inclusive environment. All our three children have attended STM, and have experienced the wonderful community within. Our planned gift to St. Thomas More College not only expresses our gratitude to the College, but also expresses our trust in the College to use the funds for the betterment of its students and community".

Doug (LL.B '74) and Jocelyn (BE '78) Richardson

PLANNED GIVING AT STM is an important way alumni/ae and friends pass on what they have received, to further develop the education experience to future students and strengthen the College's reputation as the largest influential Catholic College in Western Canada.

In making a Planned Gift to STM you are providing for the long term financial needs of STM. Examples of programs which require long-term funding are: scholarships and bursaries, student support services, campus ministry, library, building upkeep, faculty research. Through STM's Planned Giving program you are provided opportunities to make a special gift... a lifetime gift. For STM, a Planned Gift also offers long-term stability which in turn allows us to plan into the future, ensuring that our students academic needs will be provided for in the best means possible.

By making a Planned Gift as an alumni/ae and friend you can have great pride in the fact that you helped ensure that students today and tomorrow will have the same opportunities you did when you attended STM.

Planned Giving opportunities include:

A *Gift Today* such as publicly traded securities that include stocks, bonds, GIC's or royalties, can be donated and give immediate benefit to STM with immediate tax relief to you.

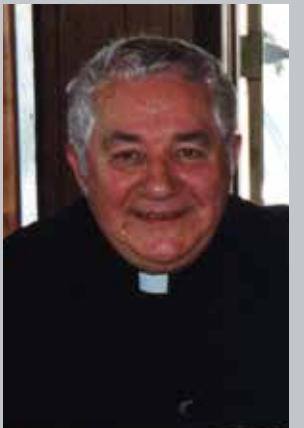
A *Gift for the Future* through a bequest in your will, a life insurance policy, a gift of annuity or charitable remainder trust you can help secure STM's financial health for the future, while offering substantial tax incentives.

For more information please contact Dianne Anton, Development Officer at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcollege.ca

STM Alumni: Then and Now

1962

Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSSR, earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the U of S in 1962 and a Bachelor of Arts in 1964. He has also earned master's degree in Theology and B.A. honours in psychology. Fr. Kushko is an associate pastor at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yorkton.



Fr. Kushko has led a very full and interesting life, and has had three careers – for 11 years he taught, became principal and supervisory assistant; then as a priest he became principal of St. Vladimir's Collegiate; and currently, Fr. Kushko hosts a weekly Christian radio show called The Ukrainian Hour. For his civil work in Moose Jaw where he was that pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Fr. Kushko received the Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of the confederation of Canada. In 1964, then Premier Ross Thatcher invited Fr. Kushko to become the Deputy Minister of Education for Saskatchewan; Fr. Kushko turned down the offer, as his calling to the priesthood was very strong.

If he could offer one piece of advice to current students, it would be to have a living relationship with Jesus.

1994

Duncan Sutherland BA'94 , MA '96

After finishing at the University of Saskatchewan, Duncan earned a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and married Julia Haworth , a British diplomat and fellow Cambridge graduate. He has accompanied her on postings to Singapore and Jamaica, where they currently live. Although his background is in British History he has contributed to History projects in both countries. In Singapore he wrote many articles for the National Library's online encyclopedia and co-wrote a book commissioned by the President of Singapore on the presidential residence's garden. In Jamaica he interviewed World War II veterans as part of an oral history project and is involved with an effort to establish a new museum. They will return to London after the posting and enjoy annual visits to Saskatoon, where they always attend Mass at STM and still see many friends.



2002

Katy Suik earned her Bachelor of Arts, Double Honours, English and Religious Studies from STM in 2002, after which she began working at St. Peter's College, Muenster, SK; while there, she met her husband and had a family.

Katy has since gone back to school and is now a Certified Professional Life Coach, owning and operating KMS Life Coaching. In this, she is able to make a difference in the lives of her clients, empowering them to make choices and develop perspectives for success and fulfillment.

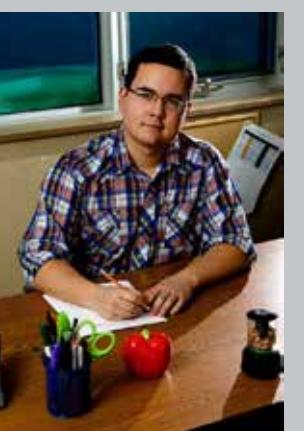
Katy chose STM because of her desire to be with others who shared similar faith, values and beliefs. At STM, Katy joined the Newman Club and eventually becoming its president. Some of her favourite memories from the College include student outings to Alexander's, Louis', Newman meetings, the Newman Retreat and the people employed by the College.

Katy would like to students to pay attention to what drives them, what kind of experience they want and to go for it!



2009

Shayne Meggs earned his Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in 2009, but was deeply involved with STM through his studies' entirety, and continues to remain close to the College. Shayne has been teaching for the Saskatoon Catholic School Board for the past five years.



Shayne has many fond memories of St. Thomas More College, including the Newman Club, campus ministers, coffee houses and retreats. Shayne met his now wife through STM when her family boarded Shayne during a conference. Shayne appreciates STM for involving him in activities that brought together the best of university life and faith. STM helped Shayne not only in his academic and social world, but also allowed him to have a place to express his faith.

If he could offer one piece of advice to current students, it would be to find a balance between the social, academic and spiritual sides of university; you will regret not focusing and over-focusing on any one of them.



Ted & Danielle Fortosky, Bert and Pauline Provost visit STM Summer of 2014.

**Danielle Fortosky(STM 1964-'67)
Ted Fortosky ('58-60) ('63-64) ('78-79)**

by Danielle Fortosky

Although Ted's degrees 1963/64 (B.Ed) and 1978-79 (M.Ed) were through the College of Education, he stayed well connected with STM and played the role of Hamlet in Fr. Joe O'Donnell's production of *Hamlet* in March 1964.

Some of my fondest memories of STM include playing the role of Margaret in Robert Bolt's *Man For All Seasons* directed by Fr. Robert Montague. I still often think of Fr. Montague and feel so fortunate that for a short time he was part of my life. Fr. Montague and St. Thomas More introduced me to my husband Ted who played the role of More in that play. I also very much value the times in Fr. O'Donnell's Shakespeare class and sharing the presence of so many gifted Basilians who surrounded us during those years.

Ted's fondest memory is playing the role of Hamlet under the direction of Fr. Joe O'Donnell. He considered it an honour to be part of the Shakespearean tradition of STM. He also has many good memories of serving on the STM Newman Alumni (President 1976-77), STM Corporation and STM Board of Governors.

Ted & Danielle Fortosky received the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award in 1996.



"A liberal arts education is a preparation for life, and so is invaluable as a foundation for whatever career one chooses"

Dr. Margaret Weiers

Margaret (Kesslering) Weiers graduated with her BA in English from the U of S (1949) (STM Alumni) at the age of 20, and never looked back. Weiers went on to a 40-year career in journalism, beginning in 1949 with Regina newspapers, including the Leader-Post.

In 1955, as part of the Dept. of External Affairs, she posted to New York as vice-consul and as a press officer at the United Nations General Assembly. A stint with CBC followed, along with freelance work while she accompanied her husband on foreign aid assignments. Joining the Toronto Star in 1963, Margaret built a strong reputation as a reporter, feature writer and member of the paper's editorial board - securing her place in a previously male-dominated occupation. In 1969 she won the Canadian women's press club memorial award for best news story. Weiers received an honorary Doctor of Letters in 2010 from the U of S.

Margaret Weiers has fond memories of her STM days, particularly 'Ulcers' as well as bridge games and Father O'Donnell's English classes. She is most appreciative of the scholarship she received which allowed her to attend STM, recognizing that this provides an opportunity for a University education that otherwise might not exist for many. Dr. Weiers has generously made a planned gift to the College to support the STM Scholarship and Bursary fund. Thank you Margaret for inspiring so many!



The Red Mass, introduced in England in the reign of Edward I in 1310, traditionally was celebrated to invoke inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice. In collaboration with members of Saskatoon's legal community and the STM Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon, a Red Mass is celebrated each fall in the STM Chapel.

The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon Inc. was incorporated by a group of Saskatoon Lawyers in June of 2002. The Guild was created to enhance appreciation for the observance of integrity and the highest ethical standards in the practice of law and in the administration of justice as demonstrated by its namesake, Thomas More. The Guild strives to promote fellowship and spiritual growth throughout the legal community.

October 29th, the Red Mass was celebrated by Bishops Don Bolen and Bryan Bayda.

Following the mass, a banquet was held featuring guest speaker Rabbi Claudio Jor-dorkovsky of Congregation Agudas Israel.

St. Thomas More College Campus Ministry Team:

L - R:
Fr. André Lalach,
Madeline Oliver,
Michael MacLean,
Gertrude Rompré (Director of
Mission and Ministry)



There's no "I" in Team! *by Michael Maclean*

There is an African Proverb that goes, *If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.* The Campus Ministry team at St. Thomas More College has gone far, and plans to continue doing so. Committed to a model of team work and collaborative Ministry, Fr. André Lalach, Michael MacLean and Madeline Oliver work together to reach out and build community in ways no one lone person could. And with former team member Gertrude Rompré now taking on the position of Director of Mission and Ministry at the College, there isn't a more fitting person to work with the Campus Ministry team at STM.

The mission of Campus Ministry at St. Thomas More College is to serve and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by means of: 1) Presence to the College and University, 2) Development of faith community, 3) Celebration of word and sacrament, and 4) Empowerment to service, especially to the poor and marginalized. This fall, the team has been carrying out this mission in a number of faith-filled ways.

PRESENCE

This year is a special one for the Campus Ministry team, as the physical location of their offices moved from the wing across the library, to the hallway outside the chapel. This move has been ideal for the team because of the heightened traffic between classes in this new setting. The new office space continues to allow for privacy for pastoral counselling appointments, but also facilitates students, staff and faculty to drop in and chat at this very central location. The team is also present to the College community this fall through their weekly prayer programming, their community building events like TED talk time and Theology on Tap and their involvement in the STM Strategic Planning process. STM Campus Ministry also continues to be present to the University through their involvement in the Multi-faith Chaplains Association, which facilitates their involvement in offering the invocation at fall convocation, the annual Remembrance day service at the Memorial Gates, and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in December.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Developing Faith community happens in many different ways, and Campus Ministry is excited to build community with the students they encounter on campus, as well as with faculty and staff. Part of the community building that Campus Ministry does is with the student groups it works with, including the Newman Centre, the St. Thomas More Students Union, the Development and Peace Just Youth group and the Knights of Columbus College council. Fr. Ron Griffin, csb, continues to say mass Sundays and Tuesdays at the College, and the other prayer opportunities that are happening in the chapel this fall are Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Centering prayer on Thursdays. Shannon and Miles from the Newman Centre and Dorothy Abernathy from the Shannon library are instrumental in providing the community with opportunities to pray the rosary Mondays at noon, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Fridays at 9 am. Our faith community is also part of a larger Canadian context, and Campus Ministry travelled with six students to St. Joseph's College in Edmonton on October 16-19 for the National Canadian Catholic Students Association Conference. STM hosted the CCSA Western Regional conference last fall.

CELEBRATION OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Fr. André is definitely a gift to the Campus Ministry team and our community. Fr. André serves halftime at STM, and then has parish responsibilities at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition of the Mother of God, and also visits the Catholic High schools in Saskatoon. He presides at the Divine Liturgy in the STM Chapel every Friday, and hears confessions on a regular basis, Wednesdays in the Chapel prayer room. André also leads a daytime Bible study on Wednesday mornings, while Michael leads the evening one Mondays at 7 pm. Speaking of Sacraments, it looks like the worshipping community will be having children prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion this year. It is also exciting to note that Madeline has begun leading a class for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Lastly, the African Catholic Community gathers in the STM chapel on the first Sunday of each month at 2 pm, to celebrate mass with Fr. Patrick Ampani and Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem, OP. All are welcome to join in the celebration!

SERVING THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED

This year marked the return of the Just Youth group sponsoring a day retreat for high school students in Saskatoon to learn about the fall campaign, "Sow Much Love" and about the issues facing our world, especially in the Global south. It turned out that the retreat was held on Oct. 9th, which is also Newman's Feast day, and Newman students gave out cake to staff, students, and faculty in celebration. Talk about a day of service!

A new initiative that STM Campus Ministry is involved in this year is working with the Micah mission. The plan is to introduce the concept of Restorative Justice to the campus community through events and activities, primarily student led. One of the first actions will be to collect coffee donations to take to the Regional Psychiatric Centre, where a number of students and campus ministers have visited for prayer services, masses and rosary. The first week of November has been designated for the Coffee donations to be collected.

Team ministry is challenging, and can, at many times prove difficult, but St. Thomas More College values this collaboration, and has since Fr. Bud Paré, csb, introduced the concept to the St. Thomas More College community in the 1970's. We are proud of this ongoing contribution, and are committed to collaborative ministry, no matter what the challenge. Go team!

Michael MacLean is a member of the St. Thomas More College Campus Ministry team, and has served in this capacity full-time since 1998.

Newman Players Great Reviews for Mmmbeth



Newman Players carried on the tradition of Shakespeare performances at the College in a rather unique way this fall. The troupe produced a one-act comedy spoof of the Scottish play called *Mmmbeth*. Written by Allison Williams and directed by STM alumna Cynthia Sprung, the play ran from October 24-26 in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium. Featuring a cast of 11 students, staff, and alumni of the college, the show got big laughs from audience members young and old.

This was not the first time in the recent past that Newman Players has had fun with the works of the Bard. Sprung was previously involved in the group's production of Hamlette (Princess of Denmark) as a student. "Since being in Hamlette all those years ago, I knew we had to do *Mmmbeth* someday," she said.

Newman Players' next production will be Jon Jory's adaption of Persuasion, the novel by Jane Austen. Persuasion will run March 12-15, 2015.



STM Community Celebrates at Annual Academic Mass

September 28, 2014 STM Chapel was full as community, faculty, students and staff came together to celebrate and participate in the liturgy - a wonderful start to the school year.

The Academic Mass begins with an Academic procession, with faculty invited to wear their own academic robes or simple gowns. On this occasion, the Most Rev. Gerald Wiesner, OMI, was the main presider, assisted by Father Andre. Bishop Wiesner is the former bishop of Prince George who has retired with his Oblate community here in Saskatoon.

2014 National Philanthropy Day Honourees

St. Thomas More College nominated *The Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross* as 2014 National Philanthropy Day honourees. They were recognized at Saskatoon's National Philanthropy Day celebration luncheon, November 14 at Prairieland Park.

Sisters. Marie and Yvonne Raiwet, and Sister Alice LeClaire, represent their international religious community, *The Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross*, whose focus has always been on education and care. In Saskatchewan they have been instrumental in setting up schools and special care homes. At STM the Sisters support ensures the vibrancy of student scholarships, campus ministry, and Intercordia. Theirs is a legacy of hospitality, compassion, and love which will continue far into the future.

Thank you *Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross* for your continued support for education offerings at St. Thomas More College.

Srs. Marie and Yvonne Raiwet, and Sr. Alice LeClaire

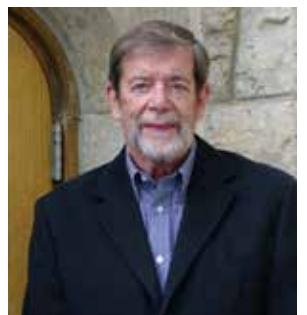


THE Leslie & Irene Dubé CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES



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LECTURE SERIES & EVENTS

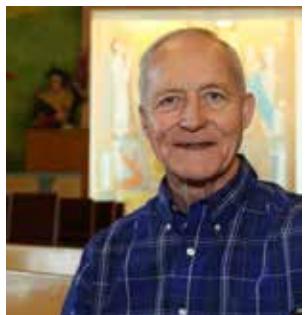


LES & IRENE DUBÉ CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES LECTURE:

The Basilians: Jesuits without the Attitude

Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Hayden & Rev. Dr. Ron Griffin, CSB

The first lecture of the St. Thomas More College Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies lecture series, involved a look at Basilians - as seen in both a historical and sociological context. Speaking as a historian, Dr. Michael Hayden discussed the origins of the Congregation of St. Basil in reaction to the French Revolution, its slow growth, and its problems dealing with the French government throughout the nineteenth century. Fr. Ron Griffin, a sociologist and STM's last Basilian on site, identified the reasons why the history and recruitment pattern of the Basilians was so different from those of five other male religious congregations which were founded in France during the same time period.



Discussion also included the Basilians arrival in Canada and the conflict that developed between the French and Canadian branches of the congregation and the transformation of the Basilians in Canada from a group of conservative, French, anti-modern-world seminary teachers, into a body of English speaking, well-educated high school and university teachers and parish priests. The lecture concluded with discussion of what transpired with Basilians from the 1970s to the present in the context of the experiences of other Catholic religious orders and congregations. The floor was then opened to questions and comments, including an assessment of the Basilians impact on past, present and future University of Saskatchewan students.

Basilian Sculpture Unveiled

Following the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies lecture at St. Thomas More College, entitled *The Basilians: Jesuits without attitude*, sculptor and STM alumni, Russel Baron unveiled a sculpture dedicated to the Basilians and their legacy. A single Basilian priest plows a field with his cassock flowing in the wind. An unseen force pulls the plow forward while the priest wrestles to direct it. The seeds are planted and time will tell what harvest will emerge.



Sculptor Russel Baron

Plans are now underway to rename the College Atrium *St. Basil's Atrium* in conjunction with the STM Creating More campaign having now established the St. Basil's Atrium fund.

STM College President Terry Downey spoke to the reason behind the dedication, "St. Thomas More College commemorates the noble legacy of the Basilian Fathers who first created and then sustained, through untold sacrifices and legendary dedication, this renowned scholarly community. We are inspired by generations of distinguished graduates who, transformed by a Basilian education, have in turn devoted their expertise and energies to transforming the professions, organizations, communities and countries in which they work and live. This illustrious tradition invigorates us to uphold and enhance the fertile academic presence of a vibrant St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan." Adding, "Commitment to the Catholic intellectual life, social justice and the pastoral care of students emboldens us to engage the future."

The goal is to raise \$500,000 to name the new Atrium at St. Thomas More College in honour of St. Basil, the founder of the Basilians. For more information contact Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcollege.ca

Visit creatingmore.ca to read more about the St. Basil Atrium fund and the Creating More campaign.

Upcoming Lectures:

January 20, 2015 De Margerie Lecture on Christian Unity and Reconciliation:
An Ecumenism of Life: Liturgy and Dialogue

Guest Speaker: Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, Professor of Worship, Boston University
7:30pm STM Atrium

February 27/28, 2015 Dialogue & Diversity Conference - will highlight the three documents of the Second Vatican Council that focus on dialogue, and offer present day interpretations and integration of these documents into conversation about identity, conflict and diversity.

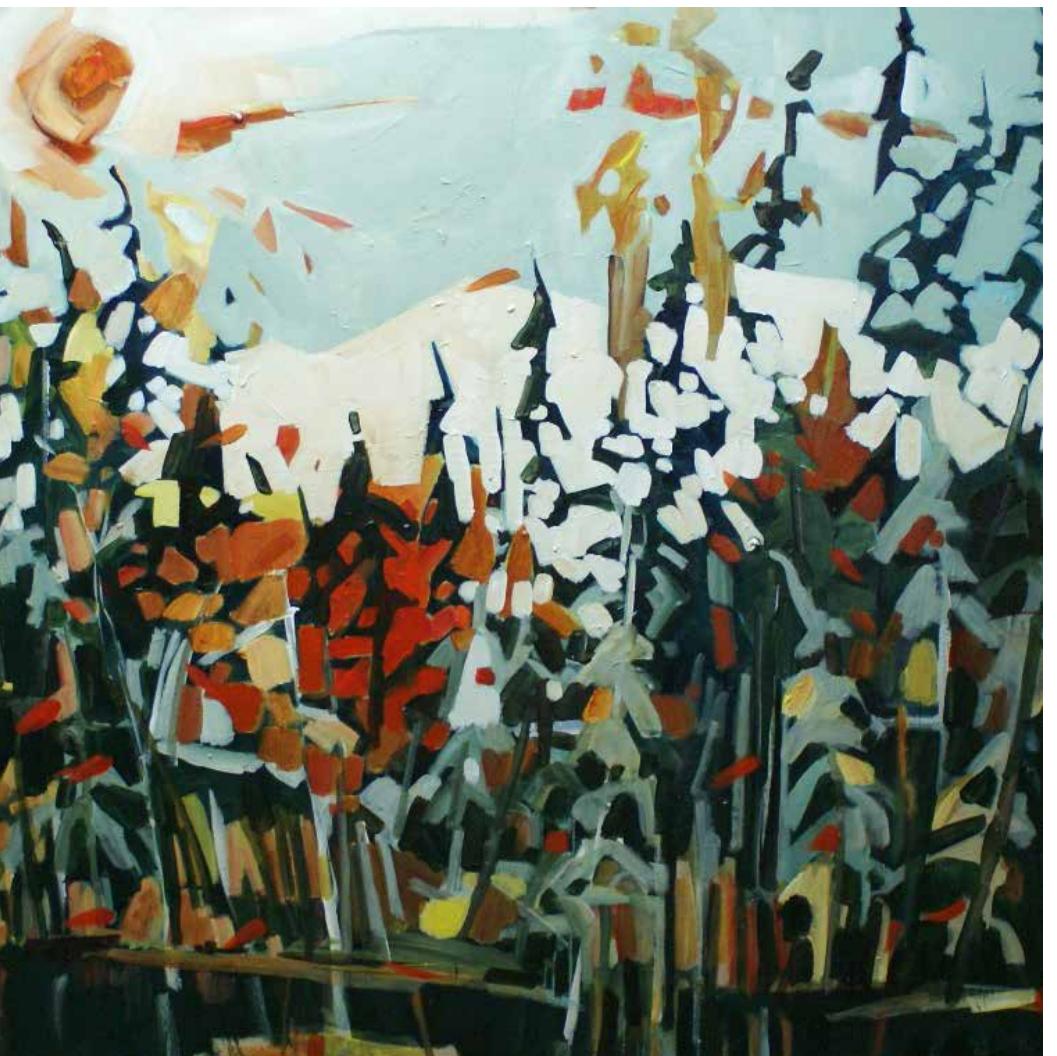
Psychology of death and dying

PSY 207.3 (62) Term 2
Tuesday 6:30 - 9:20 | CRN 28410

Dr. Brian Chartier

This course focuses on the psychological issues relevant to dying and death. The topics that will be examined include societal attitudes, cultural differences, coping with dying, dealing with loss and grief, memorialisation and funerals, developmental issues across the life span, relevant legal issues, suicide and life threatening behaviour, AIDS and the psychological meaning of death.

This course is well suited for individuals in the health science colleges, people who plan to work in human service positions and those in positions of ministry, all of whom are likely to face the issues raised in this course in their future work.



Jacqueline Faye Miller, Falls Drape
Acrylic on canvas, 30" x 30"



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NEW COURSE OFFERINGS AT STM

The Spanish of Latin Americans

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What is the difference between the Spanish spoken in Spain and the mother tongue of more than 193 million speakers in Latin and South America? The Spanish of Latin Americans provides an overview of the linguistic variation found in Latin American Spanish.

Behind the News: History of the Arab Spring

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This course will explore the history and historical debates behind contemporary events 'in the news'. Each course analyzes a specific set of linked contemporary events and provides students with lectures and reading to help them make sense of these events from a historical perspective.

For more information on course offerings: stmcollege.ca or call 306 966-8900

St. Thomas More Gallery

Georgian Bay: Three Takes

Featuring artists Bridget Aitken, Nicki Ault and Jacqueline Faye Miller

August 26 – October 31st
The Opening Reception was held Friday, September 12th

STM Gallery was pleased to present this group show, inspired by the artists' trip to Georgian Bay in Southern Ontario during the fall of 2013.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Heat of Everyday Life

Featuring Artist David Dyck
November 3-December 10, 2014



ABORIGINAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (ASAP)



Dr. Ernie Walker (above) speaks to ASAP class during tour of Wanuskewin for Laura Foley's Archeology 112 class.

Coming to university can be a challenging experience, particularly for people who are the first in their family to seek a post-secondary education or for those coming from a culture that does not share the world-view of the dominant culture. Historically, the retention rates for Aboriginal students have been lower than for non-Aborigines. This is especially true for first year students. Yet there is also strong evidence to suggest that if students have a successful first year, the likelihood of them completing their degree is much higher.

In 2013-14 two STM professors, Dr. Daniel Regnier (Philosophy) and Professor Laura Foley (Religion and Culture), began working with the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP) in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan to offer courses to Aboriginal students in first year Learning Communities.

ASAP Learning Communities bring together Aboriginal First Year students who take a common set of courses, meet weekly with upper year students called Peer Mentors, and connect with Aboriginal role models.

Dr. Regnier's philosophy course, Introduction to Indigenous Philosophy, and Professor Foley's archeology course, The Human Journey, were among the course options available to ASAP students this past year.

STM & THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joshua Smith

The Knights of Columbus Council #10580 has an identity that is twofold - first as a fraternity, a brotherhood founded in Christ and in Mary. Given this foundation, we seek out Catholic men that are over the age of 18 to join the Knights of Columbus. As part of that we hold a ceremony here at the college at least once a year. We also have dinners and activities that give us the opportunity to bond as Catholic men.

The second part to our identity is charity. Our charity is demonstrated by our partnering with other student groups at STM to raise money for a common cause. We also have a pancake cookout every year that raises money. Furthermore, we have recently taken the St. Francis Pledge to show our commitment to Social and Ecological Justice.

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ONE HIT WONDERS

Newman Sounds Glee Club
is directed by
Kristen Raney
& Accompanied by
Rebecca Vanderkooi

November 28 & 29
7:30 PM
Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium
(St. Thomas More College)

Tickets:
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\$5 students & seniors

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STM Faculty Research Excellence



Assistant Professor Sarah Knudson, of STM's Sociology department has been awarded an Insight Development Grant by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Dr. Knudson will receive \$23,988 over the next two years for her project, Mapping supports and constraints in young women's transition to adulthood in the context of a rapidly growing city. This project will focus specifically on three key demographic groups of young women in Saskatoon: Canadian born non-Aboriginal, Aboriginal, and 1.5 generation immigrants (women who arrived in Canada before adolescence).

"The crucial period of transition from adolescence to young adulthood, often identified as the 'defining decade' spans from the late teens to early thirties and represents a major fork in the road between pathways leading to cumulative social advantage and disadvantage," states Knudson. Social scientists agree that a mixture of structural and cultural factors lies at the root of the changing shift to adulthood.

Numerous changes over the past half-century including the addition of work and career options for women, later retirements and cutbacks to social programs, along with the current economic climate, have resulted in added stress during this period, especially with reduced safety nets for those youth seeking transitional support.

The transition affects particular socio-demographic groups differently: young women face more constrained choices when entering adulthood, and ethnicity and immigrant status/generation frequently struggle more. "Among today's young Canadian women, little has been done to look comparatively at how ethnic or cultural affiliation and immigrant status affect their mobility routes and sources of transitional support," said Sarah Knudson. "My research will fill an important knowledge gap by mapping sources of support and constraint in young women's transition to adulthood within the unique context of Saskatoon."

Through the use of in-depth interviews with young women of three key demographic groups, Dr. Sarah Knudson's research should identify how differing sources of support and divergent mobility routes point to inequalities in knowledge of and access to resources, while additionally offering insight into the changes necessary to overcome transitional obstacles.

STM FACULTY 2014 RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
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Dr. Sarah Knudson (Sociology) SSHRC Award

Project: *Mapping supports and constraints in young women's transition to adulthood in the context of a rapidly growing city.*

Dr. Tammy Marche (Psychology) SSHRC Award

Project: *Improving Children's Working Memory with Cogmed and Strategy Training*

Dr. David McGrane (Political Studies) SSHRC Award

Project: *Explaining the Breakthrough of the federal New Democratic Party inside and outside of Quebec*

Dr. Paulette Hunter (Psychology) STM Research Grant

Project: *Promoting Brain Health through Multi-Generational Social Marketing*

Dr. Brian Chartier/ Dr. Tracey Carr [Sessional Lecturer] (Psychology) STM DARA Grant

Project: *The Meanings of Healing: Journeys of Indian Residential School Survivors and the Second Generation*

Dr. Bohdan Kordan (Political Studies) STM DARA Grant

Project: *Canada and the Maidan: The Determinants of Canadian Foreign Policy*

Dr. Saeed Moshiri (Economics) STM Research Grant

Project: *Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Productivity in Canada: Spillovers and Dynamic Effects*

STM's own Distinctive Areas Research Award (DARA) is now in its second year. This internal research grant supports and encourages faculty research that further develops our distinctive program areas, as well as strengthening faculty expertise in these areas.

In the News

STM Professor Natalia Khanenko-Friesen appointed Editor



Congratulations to STM's Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, the Head of the Department of Religion and Culture and the professor of Cultural Anthropology, who was recently appointed as an Inaugural Editor of the Engaged Scholar Journal, <http://www.usask.ca/engagedscholar/> launched by the University of Saskatchewan in May 2014.

STM Professor Wright Re-appointed Micah Mission Chair



The Micah Mission of Saskatoon is an ecumenical restorative justice organization that supports the spiritual transformation of the lives of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people. The work of the Micah Mission is supported by the Mennonite, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, United Church and Quaker communities of Saskatoon. Bishop Donald Boilan has been very supportive of the work at Micah, as has been the community at St. Thomas More College. Dr. Sharon Wright, assistant professor and acting department head for the history department at STM and a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), has been reappointed Chair Person for a second term ending in 2016.

With over thirty dedicated volunteers and two half-time staff members, the community that forms Micah believes in the power of transformative justice to build peaceful and faithful communities. From their foundation in many churches they are com-

mitted to restoring individuals and communities to caring and respectful relationships in the wake of harm through the work of a community reintegration chaplain, programs of visitation, befriending, and circles of support and accountability.

Ecological justice panel address "The Role of the University in Ecological Justice"



As part of an event organized by student Erica Lee, David Suzuki (traveling across Canada on his last major tour) was welcomed to Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan.

Suzuki spoke at STM following a round dance and introduced the panel discussion: *The Role of the University in Ecological Justice*.

This event was free and open to the public. Co-hosted by the David Suzuki Foundation and the St. Thomas More College - Minor in Social Justice and the Common Good.

Professor Kordan in demand for fall speaking engagements



Chair and Professor, Dept of Political Studies, Director, Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, Bohdan Kordan, PhD was a featured speaker at numerous forums this fall.

Papers presented included: *Canada, the Great War and the Internment of Enemy Aliens, 1914-1920; Understanding the Conflict in Ukraine: An Intimate Account; and Remembering the Story: IFOA@35 Remembers the Great War.*

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Upcoming Events at St. Thomas More College: Everyone Welcome

NOVEMBER 28/29 Newman Sounds presents **ONE HIT WONDERS** 7:30pm STM Auditorium

DECEMBER 4 Cultivating Mission Series: **TEACHING AS A VOCATION** 3:30pm STM RM 3012

JANUARY 20 de Margerie Lecture on Christian Unity & Reconciliation 7:30pm STM Atrium

FEBRUARY 27/28 Dialogue & Diversity Conference 6:30 pm Friday - 9pm Saturday STM

MARCH 7/8 Just Youth present **THINKFAST** 11:00am/12:00am STM

MARCH 12 Newman Players present **PERSUASION** 7:00pm STM AUDITORIUM

MARCH 28/29 Newman Sounds present **DISNEY** 7:30pm Broadway Theatre

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