

MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: Assignment Editors/Feature Editors

WHAT: **Tim Ternes, Director of the Saint John's Bible, to give presentation on the tools, methods and materials behind creating the Saint John's Bible, the first handwritten bible produced in over 500 years.**

The final three volumes of the Saint John's Bible will be unveiled and this will be the first time all seven volumes are on display.

PHOTO OPP: **For the first time, all seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible, Western Canada's only copy of the first Bible to be entirely handwritten since medieval times, will be on display. Director of the Saint John's Bible, Tim Ternes, will give a presentation, "From Inspiration to Illumination, The Creation of the Saint John's Bible".**

WHERE: St. Mary's University College
14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB, T2X 1Z4
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Hall

WHEN: **Monday, November 25, 2013, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

WHY: Tim Ternes, the Director of the Saint John's Bible, is speaking at St. Mary's University College on Monday, November 25th at 7:30 pm as part of The Saint John's Bible free public lecture series.

Through video, reproductions and rich visual images, guests will hear the story of The Saint John's Bible. Mr. Ternes' presentation will teach guests about the processes, tools, methods and materials behind the making of the Bible, and explore several artworks through guided imagery discussions. Mr. Ternes' presentation will conclude the lecture series celebrating The Saint John's Bible and the Year of Faith.

The recently acquired final three volumes of the Saint John's Bible will be unveiled at this presentation. This will be the first time all seven volumes will be on display at once. At the conclusion of Mr. Ternes' presentation, guests will have a chance to get a close up look at the seven volumes on display.

St. Mary's is the only institution in Western Canada's to own the seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible.

About *The Saint John's Bible*

The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned since the advent of the printing press. It was commissioned in 1998 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey and University to ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world and to illuminate the word of God for a new millennium.

The Saint John's Bible is being created by a team of scribes, artists and craftspeople in a scriptorium in Wales under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, one of the world's foremost calligraphers and the Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Crown Office at the House of Lords in London, England.

The Saint John's Bible is truly a monumental manuscript at more than 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide when open. Its construction parallels that of its medieval predecessors, written on vellum, using quills, natural handmade inks, hand-ground pigments and gold leaf while incorporating modern themes, images and technology of the 21st century.

About St. Mary's University College

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic post-secondary, liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution open to students of all faiths and traditions. Established in 1986 as St. Mary's College, St. Mary's University College (since 2004) is growing to meet the need for post-secondary education in Calgary. St. Mary's offers degrees in Education (Elementary), English, General Studies, History, Liberal Studies and Psychology and university courses in 34 academic subjects. For more information, visit www.stmu.ca.

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