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ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
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President's Message

This St. Thomas More College Fall/Winter 2015 More News documents yet another remarkable period in the life of STM as demonstrated by a record number of initiatives and achievements that reflect the fertile Catholic intellectual tradition in which we operate.

The major accomplishment in recent months was the completion and approval of the STM Strategic Plan 2015-2020, the fruits of a year-long consultative process that invited input from all members of the STM scholarly community. The research and writing of an institution's strategic plan provides an opportunity to take intellectual inventory, and to appreciate the past and to envision the future along several dimensions. This was particularly appropriate in the case of this strategic planning exercise which was the first such plan in STM's post-Basilian era.

Inspired by the noble legacy of the Basilian Fathers and the many committed faculty and staff who have created this renowned scholarly community, the Strategic Plan commits to uphold and enhance all that has been entrusted to us by these illustrious predecessors including their dedication to a vibrant liberal arts education wherein the humanities, social sciences and interdisciplinary studies are vigorously present. The norms of rigorous academic freedom including an unrelenting search for meaning and purpose, the presence of a diversity of voices and opinion, and the welcoming of ongoing critiques of traditional scholarship and of public policy, constitute the attributes of the STM scholarly experience.

As we look five years into the future, each of us at STM is conscious that we have a unique and privileged obligation to provide a dynamic student centred intellectual experience for all who entrust to us their post-secondary future. We look to the next five years with great confidence because we believe that the very soul of this place is the calling we all share to offer opportunities for students from a wide variety of backgrounds by providing a scholarly environment that fosters original research, teaching excellence and academic rigour. Taken together, these empower students to discover, cultivate and appreciate their own abilities, to seek meaning and purpose, to nurture a life-long passion for knowledge and truth. This St. Thomas More College 2015-2020 Strategic Plan summons us to inspire in students the courage to heed St. Paul's exhortation to "not be conformed to the world," but rather to ponder and challenge accepted wisdom in both academic disciplines and in everyday life, to address injustices, to be passionate for social justice and to attend to the common good.

While the completion of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020 was a highlight, a number of other achievements were realized in the second half of 2015 including highly reputable faculty research including scholarly contributions in the media on contemporary issues, remarkable student success, a spirited Engaged Learning program, an already renowned and expanding Chair for Catholic Studies Lecture Series, drama productions and visual arts exhibitions, and recognition of distinguished alumni.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to my colleagues who, with the support of Corporation, Board of Governors and donors, provide a vibrant scholarly environment where sustained, systematic and disciplined dialogues invite and enable our students to reach the full measure of their being.



President , St. Thomas More College

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Dean's Message

As the Fall/Winter 2015 More News goes to press, the college's academic program is once again in full swing. In addition to the familiar rhythm of the academic year, there are landmark events this fall that will profoundly shape the context in which we work. STM President Terrence Downey has been reappointed to a second term as our college's president. Peter Stoicheff, well known to us as Dean of Arts and Science, was named the new President of the University of Saskatchewan and installed at Fall Convocation. And in the federal election a new parliament and a new Prime Minister were elected on a platform that included a commitment to making post-secondary education more affordable.

As both the country and our host university begin again with new leadership, we too begin anew with the first year of our Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Within that plan we re-commit to enhancing the student experience of all our students and to fostering a culture of discovery led by our faculty. We also make a new commitment to Indigenous engagement, in partnership with the U of S and in light of the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



We have seen a rise this year in the number of students who self-identify as STM students. In order to ensure that we are providing the best educational experience to our students, we are phasing in a requirement that all courses taught at STM be evaluated. We are continuing to renew our curriculum by creating new courses and revising existing ones in every discipline that we teach. We are seeking to broaden our study abroad options and to reimagine how to extend our highly successful engaged learning program. And we are seeking to convert our Writing for Academic Success course into a credit option to enable students to learn in their first year how to write the research essays that will be crucial to their success throughout their university years.

Curriculum renewal is in turn supported by faculty renewal, and this year we will resume hiring in order to keep our faculty complement strong at 40 full-time positions. We have revised our tenure and promotion standards to keep them comparable to the university's while maintaining our distinctiveness as a Catholic college. We have adopted bylaws for the first time for our Faculty Council, which together with the Board and Corporation form the college's tripartite governance structure. While maintaining our collegial processes and academic self-governance, STM faculty continue to distinguish themselves in teaching and to communicate their research more than ever.

To all these activities we add a new challenge whose time has come: to welcome and support the increasing numbers of Indigenous students who come to us. To do this will require us to change. Yet we cannot live out our mission as an inclusive community seeking the fulfillment of the human person and not embrace this challenge. This year will mark another stage in our journey with Indigenous peoples, as we seek both to learn and to share what we know.

Carl Still

Carl Still, PhD
Dean, St. Thomas More College

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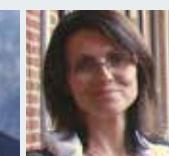
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ENGAGE THE EXPERTS



Sociology is the study of human social life, focusing on developing an understanding of changes in social structure and human interaction on an individual, societal and global level. Students in Sociology learn to analyze social issues and think critically about the world around them.

Monica Hwang, named UBC's outstanding PHD graduate of 2014-2015, is involved in research focussing on the construction of social and political trust and her STM courses include the areas of ethnic and racial inequality and race and ethnic relations.

Monica Hwang, BA, MA, PhD
Department of Sociology, STM



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STM Faculty Research Excellence

STM Faculty continue to be very active in research and successful in obtaining funding for their research projects. External funding has been awarded to faculty from the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR), Saskatoon Health Research Foundation (SHRF), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Student Summer Works (SSW) program. Our internal STM research grants have been instrumental in faculty being successful in these, and other, external grant competitions, as well as securing book deals. Internal and external research funding makes it possible for the hiring of research assistants and Graduate Teaching-Research Fellows, which aid faculty in their research as well as mentoring students in their future academic careers.

Joanne Illingworth
STM Academic Administrative Assistant

STM FACULTY 2015 RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Dr. Brian Chartier/Dr. Tracey Carr (Psychology), Collaborative Innovation Development Grant, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation

Project: *Assessing the Healing Needs of Former Students of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) and their Families*

In collaboration with the Marguerite Riel Centre and their Director of Operations, Joanne Yakowec, principal investigators, Dr. Brian Chartier and Dr. Tracey Carr from the STM Department of Psychology with co-investigator Professor Emeritus of History, Dr. Jim Miller are conducting a needs assessment to evaluate what resources are required to enhance healing efforts among former IRS students and their families.

Using a qualitative interview approach to understand the healing experiences among this population and the necessary resources to enhance healing, our goal will be to interview support workers, Elders, and family members from five Saskatchewan locations. Once data are analyzed, we will disseminate preliminary findings to the Resolution Health Support Program which is comprised of Elders and support workers for discussion and input.

The ultimate goal of this research is to understand the important features of the healing process for former IRS students and their families. We will apply this knowledge in a subsequent research project which will develop resources for professionals in the Prairie Provinces who work with this population. We gratefully acknowledge our funder, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation and their Collaborative Innovation Development grant.

Dr. Chris Hrynkow (Religion and Culture), STM Research Grant

Project: *Little Shrines on the Prairie*

This project will compare and contrast the history, lived reality, and social context of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine at Carmel, SK, and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Rama, SK. As the Mount Carmel Shrine resides within the former Territorial Abbacy of St. Peter-Munster, it fits into the previous Abbacy-related project, Catholicism, Pilgrimage, and Place on the Prairies. The Grotto of our Lady at Lourdes at Rama will be used to discover, via comparison, how Mount Carmel's connection to St. Peter's Abbey informed its place in the larger community of St. Peter's Colony.

Dr. David McGrane (Political Studies), STM Research Grant
Comparing Quebec and English Canadian Citizens' Perspectives of Federalism and Nationalism

The practical importance of this project is to map out an understanding of the intergovernmental challenges and opportunities that face the Quebec provincial government, the federal Canadian government, and other provincial governments in Canada. There may be commonalities between citizens inside and outside of Quebec that could be used as a foundation to construct a forward-looking intergovernmental agenda to improve the performance and legitimacy of Canadian federalism. On the other hand, the research project could find sharp cleavages between Quebec and English Canadian citizens that should be recognized to ensure harmonious intergovernmental relations in our country.

Dr. Saeed Moshiri (Economics), STM Seed Grant
Project: *Changes in Energy Intensity in Canada*

Canada is one of the top-ranked OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in terms of energy intensity and also one of the top per capita emitters of carbon dioxide (CO₂). However, energy intensity in Canada has been declining at an annual rate of 1.7% for the past two decades. Understanding factors contributing to these changes in energy intensity is crucial for the future of energy market in Canada and the policy-making on environment and energy. This study focuses on the factors driving down energy intensity in Canada for the period of 1980-2008.

Dr. Daniel Regnier (Philosophy), STM Research Grant
Project: *The Arabic Plotinus and Its Reception in Arabic and Islamic Philosophy*

This project aims to better understand the philosophical significance of the Arabic Plotinus and its influence on Medieval Islamic Philosophy. Dr. Regnier argues that the Arabic Plotinus has, in some sense, been inaccurately interpreted by previous scholarship which has focused primarily on metaphysical and theological problems. This project attempts to reinterpret the Arabic Plotinus from a point of view which privileges psychological and ethical problems and will also attempt to demonstrate that Medieval Islamic thinkers, in fact, read the Arabic Plotinus as a source for their real psychological and ethical work. This project will focus on three major thinkers – Al-Farabi, Avicenna (Ibn Rushd) and Sohrwardi.



LUTHER SPECIAL CARE HOME PARTNERS WITH STM PROFESSOR HUNTER IN MONTESSORI PROGRAM



According to Dr. Paulette Hunter, assistant professor of psychology at St. Thomas More College, residents living in long-term care often do not have adequate access to personally meaningful activity, and this has a negative effect on their quality of life.

From May through July 2015, Hunter collaborated with Luther Special Care Home (LSCH) to facilitate a trial of a unique volunteer-assisted program to promote quality of life.

Fifteen residents living in the Temperance-Munroe neighborhood of participated in the program, which borrowed from the Montessori tradition in childhood education.

The Montessori approach is among several emerging models of care tailored specifically for long-term care residents with dementia. It emphasizes the opportunity to participate in personally meaningful activities and roles at a level that respects current cognitive, sensory, and motor abilities. Initial research suggests the method has potential to improve mood, reduce agitated behaviour, and foster the maintenance or enhancement of certain abilities.

Unfortunately, what is personally meaningful and suited to one resident's needs does not always meet the needs of others. Given the finite resources available for recreational programming in long-term care, recreation teams are not always able to accommodate each resident's individual interests. Instead, they often focus on group programming that is likely to interest many, though not all, residents.

To support the work of recreation teams, Dr. Hunter and LSCH project lead, Murray Tempel, recruited volunteers to learn about visiting "the Montessori way". Eighteen volunteers committed to a minimum of 20 one-to-one visits with residents over the summer.

Hunter says that the volunteer-led activities catered to a wide range of interests and abilities. Some residents enjoyed reviewing a map of Canada with their volunteer visitor and discussing where they had traveled. Others enjoyed organizing electrical couplers and other parts in a parts organizer drawer, making a flashlight work, or playing a simple dice game. A female resident who had done a lot of needlework in her younger days greatly enjoyed simply having the opportunity to help to wrap a ball of yarn.

Murray Tempel says the program "is a fresh approach to providing meaningful moments for many of our residents. Our staff does a great job with recreation programming, but they find it very difficult to give timely attention to everyone who needs it, each time they need it. Putting the Montessori research to good use, our volunteers interacted one-to-one with our residents in activities based on that person's specific interests. If we continue to improve the present moments of our residents like that, it obviously means a lot to their families, too."

LSCH is looking at ways to sustain the program now that the summer pilot study has ended.

Hunter's team plans to publish a report on the feasibility of volunteer-delivered Montessori programming, and is also looking for possible effects of the summer program on residents' mood, agitation, and engagement in goal-directed activity.

[For more information about Montessori programs for people with dementia, or to learn about training opportunities, please visit the Canadian website \[www.dementiability.com\]\(http://www.dementiability.com\) or the American website \[www.cen4ard.com\]\(http://www.cen4ard.com\).](http://www.dementiability.com)

Funding for this project was provided by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, and project co-investigators included Dr. Lilian Thorpe (Saskatoon Health Region & University of Saskatchewan) and Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos (University of Regina).

Research cont'd

Dr. Monica Hwang (Sociology), STM DARA Grant

Project: *Measuring Inequality in Historical Perspective*

Inequality is no longer seen as solely an economic or class issue. Both historically and in the present day, inequality is more fully understood as something that goes beyond and also predates groups defined by class or economic inequality per se. All forms of inequality are ultimately about differential access to several key forms of power, such as economic, political, and ideological. What this project addresses is the question of measurement. How do measure these power differences? Economic inequality is probably the easiest to measure and the one form of inequality that continues to have the most attention in public discourse. How do we measure the historical influence of religious ideas on the formation or maintenance of contemporary inequalities in historically Catholic societies? This is trickier to measure but definitely a worthwhile pursuit.

Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen (Anthropology), STM DARA

Grant

Project: *Oral History of 20th Street: Many Faces of the City Core Neighbourhood*

This project will highlight, by means of projecting community voices and stories, the vibrant and important history of Saskatoon as experienced on and around 20th Street. 20th Street, together with its businesses and neighbouring residential communities, is one of the oldest core neighbourhoods in Saskatoon. Its rich and diverse history, in the last century, created a unique cultural and social legacy yet to be studied and explored by researchers and community historians. This area went through several distinct periods of development, all nowadays witnessed in the presence of various local cultural institutions, architecture, and other businesses, including those representing Aboriginal, Ukrainian, Chinese and other ethnic groups in our city. Oral history interviewing will allow us to tap into this rich memory and culture as well as preserve this knowledge for future generations.



STM at a Glance

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230 ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS
(open to all U of S students)

74 FACULTY
(Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional)

2000 STUDENTS
(approx. full and part-time)

152 Aboriginal students
(self-declared)

57 International students
(self-declared)

\$150,000 in STM Scholarships
& Bursaries annually

8,900 STM Alumni
(approx. since 1936)

103,426 STMCOLLEGE.CA
Website visits
(Sept. 2014 - Nov. 2015)

1500 weekly DINERS
CHOICES @ STM





Back

Fr. Mark Blom OMI Mark Blom grew up in Saskatoon attending St. Patrick's elementary and Holy Cross High schools. Living near the U of S gave him ample opportunity to explore campus at a young age. Cycling all around the University he and his friends visited all the student lounges where they could relax or get snacks. Among his haunts was St. Thomas More College where he felt a special sense of belonging because it was part of the Catholic family of Saskatoon. After high school Mark spent three years in the Army Reserves and then moved to the Battlefords to learn meat cutting. There he met the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. While at a prayer meeting at STM someone said that Mary was calling him to "do whatever he tells you." This led him to the Seminary of Christ the King in B.C. for philosophy studies. After applying to the Oblates he began formation and took one year of classes at STM and later theological studies at Newman College Edmonton completing his Baccalaureate at Gregorian University in Rome. Since returning to Canada Mark has served in various pastoral assignments in Northern Saskatchewan and Alberta. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2002 at Saskatoon and worked on the Oblate Youth Team and Oblate Parish Mission team in the Edmonton area for five years. Fr. Mark then served as pastor of two parishes in the Keewatin diocese for six years in Northern Saskatchewan at La Ronge and Southend working mostly with Cree people. In 2013 he began ministry as the Vocation Director for the Oblates of the Lacombe Province Canada. He lives in Saskatoon with brother Oblates and is STM's newest campus minister!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE JUST YOUTH

Meetings are Fridays at 3:30pm in STM RM 2001.

For more information, contact justyouth@stmcollege.ca. or Campus Minister Madeline Oliver



L-R:

STM CAMPUS MINISTRY: GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE, GROWING IN FAITH AND GROWING IN NUMBER!

By Michael MacLean

Ever since Fr. Ulysses "Bud" Pare, csb, established the first Campus Ministry team which included ordained, religious and lay people working together in collaboration at St. Thomas More College in the 1970's, the students in the STM community have greatly benefitted. The idea was that a balanced team, complete with diversity and variety, would be the most comprehensive way to serve the needs of students. The Campus Ministry team features Michael MacLean, Madeline Oliver and Fr. André Lalach, who presides at Divine Liturgy Fridays in the STM chapel. They are happy to have the support of Fr. Ron Griffin, csb, who presides at mass Tuesday-Thursday in the chapel at 11:30 am and Sundays at 11:00 am. And now, the team is growing. This fall, the St. Thomas More College Campus Ministry team welcomed new part-time team member Fr. Mark Blom, omi. Fr. Mark is the Vocations Director for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Fr. Mark is able to continue his work in vocations, while also serving the community at STM by presiding at the 5 pm mass on Sundays, and the 11:30 am weekday mass on Monday mornings. Mark has a real interest in discernment and spiritual direction, and he incorporates whatever he can (including props) to make the Gospel come to life in his homilies.

In her report to Corporation, Director of Mission and Ministry Gertrude Rompré stated that, "At STM, paths of dialogue are created in our interactions with students." She goes on to say that the STM Campus Ministry Team is on the front lines of this encounter, offering a ministry of presence to all students seeking to nurture both their faith and intellectual lives. She also refers to "innovative programming" like TED Talk time at STM as a means to engage students in dialogue.

This year is the third for TED Talk time. It consists of gathering students to screen a TED talk and engage in discussion, while enjoying a few snacks provided by the host group. Campus Ministry has acted as host a number of times since TED Talk time's inception in 2013, but a number of other groups have as well including the department of Religion and Culture, Students Services, Engaged Learning, Newman Centre, STMSU, Friends of Sophia, the Knights of Columbus, and In Medias Res. The talks range in their scope, from Education (Sir Ken Robinson's talk on schools and creativity) to Religion (AJ Jacobs' talk on "My Year of Living Biblically") to living authentically (Brene Brown's talk on "The Power of Vulnerability"). Favourites always seem to emerge, such as Jill Bolte Taylor's "Stroke of Insight" and Amy Cuddy's talk on Body Language. Some of the talks strike quite a serious tone, such as Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's talk, "The danger of a single story" and some are very light in nature. Last year, when In Medias Res hosted, they featured a talk by Mac Barnett entitled, "Why a good book is a secret door". Those in attendance loved the whimsical nature of this talk on the surreal nature of childhood, children's books, and the way that art can be a doorway to wonder. The best part about TED talk time, is that if you happen to miss the screening, you can always look up the talk afterwards and enjoy what the rest of the group has experienced. All these talks are definitely worth looking up.

The nature of TED talk time is to develop partnerships, and one such relationship that developed this year was with the University's committee that created events for Sexual Assault Awareness week. In conjunction with the other events that week, STM hosted TED Talk time that was devoted to this topic, screening Jackson Katz' talk, "Violence against women – it's a men's issue". The entire complement of Peer Health mentors joined our regular audience for pizza and discussion, making that TED talk the highest attended session thus far.

Whether it is engaging in dialogue at TED talk time, chatting in the hallway or cafeteria, or having a one on one encounter in the Campus Ministry office space, all the team members are willing to lend a listening ear with their positive ministry of presence. For up to date information about STM Campus Ministry, click on their tab at <http://stmcollege.ca/> or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/campusministry.stm>.

MASS - STM CHAPEL

Roman Catholic Mass: Sundays 11:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.
(September - April)
Weekdays (September - April)
Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Held each Monday at 12 noon
Byzantine Divine Liturgy: Fridays (September - April)
11:30 a.m. St. Thomas More College Chapel.

African Mass: Fr. Patrick Ampani and Fr. Iheanyhi Enwarem celebrate mass with the African Catholic Community on the 1st Sunday of Month at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More College Chapel.

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 2016 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 Rolfes
1998 - Kevin & Dorothy Murphy
1999 - Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli
2000 - Not awarded
2001 - Dr. Tom Molloy and Mildred Kerr
2002 - Dr. Michael Krochak & 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 & 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 Karen Massett 206-665-2018 kmassett@stmcollege.org to have a form mailed.

Nominations must be received by June 30, 2016



Do you remember ULCERS @ STM? Please tell us your story.

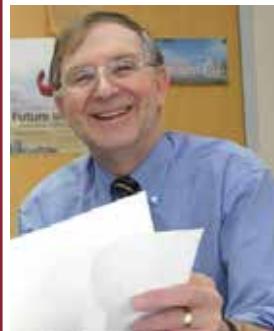
We would like you to share your memories, experiences, achievements, adventures etc. with the alumni community- perhaps feature you in our More News magazine and /or on our website? We are proud of the achievements of our STM alumni, love to hear the stories of your College days and are interested to know where your degree has taken you.

Please contact Karen Massett (Development Officer) at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

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Distinguished Alumnus 2015 Dr. Jim Dosman



Dr. Dosman's contribution to our community through his commitment and mentorship has had a profound impact within Sault Ste. Marie.

Raised in Anaheim SK. Jim Dosman attended St. Peter's College body in 1958. He was admitted into the U of S College of Medicine and practiced family medicine in Saskatoon.

Dr. Dosman's interest in Medicine then took him to McGill, founding Head of the Division of Respiratory Medicine, which lead him to become the founding Director of the Centre for appointments at the University of Saskatchewan including for Health and Safety in Agriculture. Currently he holds a Director position with this not-for-profit company which promotes research, public

Dr. Dosman, a devoted, accomplished and world renowned pioneer in Agricultural Medicine, has received over 18 Million dollars in research grants, as well as 5 Million dollars in private sector funding for rural public health around the globe.

His many degrees include Officer of the Order of Canada, as well as Saskatchewan Order of Merit and he has passed American Board Certification exams in this field. Jim and his wife, Vicki, have three children and six grandchildren.

STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA 2015 SISTER IRENE POELZER

Sister Irene Poelzer, raised on a family farm in the Humboldt area, was the oldest of 12 children. She arrived on the University of Saskatchewan campus in 1947. After graduating from St. Thomas More College (STM), she received her BEd in 1964. She then went on to complete her MA through the College of Education in 1969; her thesis entitled "Henry Carr C.S.B., 1880-1963 Canadian Educator". From Saskatoon, her academic pursuits took her to the University of Oregon to pursue a PhD.



The majority of Sister Irene's career was served as a Professor at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Education. For her incredible work in Women and Gender studies, she is considered by many as a pioneer in the field of feminist scholarship in Western Canada. Along the way, she and her good friend Margaret Dutli, also co-founded "Friends of Sophia", an interdenominational group of women dedicated to nurturing Christian feminist spirituality.

Over the years, Sister Irene's commitment to STM College has remained strong. She was involved in the very first STM Newman Alumni Association (STMNA) during the late 70s. She took a strong leadership role in the STM "For all Seasons Campaign" and has also supported the College through personal donation. In 1991, she travelled to Alberta with her dear friend Dr. John Thompson, (then president of STM College), to gain support for the campaign from STM Alumni living in Edmonton and Calgary.

Dr. Thompson has provided comments on his many fond memories of their time together, and his great admiration of Sister Irene's career accomplishments, life's intention, and character, "Irene always had something worthwhile to say. She called you on things you said. As I met students Irene taught, they told me how Irene evoked life in them. Irene's presence, laughter, straight look, and hard questions had a way of waking us all up. She was proudly, gratefully Father Henry Carr's student and friend. Fr. Carr was the person, she said, who taught her to think, really think. In Irenaeus' words, Irene is "the human person [who] is the glory of God fully alive."

In 1992, Sister Irene wrote about the research she had done in the 1960s on Father Carr and Federation. The article, "FR. Henry Carr and the Federated Model for Catholic Higher Education in Canada", for the first time revealed a highly intriguing image of STM that she had privately nurtured for over 40 years. The picture of STM as a prairie bush creates a powerful metaphor. Sister Irene noted, "I realized that like a prairie bush which started from seed, spreading its roots below ground and its branches above, St. Thomas More College had flourished".

During the research on her thesis in the 60s Father Carr had compared his concept of education to the extraordinary experience of Moses being drawn to a fire in a bush, while tending flock in the wilderness. It was a typical day working as a shepherd, and he was intrigued by something out of the ordinary. It was an ordinary burning bush that was blazing but not burning up. He was in wonder and awe at the extraordinary site. God called to him from the bush and it changed his life.

Upon re-reading her thesis for the 1992 article, Sister Irene came to realize that her metaphor was incredibly accurate. She considers STM, as an academic "bush", clustered among other bushes, making up the university, "...doing what it is supposed to do, educating with excellence, is called to be the ordinary vehicle for the extraordinary vision of its students....the 'burning bush' of post-secondary education within the University of Saskatchewan. This is the heart of Federation."

Few Alumnae are as distinguished as Sister Irene. As a faculty member, and leader on the University of Saskatchewan campus, she has commanded great influence, and her support and commitment to the College remains steadfast over many years.

No stranger to STM accolades, Sister Irene received the St. Thomas More Medal in 1994. The award titled after its namesake, recognizes combined qualities of care, integrity and faith with meaningful contributions to the community and public life.

St. Thomas More College proudly recognizes Sister Irene Poelzer with the 2015 Distinguished Alumna Award!

Commitment to respiratory medicine, research, public health of rural populations, agricultural and rural environmental exposures, community development in Saskatchewan and around the world. For this we proudly recognize Dr. Jim Dosman as our 2015 Distinguished Alumnus.

lege, and began his relationship with STM College in 1957. He became actively involved in the College and was elected President of the STM student medicine in the fall of 1959, and graduated with his MD in 1963. He completed his internship at St. Paul's Hospital and then established a very successful

University where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine, as well as Respiratory Medicine. Returning to Saskatoon in 1975, he became the College of Medicine, at the University of Saskatchewan. He developed a special interest in the health of those employed in the agricultural sector, which led to Agricultural Medicine, at the University of Saskatchewan, in 1986. From there his keen interest and expertise in Agricultural Medicine resulted in many positions: Director of the Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environmental Health, Acting Head, Department of Medicine, and Director of the Canadian Centre for Distinguished Research Chair at the University of Saskatchewan. In 2008, Dr. Dosman became the President and CEO of Agrivita Canada Inc. He founded Agrivita, a company focused on agricultural health, and safety in the field agriculture.

medicine, is widely considered to be the "Father of Agricultural Medicine". Over the course of his distinguished career in Saskatchewan he has received numerous awards and recognition. As a result of his expertise he has been called upon to spearhead many international symposia helping to define the scope of agriculture and public health.

er of Merit. A life-long learner, Dr. Dosman also earned a Master of Arts degree in Political Economy. Most recently his interests lean toward sleep medicine. He and his wife Susan McKay Dosman have 5 children.

In Memory of STM Alumna: **The Christine Hudek Bursary**



Mr. Edward Hudek has made a generous donation in honor and memory of his late wife, Christine Louise Hudek. The Christine Hudek Bursary has been established to provide support to first year students attending St. Thomas More College from the Hafford area, in the Rural Municipality of Redberry No. 435.

Christine was born in Saskatoon in 1919. She attended St. Joseph's parish school and spent three years in Montreal attending an English speaking academy, returning to Saskatoon to complete High School at Nutana Collegiate in 1938. She enrolled in St. Thomas More College, in 1938 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1941. During her time at STM she assumed a leadership role with a group of St. Joseph's parish teen age girls, known as the "Children of Mary". She led an active life on campus as a member of the University of Saskatchewan Glee Club, and as social director at STM. She attended Mass on Sunday morning and often on Sunday evenings for Benediction and Rosary. She also kept busy playing basketball, bridge, and tennis, swimming and reading.

She and Edward met in the autumn of 1938, through their participation at the Newman Club. Edward, who left the family farm to attend University. The Newman club introduced many Catholic students on campus to the STM chapel where they celebrated Mass on Sundays, and also developed friendships through the various Newman social gatherings.

Edward graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.Sc. in Agriculture in 1940. On February 12th, 1942 Christine Louise Chamard and Edward Philip Hudek were married at St. Joseph's parish. They moved to the Hafford area, to farm full time on the Hudek family homestead. They started a family, and enjoyed life in the small community. Together they raised a family of 8 children. Christine helped out wholeheartedly on the farm, driving the tractor and milking the cows. As their children arrived she devoted her life to their care, and family became the most important thing to her. It was her firm belief that all children were gifts from God. She also found time to stay actively involved in the community with the Catholic Women's League, the Hafford Hospital Guild, playing cards, curling and skating.

In 1956, the family moved to Winnipeg, as Edward accepted a position to head a new Agriculture Engineering program for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. Edward served on his Parish Council from 1958-1984. During that time he was appointed by Cardinal Fahliff to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Canadian Catholic Organization for the Development of Peace (CCODP). He was presented with a Papal Medal in 1969, and was also elected to the National Board of the CCODP.

Edward eventually became the Chief Agricultural Engineer at the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. His vast experience in agriculture, also lead to the appointments of: Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Chair of the Milk Control Board, and Chair of the Crown Lands Appeal Board, to name a few.

In 1984 Edward and Christine accepted an offer from the Canadian International Development Agency, and moved to Sudan, Africa for 2 years to manage a 10,000 acre Agricultural Research and Development project. While there, Christine also taught sewing to the local women. Upon returning from Africa the couple travelled extensively seeing a great deal of the world. Christine also loved spending time with her grandchildren at the lake.

Christine passed away in 2013 at the age of 94. Edward, now close to 100 years of age, has compiled his life memories in a book entitled, 'Memories of a Saskatchewan Farm Boy'.

Karen Massett, Development Officer, Derrin Raffey CFO, and President Terrence Downey, had the opportunity to meet with Edward and his children Joan and Gordon during a recent trip to Winnipeg. It was wonderful to hear first-hand of how Edward and Christine's time at STM, and the camaraderie of those in the Newman Club, played such a positive role in their lives, and of course in bringing them together!

Edward Hudek has pursued his woodworking interest. His many creations include a 16ft. boat, toy trucks and cradles for his grandchildren, and 17 Grandfather and Grandmother Clocks.

Edward Hudek, the St. Thomas More scholarly community is grateful for this generous gift and for your inspiring commitment to the wellbeing of the students who attend STM. Thank you!



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For more information please contact Karen Massett, Development Officer at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

ST. THOMAS MORE MEDAL

2015 Recipient Fr. André Poilièvre



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

This year's award winner was announced at the Corporation dinner by President Downey. STM proudly recognizes Fr. André Poilièvre and STR8 UP, the organization he founded, as the 2015 recipient of the St. Thomas More Medal.

Father Poilièvre, a native of Prud'homme, has attended 4 different universities, including the Catholic University in Paris. He notes that his ministry has been shaped by 3 influences: the worker priest movement in France, the Second Vatican Council, and liberation theology. His lifelong passion and priestly mission has been his dedication to helping young offenders, addicts and gang members make it through the difficult journey from hurting to healing.

Originally serving as director of the Catholic Centre, he soon became a pastor at St. Michael's Parish. During his time there he met a First Nations man whose life story sparked in Father Poilièvre an awareness of entirely different experience of Canadian reality, a reality that would eventually lead him to walk with young men on the path to healing.

Father Poilièvre then became involved in adult education programs in Saskatoon. His enthusiasm for education then took him to the Arctic where he spent 5 years developing and implementing training programs for Inuit and Dene management trainees in Inuit and First Nations owned co-operative enterprises.

After further studies at the University of Toronto, Father Poilièvre spent the next 10 years working with disadvantaged youth as a teacher, counsellor and chaplain in Saskatoon at Joe Duquette High School (now Oskayak). He became further involved in helping youth by spending time with those incarcerated at Kilburn Hall, and eventually the Saskatoon Correction Centre.

After his time at Joe Duquette, he became the coordinating chaplain at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre where he spent the next 7 years. In a recent CBC news article, Father Poilièvre expressed his concern about the lack of effective rehabilitation programs in this facility. He advocates that a change in attitudes toward criminals and jails is necessary. This shift, he feels, could instigate a change in these centres from a culture of violence, crime, conflicts, hate and resentment, to an environment of therapy, healing, rehabilitation and wellness.

Combining his experience in education, counselling, and chaplaincy, with his concern and advocacy for youth, he co-founded STR8 UP, an organization which helps to liberate individuals from gangs and criminal lifestyles, and to find hope and healing. STR8 UP has helped over 100 young people escape gang-life.

In 2006, Father André Poilièvre received an appointment to Order of Canada. Our country's highest civilian honor recognizes the social and moral support he has provided for Aboriginal and inner-city youth struggling with addictions and gang violence, over the course of 20 years. In 2014 he retired from his role of priest moderator at Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish in Saskatoon.

OXFORD Bound

A familiar face around STM over the past couple years, Dijana Sneath has been selected to attend St. Anne's College, University of Oxford, to continue her Psychology studies in a special program sure to assist in her research on Down Syndrome and Neuroplasticity.

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Newman Players SLEEPING BEAUTY



Newman Players carried on the admirable tradition of theatrical productions at the College with a delightful rendition of *Sleeping Beauty*. Written by Michele L. Vacca and directed by Richard Medernach, the show ran in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium from October 22 – 24. Billed as a play for children, families, and the young at heart, *Sleeping Beauty* proved to be an elegant and amusing version of the Perrault romance, with just the right balance of comedy and suspense, and a touch of dance.

Newman Players now turns its focus toward its March production of Arsenic and Old Lace which will be directed by former STMNA Presi-
dent Adam Day. Visit the Newman Players website at www.stmcollege.ca/newmanplayers to stay on top of their news and events.

The Newman Sounds Glee Club, under the direction of Kristen Raney and accompanied by Ian Elliot, is celebrated its 5th year since its renaissance with a show about singing and show business On November 27 and 28. The concert featured songs from Pitch Perfect, Glee, A Chorus Line, Fame, The Sing Off, Pentatonix. This group is one of STM's most popular student clubs and had 26 singers this semester. Newman Sounds hopes you'll join them for their British Invasion show April 1st and 2nd 2016 !

For more information on auditions or other ways to get involved with Newman Players or Newman Sounds contact:
| Richard Medernach | rmedernach@stmcollege.ca | 306-966-8900 |

STM STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT CONVOCATION

Congratulations to the all STM students who celebrated U of S Convocation in 2015! We are pleased to recognize the following outstanding students with Special STM Awards:

Right Reverend Monsignor Myroslav Kolodey Memorial Academic Prize

- Mary Cavanagh (BSC Hons PHPC)
- Thomas Deis '38 Prize in Scholastic Philosophy in Honor of Dr. Basil Markle S.T.D

Thomas Deis '38 WWII Memorial Prize

- Desirée Steele (BA Hons POLS)
- Justine Shenher (BA Hons SOC)

Fr. Henry Carr Award

- Keith Bird (BA ARCH and BA DRAMA)
- Shannon McAvoy (BA Hons RUP)
- Joshua Smith (BA Hons RECL and JCO)

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Our well-known Newman Players actor and STM supporter, Kathleen Maclean, was selected by audition to attend the National Theatre School of Canada in Montreal.





L -R: Madeline Oliver (Campus Ministry Advisor), Kenzie Stewart (Internal Director), Theo Oliver (First Year Rep), Jordan Robertson (SAL), Connor Moen (SAL), Brooke Kincart (President), Sheldon Moellenbeck (MSC), Dean Schmidt (Student Adviser), Haylee Dayton (Director of Events), Nigel Detbrenner-Remple (VP Academic), Jennifer Hidebrand (VP Operations), Benjamin Schwab

For more information on student events or to get involved with STMSU , drop by the Murray Room (back of Choices) in STM or check out our Facebook page!

STMSU President Brooke Kincart is a fourth year history major at the University of Saskatchewan. She hopes to be entered into the College of Education in the coming



years to start her career teaching at the high school level. Brooke became involved in STM and as part of the St. Thomas More Students Union, she has held the position of Event's Director, and is now in the role of President. Brooke is also the Senior Captain for the University of Saskatchewan's Women's Ultimate Frisbee team.

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Hinz / Teunissen Memorial Collection in 20th - Century Literature, Specializing in Anaïs Nin

By Donna Brockmeyer,
Library Director, St. Thomas More College

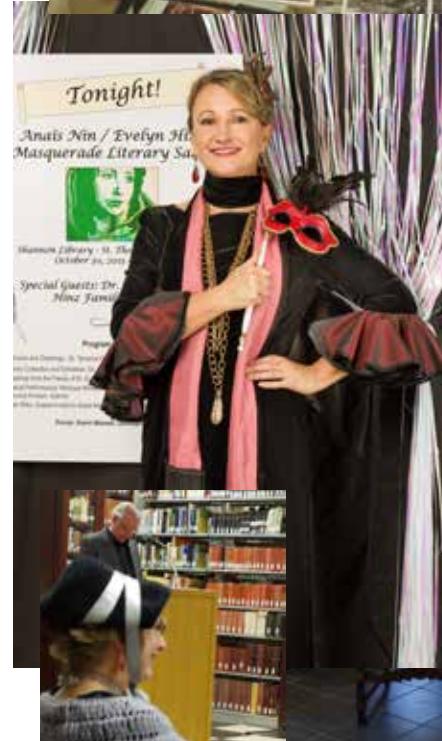
The Hinz / Teunissen Memorial Collection in 20th - Century Literature Specializing in Anaïs Nin was donated to St. Thomas More College by Dr. Evelyn Hinz and Dr. John Teunissen, who met at STM College in 1959. Because of the depth and breadth of the collection, with many original documents, photographs and texts, and the international significance of Anaïs Nin, Library Director, Dr. Donna Brockmeyer undertook sabbatical research to curate the collection and a subsequent Exhibition featured at STM's gallery this fall.

To Celebrate the Exhibition, and recognize and honour the donors, a Masquerade Literary Salon was held October 30, 2015. The Salon was held in grand demi-gala style, with delicious food, festive décor, masks, and spectacular costumes. Guests were invited to dress as literary characters and bring a favourite quotation to share with others at the Salon. Consequently, colourful literary characters of note were in attendance: Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, Jane Austin, Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway, Charles Dickens' Miss Havisham, the Dowager from Downton Abbey, two characters from the Commedia Dell'Arte: Harlequin and Arlechino, and other masked guests who were incognito.

Guests shared meaningful quotations and passages: President Downey read a piece describing a prairie experience written by Guy Vanderhaeghe, who had just won the Governor General's Literary Award for fiction. Donna Brockmeyer presented a paper based on her sabbatical research, read a piece by Anaïs Nin, and thanked the donors for their wisdom and foresight in creating the collection, and their generosity in donating it to STM. Donor Dr. John Teunissen read a section of Nin related correspondence, and thanked Brockmeyer for her excellent and extensive work.

The Salon also had a musical component performed by students who are library desk assistants. Veronica Kmiech greeted arriving guests with violin music, and Monique and Nicole Mireau sang two songs in French, after which there was an Open Mike for those who wanted to share a quotation or other small performance. The Salon was emceed by Karen Massett, STM Development Officer. The Literary Salon was well attended; there were members of the Hinz and Teunissen families from Humboldt, Winnipeg and Calgary, as well as other donors, alumni, faculty, staff and students. It was a magical evening, much enjoyed!

Please contact Dr. Donna Brockmeyer for more information or to access this collection. She can be reached at 306-966-8962 or donna.brockmeyer@usask.ca



2015 Red Mass



The Red Mass was introduced in England in 1310, during the reign of Edward 1st. Traditionally it was celebrated to invoke inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice.

Each fall STM collaborates with members of the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild and the legal community, to celebrate Red Mass. The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon was incorporated in June 2002 by a group of local lawyers. The Guild seeks to enhance appreciation for the observance of integrity and the highest ethical standards in the practice of law, as well as the administration of justice, as exemplified by its namesake Thomas More. October 20th, 2015 marked the 14th anniversary of this important event held in the STM Chapel. This year the Red Mass was celebrated by Bishop Don Bolen and Father Andre Lalach.

Following Mass, a banquet and program was held in Choices @ STM. This year the guest speaker was Mufti Aasim Rashid, Imam and Director of Religious Affairs, B.C. Muslim Association. Attendees included members of the legal community, STM President Terrence Downey, Mrs. Margaret Downey, faculty, alumni and STM students either enrolled in the College of Law or those considering enrolling in the future.

St. Basil's Atrium Fund

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 the Basilian Fathers. For more information contact Karen Massett (Development Officer) at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

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



27th Annual Keenan Lecture

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

GUEST LECTURER Maria Campbell

RECONSIDERING RECONCILIATION

In the context of Canadians' ongoing interest in Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations, as illustrated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it is important to reflect on meanings and doings of reconciliation. This lecture offered thoughts and insights on reconciliation and on the ongoing hard work of relationships with family, the land, colonial history, and community. Maria Campbell draws on her personal experiences, and teachings from mentors and elders, inviting listeners to examine their own perspective and thoughts on this important topic.



Maria Campbell is a writer, playwright, and teacher. She started her career in 1973 when she published her first book, *Halfbreed*. That book has become a literary classic and continues to be one of the most widely taught texts in Canadian literature. She has also published six other books, the most recent is, *Stories of The Road Allowance People*.

Maria Campbell's first professional play, *Flight*, was the first all-Aboriginal theatre production in Canada. *Flight* brought modern dance, storytelling, and drama together with traditional Aboriginal practices. She went on to write and direct other plays among them *Jessica*, which received the Chalmers Award for Best New Canadian play and toured internationally. In 1984, she co-founded a film and video production company with her brother and daughter. With this company, she produced and directed seven documentaries and produced with CTV, Canada's first weekly Aboriginal television series *My Partners, My People*.

She has received numerous awards, including the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Gabriel Dumont Order of Merit, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. The Chalmers Award for best new play, and a national Dora Mavore Award for playwriting. She has been inducted into the Saskatchewan Theatre Hall of Fame and in 2004 she was awarded the Molson Prize by Canada Council for the Arts. She was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2008.

Maria is retired from the University of Saskatchewan, Departments of Native Studies and English where she taught Native Studies, Creative Writing and Drama. She is currently the Elder in Virtual Residence at the Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research, Athabasca University and the Cultural Advisor at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. She holds four honorary doctorate degrees and has served as writer and playwright in residence at numerous universities, public libraries, and theatres. She has also served as a Stanley Knowles Scholar at the University of Brandon. She is currently finishing a Trudeau Fellowship with the University of Ottawa.

She has worked as a volunteer with women and children in crisis for over forty years and is co-founder of a halfway house for women in Edmonton. Maria's home, until recently, was a safe house for women and youth.

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**LESLIE & IRENE DUBÉ CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES:
Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope**

Gertrude Rompré
Director of Mission and Ministry



What does it mean to call someone home? This was the key question posed by Bishop Gary Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria at the Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope Conference held at Queen's House and St. Thomas More College from Oct. 1-3, 2015.

Restorative justice, Bishop Gordon said, is about asking different questions than those posed by the current criminal justice system. Rather than focusing on the law that is broken, restorative justice focuses on the person and relationships that are harmed when a crime is committed. Restorative justice holds the person responsible for that harm to account and, ultimately, seeks to heal the broken fabric of our communities. It's about giving people the possibility of coming home to themselves and to their communities.

A practitioner of restorative justice and a story-teller, Bishop Gordon addressed a diverse crowd at two public lectures. The first lecture focused on the theme of the conference and explored what is needed to build a culture of hope. The second lecture went further to suggest that there is something beyond justice: mercy. Mercy is only made possible through divine grace and mercy allows us to break the cycle of violence that a retributive model of justice only serves to fuel.

Other speakers at the event included the Rev. Brian Rude who serves as a Lutheran minister and practices restorative justice in El Salvador, and the Honourable Judge Steven Point, who spoke about restorative justice from an indigenous perspective. Workshops on the foundations and practice of restorative justice were also led by the members of STR8 UP, Moira Brownlee, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, David Feick and Chris Hrynkow.

A panel discussion explored the topic, "When those we Love Go Missing, Are Harmed, and are Found Murdered." The most poignant moments of the conference occurred when Carole Wolfe made her First Voice presentation, telling her own story of her search for her missing daughter. Similarly, Adam Gervais gave a First Voice presentation about his own experience of being harmed in an unprovoked assault in 2006. Giving voice to those directly harmed by crime is a key element of restorative justice, bringing people rather than simply the law, into the centre of the equation.

The Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope Conference was a joint initiative of the Micah Mission, St. Thomas More College, the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, the Mennonite Central Committee, the Lutheran Synod and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

The event included public lectures, workshops, guest speakers, luncheons and a media event with Papal Nuncio Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi.

**EXPLORING THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN
MARY THROUGH ART:**

GUEST SPEAKER was KRISTINA ZAMMIT ENDRICH

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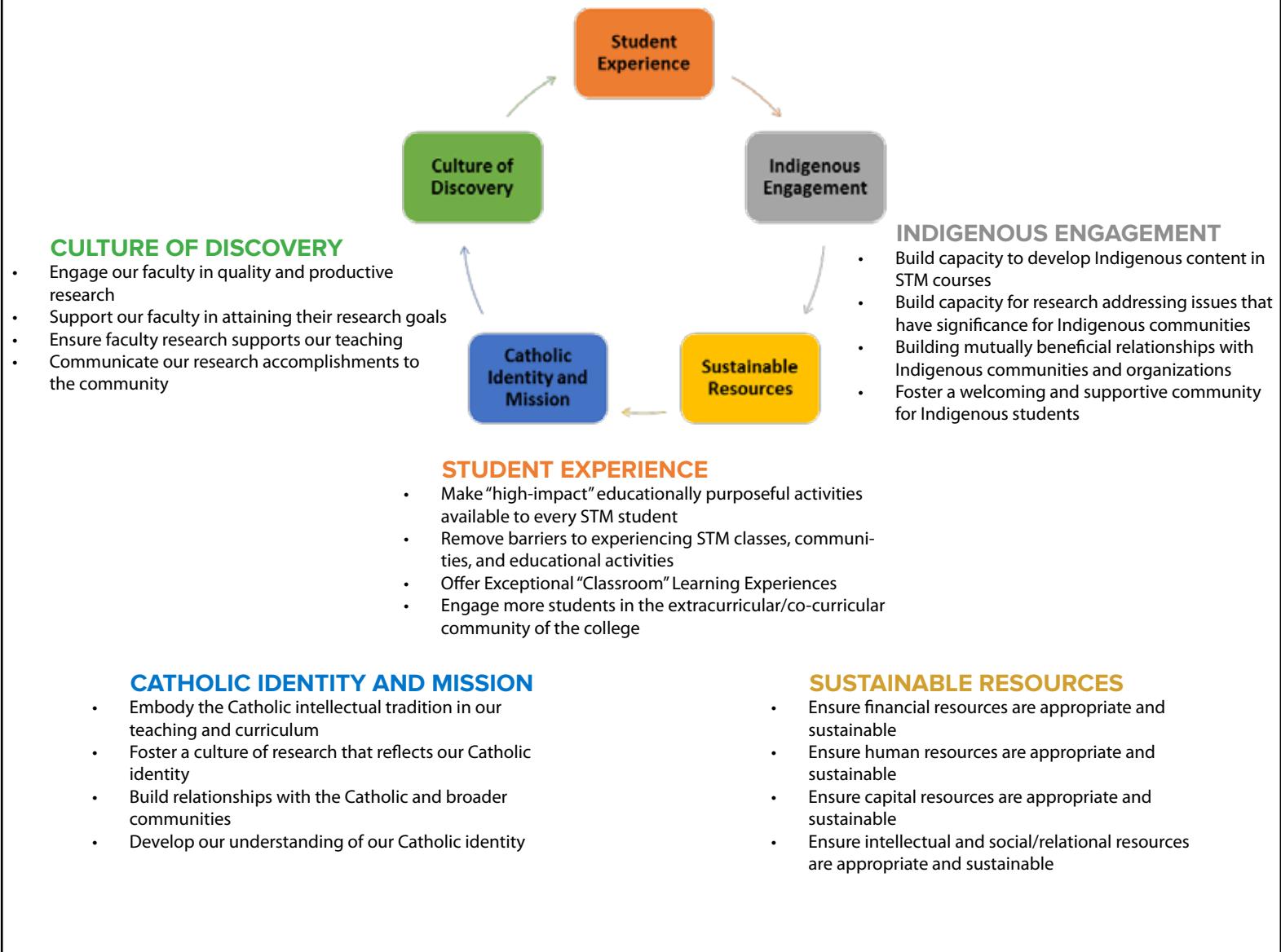
Upcoming Lectures and Conferences:

March 12, 2016 "Laudato Si' on the Prairies" Mini conference exploring the impact of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'* in the Catholic context.

April 14, 2016 "The Basilians, STM and the U of S: A Unique Experience in Canadian Education Speakers: Dr. Michael Hayden and Rev. Dr. Ron Griffin, CSB

Exploring the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary
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Ecuador: Intercordian Ali Sparks is greeted by the students in the English class she teaches



Ecuador: The sights and sounds of market day, outside the central Cathedral of Otavalo.



Dominican Republic: Intercordians Lauren Stevenson and Kassia Krawchuk join their host families at the Intercordia farewell party



Dominican Republic: Kassia Krawchuk both entertaining and being entertained by the children living next door.



Dominican Republic: The view from the back of a one room elementary schoolhouse in rural Dominican Republic.



Ecuador: Intercordian Anson Liski compares his hands to those of his host sister.



Ecuador: Aly Sparks tries her hand at riding a horse through some trails in the Andes Mountains.



Dominican Republic: The whole family helps to prepare the evening meal in the home of Intercordian Rebecca Marcotte!

Father Henry Carr Award



The Carr Award is given to a St. Thomas More College student who has shown leadership in and contributed to the life of the College. Congratulations Joshua Smith as the recipient at Fall Convocation of the Fr. Henry Carr Award for his leadership and contributions to the life of St. Thomas More College. Joshua is currently in Toronto volunteering as part of the Jesuit Volunteers Canada.

Joshua graduated with a Bachelor of Arts four-year degree in Religion and Culture with high honours. His main focus was Jewish Studies, specifically Jewish-Christian relations. In 2014 this interest led him to Jerusalem to study at the Bat Kol Institute, which offers the opportunity for Christian scholars to engage in an immersion experience of Jewish thought and culture.

Throughout his time at university, Joshua was a member of the Service & Justice Project, in which he served as a student mentor. During this time, he volunteered at Elmwood Residences, a long-term care facility for physically and intellectually disabled persons; in the chaplaincy at the Regional Psychiatric Centre; and finally with L'Arche, an organization providing support networks for people with intellectual disabilities.

Joshua also served as a student leader in Just Youth, the Newman Centre, and Knights of Columbus. In these roles he mentored fellow students as they began their exploration of social justice and inequality. One of Joshua's professors described him as demonstrating "an incredible passion for connecting his scholarly interests to real-world applications, and bringing intelligence and self-awareness to his work as an activist for justice and peace."

In his current work in Toronto, Joshua is involved in education and advocacy work with Canadian Jesuits International and in providing service and accompaniment to the urban poor with the Seeds of Hope Foundation. After he has finished this program, he hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Theology or Religious Studies. Congratulations and thank you Joshua for your good work!

Around the College...

Hon. Scott Moe, Minister of Advanced Education, toured St. Thomas More College, meeting with staff, faculty and students.



CFO and Director of Operations Derrin Raffey, toured the Minister and his assistant throughout the College including the new addition and areas in need of upgrading.



President Downey joins Minister Moe, for a group photo with STMSU Executive prior to Halloween event.

'Selfie' with Nigel Detbrenner-Rempel.

Political Studies and the Federal Election



CBC Reporter Eric Anderson gathers STM Political Studies students' insight regarding the Federal election issues.



Charles Smith's *Political Studies 205.3* class incorporated the Federal Election into group discussions and projects.



Full house for 'All candidates debate' in STM Auditorium.



STM Scholar Guy Vanderhaeghe awarded Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction

Saskatoon author and STM Scholar, Guy Vanderhaeghe was honored late October with his third Governor General's Literary Award.

Vanderhaeghe won with "Daddy Lenin and Other Stories" (McClelland & Stewart/Penguin Random House Canada).

It's a collection of nine stories, with characters including an actor who likes to hide behind his roles, and a middle-aged man who reunites with a former professor.

Vanderhaeghe previously won the fiction award in 1982, for his short story collection "Man Descending," and in 1996 for his novel "The Englishman's Boy."

Additional distinctions in his career are Saskatchewan's Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and the Order of Canada.

Vanderhaeghe is working on a novel and he continues to teach; he has an Advanced Creative Writing Course(Fiction) at St. Thomas More College.

In the News

STM's Khanenko-Friesen, launches Canada's First Journal on Community-Engaged Scholarship



STM community is proud to announce that Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Head of the Department of Religion and Culture and the Associate Professor of Anthropology recently launched the Inaugural Issue of Canada's only scholarly peer-reviewed journal on community engaged teaching, learning and research, titled "Engaged Scholar Journal." The Founding Editor of the Journal, Dr. Khanenko-Friesen, for the last two years oversaw the creation of the Journal in its both forms, online and in print.

Professor Hrynkow presents at Cambridge University, UK



Dr. Chris Hrynkow spoke at the 'Making all things new?': Evangelii Gaudium and Ecumenical Mission conference held at St. John's College, Cambridge University, UK. His topic dealt with Evangelii Gaudium and socio-ecological flourishing through green theo-ecoethical lens.

STM's Professor David McGrane organizer of U of S Democracy Conference



Academics from across Canada gathered at the (U of S) to discuss the challenges to contemporary democracy, at a conference honouring the memory of Allan Blakeney.

STM President Downey Reappointed For Second Term

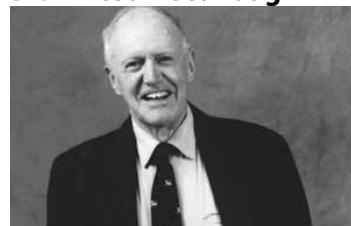


St. Thomas More College Board of Governors announced that Dr. Terrence J. Downey, has been re-appointed for a second five-year term as president of STM effective August 1, 2016.

Dr. Downey was named President of St. Thomas More College in August 2011 and since that time he has led the establishment of an endowed Chair for Catholic Studies and the construction of a major new facility addition. He has demonstrated an unfailing commitment to excellence in teaching and research, collaborative leadership and community engagement, characteristics that have earned the respect and trust of both colleagues and other university leaders. Dr. Downey completed an undergraduate degree at St. Jerome's University at the University of Waterloo and MA and PhD degrees in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. He is a former Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Waterloo and is President Emeritus of St. Mary's University College, Calgary.

In Memorium

Dr. Ernest McCullough



The St. Thomas More College community mourns the passing of long time faculty member Dr. Ernie McCullough. Dr. McCullough inspired students, faculty and staff at STM for 25 years in the Department of Philosophy and administrative roles from 1968-1993, served as acting principal 1974-75 and was Head of the Philosophy Department 1974-77 and 1983-88.

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Upcoming Events at St. Thomas More College: Everyone Welcome

Friday, August 14 – New STM Student Orientation Day

Friday, September 11 – Student Appreciation BBQ
STM North Entrance

September 27th - STM Academic Mass
STM Chapel

Oct. 1-3
"Restorative Justice and Building a Culture of Hope"

Special guests: Bishop Gary Gordon (Diocese of Victoria)
and Justice Steve Pointe
STM Auditorium

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Fall Academic Mass

The STM-Newman Alumni Association Board is looking for new members.

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