

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON
CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION **INTEGRITY**
COMPASSION **INQUISITIVE** **CONFIDENCE** **INNOVATION**
DYNAMIC TEACHING **TRANSFORMATIONAL**
EXCELLENCE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE **ACADEMIC**
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY **COMMITMENT** EXPANSION



OUR VISION

St. Mary's University will be a leader in post-secondary education, open to all, and focused on developing the whole person: mind, body and spirit. Founded on the Catholic intellectual tradition, St. Mary's will prepare its students to live with integrity, compassion and confidence.

OUR MISSION

St. Mary's is an innovative teaching and research university that provides affordable, accredited and highly valued degrees in the Liberal Arts, Sciences and Education. Through the pursuit of knowledge and service to the community, we prepare our students to become lifelong learners, engaged citizens and compassionate members of society.

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VISION



WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

“ *St Mary's University, Calgary, is one of the most dynamic, and fastest growing universities in Alberta. Nestled on a glorious 35-acre site in South Calgary, St. Mary's offers a remarkable, visually pleasing environment, connected to Fish Creek Provincial Park, with free parking and immediate access to the LRT and public transit.*

The magic of the university, however, is not just found in our physical locale or our heritage buildings. Rather, what everyone comments on is the energy and spirit of welcome that predominates wherever you go — from the classroom to the boardroom, Chapel to Café, Learning Centre to Biology Lab.

St. Mary's is a world-class university open to everyone — people of all faiths and even of no faith. It is an institution grounded in a 2,000-year-old Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

St. Mary's is dedicated to the principles of Academic Freedom, rigorous intellectual

inquiry, and above all, to a modified version of the old real estate adage: students, students, students!

It is for this reason that St. Mary's grew last year by 17% and by 20% this year. We are a 'go to' university, keen to nurture the whole person: mind, body and spirit.

St. Mary's equips students to become true citizens of the world, where they understand that it is not enough merely to excel in their disciplines, but that they also have a responsibility to care for and change the world. We know they can; we know they will.”

WELCOME TO A SNAPSHOT OF THE ST. MARY'S STORY. ~ Dr. Gerry Turcotte





DR. HELEN KOMINEK

University Secretary
Dr. Kominek was the main liaison with the Deputy Chief Herald for the Coat of Arms project

COAT OF ARMS

There is much symbolism in St. Mary's new Coat of Arms. The colour blue, the lily, and the rose are all associated with St. Mary, the patron saint of the University. The lily is also a symbol of Francophone culture and refers to the fact that the university is located on the site of the home of the Quebec-born Father Albert Lacombe. The wild rose is also the provincial flower of Alberta. The osprey, a local bird that nests on campus, is shown clasping a scroll symbolizing scholarship. The supporters, a bison and white-tailed deer, acknowledge that St. Mary's is located at the site of a former Blackfoot buffalo jump, and that deer appear frequently on campus. The University's motto at the bottom of the Coats of Arms, *IN LUMINE TUO VIDEBIMUS LUMEN*, is a Latin phrase from Psalm 36 meaning "IN YOUR LIGHT WE SHALL SEE LIGHT."



TRADITION



St. Mary's is the first unaffiliated Catholic university in Western Canada and this year we celebrated our 28th year as an educational institution. The University became a degree-granting institution in 2004, and since then we have grown from strength to strength, offering affordable, fully accredited degrees in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as a unique two-year after-degree Bachelor of Education (Elementary) degree specifically designed to train teachers for the Catholic school system. And although we have been a fully-fledged university for ten years now, we recently received permission from the Premier of Alberta to drop the word "College" from our name, a change that acknowledges our actual mandate in the post-secondary Campus Alberta system.

ACADEMIC



MESSAGE FROM DR. MARK CHARLTON, VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND DEAN

“As a Liberal Arts and Sciences University, St. Mary’s is committed to excellence in teaching, learning and research. In order to achieve this goal, St. Mary’s seeks to create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students by ensuring faculty keep current on scholarly developments in their fields while adopting innovative and transformative teaching practices. The recently established Teaching and Learning Committee focuses on identifying new ways to help faculty enhance their teaching skills by implementing cutting-edge pedagogies. At the same time the university continues to develop new degree programs of high academic quality to meet student needs and enhance the range of available degree options at St. Mary’s. In the past year, three new degree programs have been approved by the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education: a four-year Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies; a four-year Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History; and a four-year Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biology. As the Vice-President Academic and Dean of St. Mary’s, it is a pleasure to play a leadership role, under the direction of Dr. Turcotte and in close collaboration with highly dedicated faculty, in making St. Mary’s University a leader in Catholic liberal arts education. ~ Dr. Mark Charlton”



DR. MARK CHARLTON

Vice-President Academic
and Dean



St. Mary’s University English professor, **DR. TARA HYLAND-RUSSELL** received a Teaching Innovation Grant for “Activism in the Classroom: Building Capacity, Strengthening Community.”

DYNAMIC NEW PROGRAMS

St. Mary's University is pleased to announce three new degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies, a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biology, and a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History.



BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies is the first degree of its kind in Alberta. The program has been designed specifically for the 21st century student and job market.

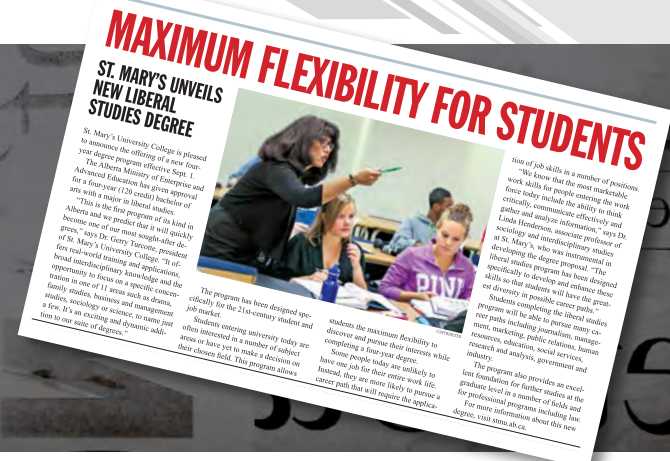
Students entering university today are often interested in a number of subject areas or have yet to make a decision on their chosen field. This program allows students the maximum flexibility to discover and pursue their interests while completing a four-year degree. Young people today are unlikely to have one job for their entire work life. Instead they are more likely to pursue a career path that will require the application of job skills in a number of positions.

Students completing the Liberal Studies program will be able to pursue many career paths including journalism, management, marketing, public relations, human resources, education, social services, research and analysis, government and industry. The program also provides an excellent foundation for further studies at the graduate level in a number of fields and for professional programs including law.

IN THE MEDIA

Metro, October 2013

MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR STUDENTS: "This is the first program of its kind in Alberta and we predict that it will quickly become one of our most sought-after degrees. It offers real-world training and application, broad disciplinary knowledge and the opportunity to focus on a specific concentration in one of 11 areas such as drama, family studies, business and management studies, sociology or science, to name just a few," says Dr. Gerry Turcotte.



DYNAMIC



BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY

The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History provides students with a broad understanding of the historical foundations and cultural dimensions of the world they live in. Students will develop the skills needed to uncover and analyze the events, processes and ideas which shape the past, and appreciate how an understanding of the past helps inform the present and the future.

This degree will provide students with excellent training in processing information, conducting research and critical investigation and analyzing data, skills that are in high demand in fields such as law, journalism, public service, archives and museums, librarianship, teaching and management.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN BIOLOGY

Drawing on the existing strength of St. Mary's in the Liberal Arts, students in the Biology program will be broadly educated, grounded, practically-minded thinkers able to work across and outside disciplinary boundaries.

The Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biology is unique in Alberta. This program offers students opportunities not found at larger institutions. The degree draws on St. Mary's strengths in the liberal arts, the centrality of ethics and social justice to our mission, our small class-size and intimate environment, and our proximity to and ties with Fish Creek Provincial Park.

This program prepares students for a wide array of careers, with roles from agriculture to biomedical laboratory research and from environmental consulting to veterinary medicine. Students completing this program can also pursue graduate work in biology, business, education, law, or medicine.



IN THE MEDIA

Metro, January 2014

ST. MARY'S UNVEILS NEW BIOLOGY MAJOR: "Although there are many biology degree programs in Alberta, this program offers students opportunities not found at larger institutions," says Dr. Gerry Turcotte. Students pursuing this degree will be challenged to consider the effects of science and society and the effects of society on scientific thinking. A vital component of this program will be ensuring that students recognize their responsibility to their community and the world.

ST. MARY'S GRAD WINS PRESTIGIOUS TEACHING AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to

Danielle Booker for winning a 2014 Edwin Parr Award!

This prestigious award is presented to the outstanding first-year teacher in each of the six Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zones. As the winner for Zone 6, which includes ten school divisions in southern Alberta, Danielle joins an elite group who represent each of the Zones.

Because of the demand for our B.Ed program, we opened up a second cohort for the 2014 – 2015 academic year.



Danielle teaches a combined Grade 3/4 class at Vulcan Prairieview Elementary School, which is in Palliser Regional School Division. She was nominated for this award by Principal Shane Cranston, for the many instructional, extra-curricular and leadership roles she has excelled in as a first-year teacher, as well as her personal attributes.

"Danielle brings so much positive energy to our school. She continually has a smile on her face, and the joy and warmth that she shares with her students make her an incredible teacher," says Cranston.

Danielle completed her Bachelor of Education program at St. Mary's University in 2013. She said the courses in the program are designed so that there is a balance

between reflection and practice, which was important to forming her identity as an educator.

"I really enjoyed how many of the professors at St. Mary's demonstrated their own innovative teaching methods with concrete experiences. We had so much fun and now I think back for new ideas for my own practice," says Danielle.

She also said that the practicum experiences she had throughout the education program prepared her the most for her first year. During the 24 weeks of practicum, she had hands-on experience with expert professionals who modeled relationships with students and parents, and collaboration with colleagues.

Her students are very blessed to have this remarkable teacher.

EXCELLENCE



MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA DUDAR, DEAN OF EDUCATION

“ *St. Mary's Bachelor of Education students are equipped with knowledge, skills, and a passion for teaching and learning in Alberta and beyond! Excellent teachers are always in demand in Catholic, as well as non-Catholic, school settings and our success is measured by the feedback from the school districts who turn to St. Mary's to hire our students as their teachers!*

As our program continues to flourish, students are engaged with curriculum and methodology, educational philosophy and foundations. Students complete three significant practicum experiences to acquire assessment practices; diverse teaching approaches; culture, diversity and faith appreciation; student-needs supports; classroom engagement skills; and mentorship support with lesson and unit planning.

Excellence in education is exemplified by our graduates' maturity and experience, leadership and commitment to their vocation, dedication and relationships with all members of the school community. ~ Dr. Linda Dudar ”

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE

St. Mary's University established a partnership with the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU), located in Lviv, Ukraine, in 2008. This partnership agreement allows the institutions to exchange and share research and give guest presentations. Dr. Linda Dudar visited UCU to deliver guest lectures. Two students from St. Mary's completed their student teaching practicum experience at UCU and the following semester, two students from UCU arrived at St. Mary's to complete courses.

STUDENTS IN THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME

Our Bachelor of Education students are actively involved as volunteers both on and off campus. Students in our Bachelor of Education program volunteer to tutor the students in our undergraduate programs to share best practices for studying, completing assignments and preparing for exams.



DR. LINDA DUDAR

Dean of Education



BRAD NEUFELDT

Director, Library Services

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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

“ *St. Mary's University Library is a multi-disciplinary, student-centred facility that provides our students and faculty with a wide range of physical and electronic resources. As St. Mary's grows and our programs flourish, the Library provides a venue in which students and instructors can engage in research and dialogue. The library provides access to a wide range of physical and electronic resources. Members can access materials across a range of liberal arts and sciences subjects, including religion, philosophy, education, history, literature, science and the social sciences. The Library helps students to access resources by providing reference assistance and instruction.* ~ Brad Neufeldt ”

The St. Mary's Library welcomes members of the community to visit and explore our resources and obtain a "Community User" library card. Open 64 hours a week, library staff are available to answer questions and conduct one-on-one reference interviews.

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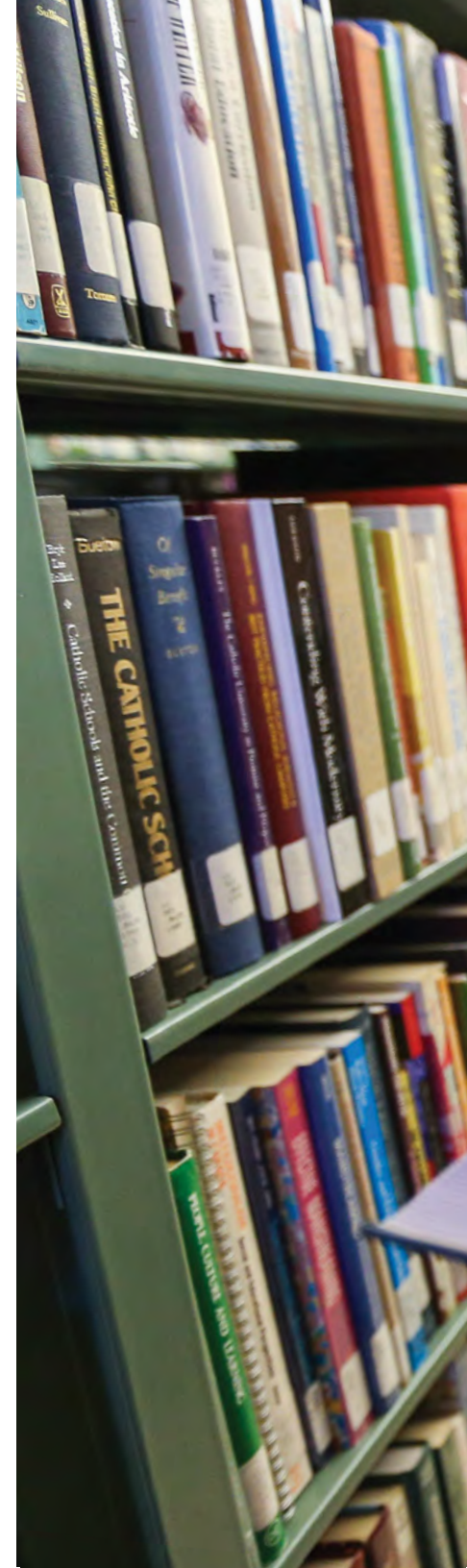


ST. MARY'S HAS LATEST TECHNOLOGY THANKS TO THE REWUCKI FAMILY

You could not go to university today without access to a computer. In fact, without the latest computer programs and hardware, today's students would quickly fall behind.

Ed and Agnes Rewucki and their son Daniel are making sure that is not going to happen. They have been donating computers to St. Mary's for over a decade. Once again, the Rewucki's are helping out by donating 25 new computers in 2014. Their latest donation puts our student-computer ratio at 6:1.

Ed Rewucki has been president of Calgary's Tower Chrysler Plymouth Ltd. for more than 38 years. He is a strong supporter of education in our city. Ed, Agnes and Daniel, thank you for generously supporting students at St. Mary's University!



RESOURCES





**DR. DAVID LAWLESS AWARD
FOR SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT**

- 2014** Dr. Luke Bresky
- 2013** Dr. Gayle Thrift
- 2012** Dr. Timothy Harvie
- 2011** Dr. Jennifer Garrison
- 2010** Dr. Jocelyn Williams
- 2009** Dr. Tara Hyland-Russell
- 2008** Dr. Michael Duggan
- 2007** Dr. Norman Knowles

INQUISITIVE

RESEARCH AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

“*St. Mary's University is committed to maintaining a strong culture of academic inquiry and innovation that celebrates the vital relationship between teaching and research. By establishing a highly collaborative and interdisciplinary research culture, St. Mary's provides an extraordinary learning experience for our students; establishes real partnerships with the community; and contributes to the welfare of humanity and to our understanding of the world.* ~ Dr. Norman Knowles”

Examples of our research culture in the past year at St. Mary's include, 27 scholarly publications, 19 conference papers and 22 community presentations by our faculty. Faculty Research Grants were awarded to Dr. Syrnyk for her project "Sharing Knowledge, Seeding the Future: Investigating Infant Word Comprehension and the Nurture Approach" and to Dr. Tara Hyland-Russell for her project "Well-Being and Social Skills among Participants in a Radical Humanities Program for Marginalized Adults." Two St. Mary's students were hired as faculty research assistants through the Canada Student Jobs program.

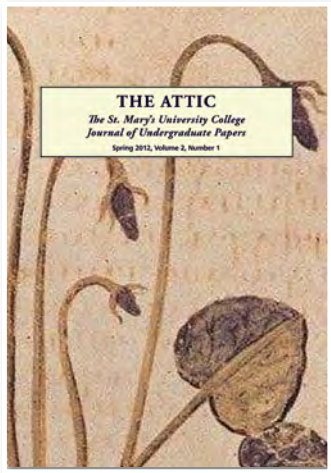


DR. NORMAN KNOWLES

Director of
Research and Grants



DR. LUKE BRESKY was awarded the Dr. David Lawless Award for Scholarly Achievement.



STUDENTS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

An important feature of a small liberal arts university like St. Mary's is the opportunity for undergraduates to both engage directly in research with faculty and to see their work published, a rarity in research-intensive universities where the focus is on graduate students. This happens at St. Mary's in several ways. Each of our degree programs has a senior capstone course which requires students to undertake a significant research project. At the end of the year, students have the opportunity to present their research in a day-long academic conference that is open to the public. In addition, students are encouraged to submit their research papers to *The Attic*, an undergraduate academic journal. The editors

of *The Attic*, Dr. Gayle Thrift and Dr. Jocelyn Williams, carefully review all of the submissions and select the best for publication.

Through the Literary Guild, students wishing to develop their skills in poetry and creative writing are mentored by St. Mary's writer-in-residence, Eugene Stickland. The best selections are published annually in the Literary Guild's annual journal, *Sightlines*. Students also have the opportunity to participate in research with faculty during the summer months resulting in co-authorships once the work has been completed and submitted for publication.

STUDENT RESEARCH



COMMITMENT



MESSAGE FROM BOB HANN, VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT SERVICES

“ *St. Mary's is a student-centred university. In Student Services we live this commitment every day with a focus on Access, Engagement and Success. We believe that as post-secondary studies become more important than ever, we must remove barriers to access. We strive to achieve this by increasing capacity; by ensuring that we grow our scholarships and bursaries; by creating clearly defined and well-communicated pathways; and by implementing effective transition programs. To help ensure success, we work with students to guarantee that their program matches their career plan through our early alert programs and active academic strategies. We stress the importance of engagement by implementing policies and practices which reflect our emphasis on Diversity, Inclusion and Openness, and by offering connections to the community through volunteer, service learning, and student leadership opportunities. ~ Mr. Bob Hann* ”

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Learning Centre offers diverse programs and services that foster our students' academic success. Rafael de la Peña, Director of the Learning Centre, encourages all students to meet with peer mentors at the Writing Centre to work on their academic writing or course content comprehension. During orientation, first-year students sign a 12-strategies commitment to academic success and are invited to attend success strategies seminars throughout the academic year. Our Study Room offers a quiet space, with access to printed and online resources where students can work individually or in groups. With five individual workstations, our Testing Services room is available for accommodated exams and external proctoring.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS GET TO EXPERIENCE OUR WELCOMING CAMPUS

Being on campus and experiencing St. Mary's community atmosphere is the best way to showcase what we can offer students. Whether it is meeting with a professor, hanging out with current students having lunch in our Café, or sitting in on a class, prospective students quickly learn what makes St. Mary's unique.

St. Mary's welcomes school groups each year for special "mini open-house" events customized just for them. Students attend short lectures delivered by St. Mary's professors and get a quick snapshot of our areas of academic study. People are the greatest selling feature in our small and welcoming community. Students who come to our campus "get it."



BOB HANN

Vice-President
Student Services

INDIGENOUS CULTURE



FNMI ADVISORY COUNCIL

L-R: Michelle Scott, Del Majore, Bob Hann, Tara Hyland-Russell, Cindy Provost, Lorianne Tenove, Gaylene Weasel Child, Mark Charlton.
Missing from photo: Audrey Breaker, Elizabeth Cressman, Nancy Quan



FNMI LIAISON SPECIALIST
Michelle Scott



ELDERS ON CAMPUS PROGRAM
Casey Eaglespeaker



PHOTO OF JO-ANN EPISKENEW
photographed by Casey Eaglespeaker

SCHOLARS ON CAMPUS PROGRAM
Jo-Ann Episkeneew

"St. Mary's University is thrilled to have created a number of new initiatives to celebrate and acknowledge Indigenous culture. This year four critical projects were created that include the formation of an Elders on Campus Program, an FNMI Scholars on Campus Program, an FNMI Liaison Specialist and an FNMI Advisory Council. These initiatives were made possible by the significant grant of \$50,000 we received from the Calgary Foundation." ~ Michelle Scott, FNMI Liaison Specialist

St Mary's University recognizes, respects and celebrates the unique history and cultures of all the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. We appreciate that the land on which the university sits is traditional Blackfoot territory. We strive towards cultural understanding and engage in an active partnership with FNMI communities and individuals. Under their guidance, we work towards the integration and understanding of Indigenous culture, content and perspective in our curriculum and throughout our services and operations. Our vision for the FNMI office includes:



Increasing supports and services for enrolled students, including academic assistance and services to meet spiritual and cultural needs.



Increasing supports and services for prospective FNMI students in the community, at high school and on campus, including career and transition planning, and funding assistance.



Increasing university capacity for understanding FNMI cultures, history, education and knowledge.

HUMANITIES 101

“There are many adults in our community who lead lives constrained by poverty, immigration, negative educational experience, unstable housing and trauma — people who think because they are poor they do not deserve or cannot access education. The goal of Humanities 101 is to help low-income adults build their capacity to engage in a more active life based on action and choice. We believe that the study of the humanities can be liberating. Stories of humankind represented through art, philosophy, literature, music and history help people connect to others; reflect on their place in the world; and find places of belonging. Together we transform and strengthen individuals and our community. ~ Dr. Tara Hyland-Russell”

Humanities 101 has been supported by generous donations from the community totaling over \$200,000. The most recent donation came from the Ursuline Sisters of Chatham, Ontario, who gifted \$120,000 in September 2014. Community support for Humanities 101 was in response to St. Mary's students stepping forward with a commitment of \$25,000. Our students led the way in providing access to a great university for those who otherwise would be unable to attend.



Our **HUMANITIES 101** program, nominated by SLC student representative Jaden Barager, won \$10,000 in the Share Who Cares contest by Country 105.



DR. TARA HYLAND-RUSSELL

Program Director,
Humanities 101 and
Associate Professor, English

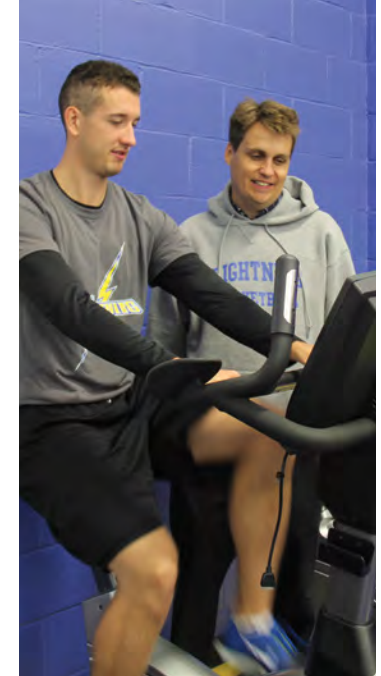
TRANSFORMATIONAL



IN THE MEDIA

Western Catholic Reporter, March 2014

ST. MARY'S ENDS THE DISADVANTAGE IN HIGHER LEARNING: St. Mary's University launched the program in 2003 to provide free university-level courses to those who experience barriers to learning. Its focus is on low-income and vulnerable people. "For some, it's giving them more capacity for employment. We've had a number of people get a job as a result of the program. In a lot of cases, it is confidence building and it's helping them figure out what they want to do," said Tara Hyland-Russell.



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

“ *Lightning Athletics is a leader in promoting academic, athletic and personal excellence through participation in intercollegiate athletics. ~ Chris Shoultz, Athletics Director* ”

In 2014, St. Mary's added its third team, Cross Country Running, to the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC). This step is important as we continue to grow as an institution and an athletic department. The cross-country running team has been competitive in their first season and has shown consistent improvement in each race. New head coach Steve Adams, who has his NCCP Level 3 in distance, is doing great work with our student-athletes.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams have new coaches and players and are looking forward to a positive 2014-2015 season. Steve Shoultz (NCCP Level 3) is the new women's head basketball coach and Dane Morris (NCCP Level 3) is the new men's head basketball coach. The Department of Athletics and Recreation has also added some new faces to the staff this year including Rhonda Thiessen, Fitness Manager, who is also a certified personal trainer and Lindsay English, our new Recreation Coordinator/Assistant Athletics Director.



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**ATHLETIC
EXCELLENCE**



LEADERSHIP



ST. MARY'S STUDENTS' LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

“ *The Students' Legislative Council (SLC) fosters the growth of student leaders in the University and throughout the community. The SLC is actively involved in all aspects of campus life. In addition to committee work, the SLC provides leadership to the student body, facilitates social events, fosters a sense of community among students, and listens to students' concerns and refers them to the University. ~ Ram Boyer* ”

Philanthropy is an important part of the SLC's Vision. The students have committed to raising \$25,000 over a five-year time span for St. Mary's Humanities 101 program. Providing free access to university courses to disadvantaged individuals is a significant aspect of St. Mary's values, and our students enthusiastically support this. Last year the SLC were successful in raising \$13,000 for this impactful program. Students plan to continue to give back to the community by hosting fundraising initiatives like the popular Wine, Scotch & Beer tasting night in February, as well as a Musical Cabaret night in March.



RAM BOYER

Student Legislative Council
President



TOP (L-R) Justin Mooney, Justin Quinton, Michelle McDonald, Ram Boyer, Haley Himsl, Aric Pihrag, Maria Osiowy, Willy Garcia
BOTTOM (L-R) Sepidar Yeganeh Farid, Amanda Butler, Jaden Baragar, Jack Nodwell, Devon Aisenstat, Shania Longmuir



CONVOCATION

Convocation is a day to celebrate the achievement of our students and to thank the great many professors and staff who have worked so hard to provide a memorable educational experience.

On June 13, 2014, St. Mary's University was proud to confer degrees on 90 students at our Convocation Ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral. Graduation is one of the most exciting days in a student's life and the St. Mary's community was thrilled to share the day with a record number of graduates.

Mr. Joseph Ladouceur was named this year's Honorary Fellow. Mr. Ladouceur is the eleventh recipient of this designation which recognizes individuals who exemplify the values, principles and vision of St. Mary's University. Mr. Ladouceur's involvement with the university began in 1996, and he occupied many volunteer roles in the organization over the years, including Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors. He became Chair of the Board in 2005, a position which he held for seven years.

Each year, the graduating student with the highest cumulative Grade Point Average is awarded the Gold Medal. This year, Aaron Ellsworth was awarded the Gold Medal during the Convocation ceremony. Aaron graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in English, and a perfect 4.0 GPA. Aaron attributes his outstanding academic success to St. Mary's small, caring environment. At the age of fifteen, Aaron was diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety. The challenges he faced pursuing an academic career while struggling with a mental illness were often debilitating. The biggest struggle he faced was coping with his negative view of himself. However, it was through the supportive and encouraging relationships with his professors, and the close-knit community of St. Mary's students, that he began to perceive himself the way his professors and classmates do: intelligent, capable and compassionate. "The faculty and staff at St. Mary's create an environment of support and encouragement, and the students flesh it out," said Aaron. Aaron is now working on his Master's degree in English and hopes to one day obtain his PhD and become an English Professor, so that he too can support future students' academic careers, the way he was supported at St. Mary's.

IN THE MEDIA

Calgary Herald, June 2014

GRAD BEATS DEPRESSION ON WAY TO DEGREE: Aaron Ellsworth has overcome a long battle with depression on his way to graduating from St. Mary's University with the top grade and a gold medal for his perfect 4.0 grade-point average. "It was such an enriching environment," he says of the school that combines academics with community activism and involvement. "I would tell my instructors when I was struggling, but they never treated me as someone different."





ST. MARY'S HONORARY FELLOWS

- 2014 Joseph Ladouceur
- 2013 Gerald W. Watkins, CA
- 2012 Geraldine Perry
- 2011 Peter L. Freeman, QC
- 2010 Fr. James T. Mulligan, CSC, D.Min
- 2009 Fr. Thomas F. Mohan, CSB
- 2008 Dr. John Thompson
- 2007 Frank Upshaw
- 2006 Dr. David Lawless
- 2005 Yolande Gagnon
- 2004 Dr. Allan Markin

CELEBRATION



COLLABORATION

CWL CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

“*Being CWL Chair for Catholic Studies has taken me into the wonderful diversity of cultures and traditions that compose the social fabric of Calgary and Canada today. Every day, the St. Mary’s community teaches me that “catholic” means “according to the whole.” St. Mary’s is a meeting ground of people of all religious persuasions and of no religious persuasion. Together we explore avenues of dialogue and collaboration that we hope will bear the fruit of justice and peace locally and across the world. I am grateful for this gracious adventure in which no one is a stranger and everyone is a friend.* ~ Dr. Michael Duggan”

As the CWL Chair for Catholic Studies, Dr. Duggan has a mandate to enhance the academic culture within St. Mary’s through teaching and research and to communicate the vitality of St. Mary’s to the community at large through lectures and workshops. In the past year, he participated in the annual conference of the International Society of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature at the University of Haifa in Israel, where he presented a paper on “Emotions that Produce Life and Death in 1 Maccabees.”

On behalf of St. Mary’s University, Dr. Duggan partnered with Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of Beth Tzedec Synagogue to produce a two-day program entitled “Illuminated Texts: An Exhibition.” Dr. Duggan interpreted the calligraphy and illuminations of the Saint John’s Bible at Beth Tzedec while, at St. Mary’s, Rabbi Osadchey displayed a handwritten Haftorah and lectured on the calligraphy of handwritten Hebrew scrolls. Subsequently, Dr. Duggan collaborated with Beth Tzedec Synagogue and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in Calgary to sponsor a four-day lecture series by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University on the theme, “Sibling Rivalry: Cultivating Shalom in Judaism and Christianity.”



The sukkah (booth) structure reflects a call for social justice which focuses on homelessness and hunger. It has merited the title of “Soupkah,” in recognition of the holes in the external and interior walls where people can place food cans of almost any size.



DR. MICHAEL DUGGAN

CWL Chair
for Catholic Studies

The Chair for Catholic Studies was made possible by a donation of over one million dollars by the Catholic Women’s League (CWL).





A PLACE TO BELONG

“ *St. Mary's University campus ministry provides spiritual support and pastoral care for all students, faculty and staff. We invite all members of the university community, regardless of their religious tradition, to integrate their faith and learning, and to share their gifts with all of the world, especially the materially poor and the marginalized. Rooted in Catholic social teaching, we honour each person as unique and we recognize the inherent dignity in all people. Our ministry is grounded in the Roman Catholic tradition under the leadership of Pope Francis, who invites us to serve the whole human family.* ”
~ Nancy Quan

Campus ministry welcomes each member of the community to develop her or his unique faith life through weekly liturgy, practice of meditation and *visio divina*, ecumenical and inter-religious collaboration, service, awareness and education of the needs of all of our brothers and sisters around the globe and through community-building activities. The campus ministry office is committed to fostering understanding and respect for all people and faith traditions.



NANCY QUAN

Director of Campus Ministry

PASTORAL



DR. DAVID BERSHAD

Adjunct Professor,
Art History Speaker Series Presentation

Albrecht Durer to Batman:
Madness, Monsters
and the Macabre



INNOVATIVE



DR. LINDA HENDERSON

Associate Professor, Sociology

"Photo Essays:
Method and Memoirs"



RICHARD VAN CAMP

First Nations writer

"The Power of Storytelling
in the Oral and Written Way"



EUGENE STICKLAND

St. Mary's

Playwright-in-Residence

"The Road Not Taken: An Artist's
Serendipitous Journey"



JAY INGRAM

Broadcaster

"Where did the disease come from?"
and "Why is it suddenly at epidemic
proportions?"

SPEAKER SERIES

Each year, St. Mary's University is pleased to host a series of free, informative and thought-provoking lectures given by prominent scientists, academics, and artists for our community members. The St. Mary's Speakers Series celebrated its tenth year in 2013-2014 and showcased four very knowledgeable speakers.

Dr. Linda Henderson presented the first lecture of the series entitled "Photo Essays: Method and Memoir." In March, First Nations writer Richard Van Camp captivated an audience with his world-renowned storytelling talent as he demonstrated the power of the oral and written story. In April, St. Mary's Playwright-in-Residence, Eugene Stickland, spoke about his journey to become a playwright and journalist. The series concluded this past September with iconic broadcaster Jay Ingram, who explored the Science of Alzheimer's and answered questions such as, "Where did the disease come from?" and "Why is it suddenly at epidemic proportions?"

Over 600 community members enjoyed these free lectures.

MAYOR NAHEED NENSHI

brings greetings at Dr. Allan Markin
Recognition Dinner



INSPIRATIONAL

DR. ALLAN MARKIN RECOGNITION DINNER

On November 5th, 2013, St. Mary's University hosted a major recognition ceremony in honour of Dr. Allan Markin to acknowledge his \$20 million-dollar lifetime gift to the university. The event opened with an address by Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi and greetings from former Premier Alison Redford.

The evening, chaired by Mr. Guy Turcotte, CEO of Stone Creek Resorts, began with an introduction of Dr. Markin, outlining his significant success as a businessman and philanthropist. As Mr. Turcotte noted, Dr. Markin not only donated funds to the university, but also significant time and leadership. And just as important, "he called on other individuals to become benefactors of St. Mary's, myself included." Indeed, at every stage of development, Dr. Markin has been a driving force for St. Mary's, promoting the value of a liberal arts education, recognizing the benefits of a smaller university, encouraging change and growth and even attending as a student. His contagious enthusiasm continues to attract many other supporters to the school.

In his address to the sold-out crowd of 350 people, Dr. Gerry Turcotte, President of St. Mary's noted: "We need to be clear. There would be no St. Mary's story if it weren't for Allan Markin. His role in the ongoing growth and development of the university has been critical and inspirational."

Dr. Allan Markin responded by saying, "I am here tonight because I care deeply about St. Mary's University, and have done so for almost 20 years. Of all the projects I have had the pleasure of supporting, I would have to say that St. Mary's is possibly the most satisfying. In some respects it is a small project, but it has had a more significant impact than even I could have imagined. Small is beautiful. Small can change lives; it can change fortunes. St. Mary's has changed lives and futures; it opened up learning opportunities for all students; it has transformed the educational landscape in Calgary. And as you heard in the video, it has changed my life."

With a steady increase in enrolment of almost 40% in the last two years alone, St. Mary's is reaching its physical capacity, creating a need for expansion. When that happens, Dr. Turcotte made clear that the university would name a future campus building in Dr. Markin's honour. A grateful Dr. Markin responded to this announcement by saying, "Despite what you may think, it is not easy for me to put my name to something in such a public way. I need to believe. And I need to hope for even better. That's how I feel about the university: I believe in it."

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~ Dr. Gerry Turcotte



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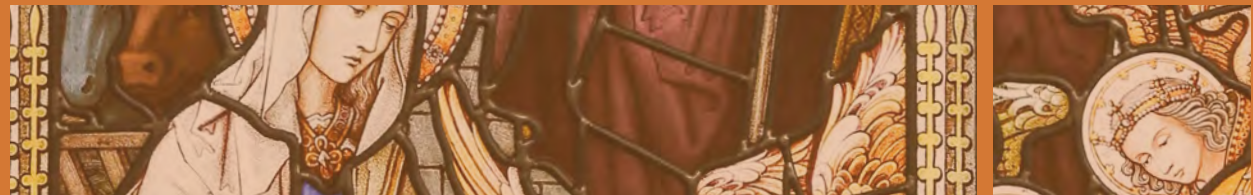
ST. MARY'S HAS THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Development & Communications team has the honour of working directly with our generous donors, supporters and community members who help make St. Mary's University such an outstanding institution.

So many individuals and organizations have given selflessly of their time and resources to help us continue to offer affordable education.

We are delighted to announce that Thérèse Takacs has joined St. Mary's University as our new Vice President, Advancement.

As a senior fund development professional with 20 years of experience, Thérèse has developed and led comprehensive fundraising plans and campaigns that have resulted in private industry, philanthropic and foundation support totaling more than \$90 million. Her proven expertise in strategic planning, budget management, sponsorship, campaigns, major and annual gifts, and stewardship is blended with strong public relations abilities.



THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, which were given to St. Mary's by an anonymous donor, are housed in Fr. Michael J. McGivney Hall, where we host many of our community events.

DEDICATED



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- the Knights of Columbus, led by their St. Mary's Fundraising Team, Leo Bunz, Guy Blasetti, Dennis Castellino, Leo Klein and Wally Muscoby, have been longtime supporters of St. Mary's University. They led a very successful fundraising campaign to renovate and dedicate Fr. Michael J. McGivney Hall. In their latest fundraising campaign, they have raised close to \$30,000, almost completing the campaign for funding the new Altar, Ambo and other liturgical furniture for weekly Mass on campus;
- the Campbell Family recently established a scholarship to help graduates of our Humanities 101 program transition into degree programs at St. Mary's;
- the generous support of Alvin and Gisele Schreiner helped us make the necessary renovations and improvements to our Biology Lab in anticipation of our new Bachelor of Science degree;
- the participants of the 2014 St. Mary's Golf Tournament provided generous support that went directly to funding scholarships and bursaries at our Awards Ceremony in October. One in six students currently receives an award; and
- the generous gift from the Valentine Family that allowed the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts, the venue for the Annual Valentine Cup. This is a ball hockey tournament between two-time winners, the students, and faculty/staff.



PAST SPEAKERS

- 2014 Guy Turcotte
- 2013 Paul Hill
- 2012 Larry Day
- 2011 John Forzani
- 2010 Brian Keating
- 2009 Kelly Hrudehy
- 2008 Dr. David Bershad
- 2007 Vicki Gabereau
- 2006 Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger
- 2005 Justice Major
- 2004 Craig Kielburger
- 2003 Gen. Roméo Dallaire

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The Annual President's Dinner is the university's major fundraising event and it has played host to some of Canada's and the world's most distinguished speakers, such as General Roméo Dallaire, Kelly Hrudehy, and Craig Kielburger.

On March 13, 2014, St. Mary's University hosted our sold-out 19th Annual President's Dinner, which attracted over 300 people to Heritage Park's Gasoline Alley. This year's Keynote Speaker was distinguished Calgary businessman and entrepreneur Guy Turcotte, who captivated the audience with his talk, "Energizing the Future: Hydrogen and Innovation Fuelling the World Energy Space." Mr. Turcotte's speech was as much about a specific and groundbreaking technology as it was about the importance of thinking creatively to address issues of world importance. This year's Master of Ceremonies was renowned media personality and former President's Dinner speaker Larry Day, who is also a member of the university's Board of Governors.

The March 2015 distinguished speaker will be Calgary philanthropist Mrs. M. Ann McCaig.

GROUND BREAKING

Since 2003 the Holland family has generously donated the centerpieces for the President's Dinner.





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FAMILY GALLERY

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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS (L-R) Gerry and Anna Maier; John Cordeau and Justice Carolyn Phillips; Stan and Marg Owerko



On the 4th of October 2012, St. Mary's University celebrated the arrival of the Saint John's Bible. This magnificent work, the first illuminated manuscript commissioned by Benedictine Monks in over 500 years, is the culmination of 16 years of painstaking labour. Handwritten in seven volumes, the project boasts the artistic direction of one of the world's greatest calligraphers, Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office, and some of the most remarkable artists working today.

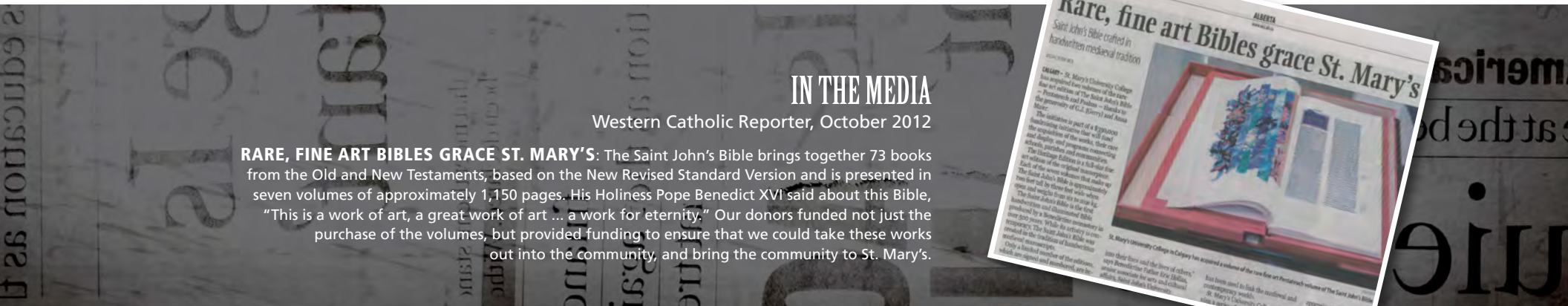
The original edition, produced by Saint John's University in Minnesota, is written

on vellum. Only 299 facsimile editions have been produced from this edition and St. Mary's became only the second university in Canada — and the only one in Western Canada — to own a set. The works have been hand-treated with gold and platinum leaf, and are over three feet tall by two feet wide.

St. Mary's was able to purchase these wonderful volumes through the generosity of a number of key donors: Gerry and Anna Maier, Stan and Marge Owerko, John Cordeau and Carolyn Phillips and an anonymous donor. More important, our

donors funded not just the purchase of the volumes, but provided funding to ensure that we could take these works out into the community, and bring the community to St. Mary's.

Since the volumes arrived, thousands of people have visited St. Mary's, to attend scholarly lectures on arts, religion and sacred texts; to take our new **CERTIFICATE IN SACRED ARTS**; or to learn about calligraphy and book production. This has been a transformational gift, by inspired donors, that has contributed to the university in a significant way.



IN THE MEDIA

Western Catholic Reporter, October 2012

RARE, FINE ART BIBLES GRACE ST. MARY'S: The Saint John's Bible brings together 73 books from the Old and New Testaments, based on the New Revised Standard Version and is presented in seven volumes of approximately 1,150 pages. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI said about this Bible, "This is a work of art, a great work of art ... a work for eternity." Our donors funded not just the purchase of the volumes, but provided funding to ensure that we could take these works out into the community, and bring the community to St. Mary's.





SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE AND SACRED ARTS

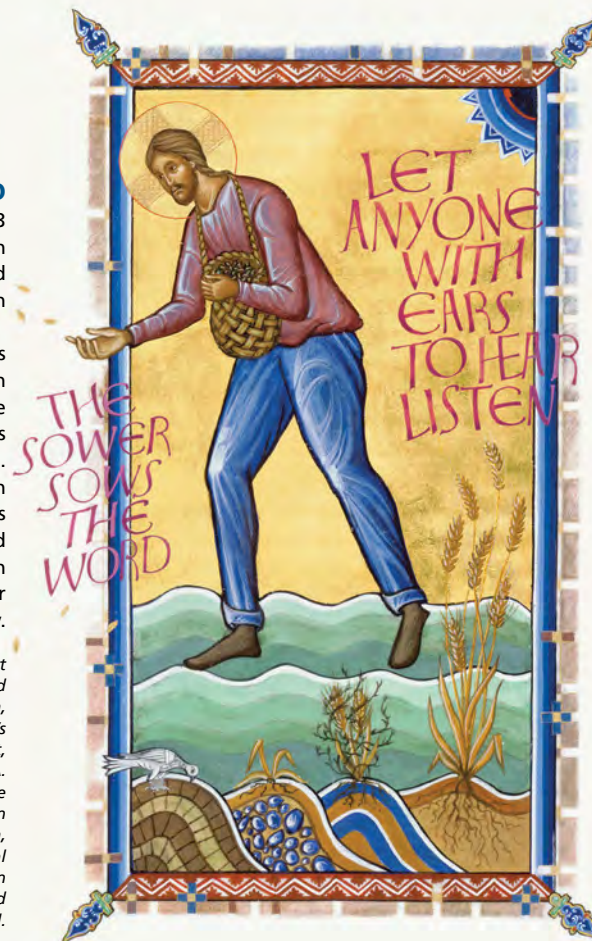
To celebrate the arrival of The Saint John's Bible, St. Mary's University launched a series of workshops and courses focusing on the Sacred Arts. Courses are offered in a wide range of topics, including painting, iconography, calligraphy, manuscript illumination, stained glass making, and Gregorian chant. Participants can gain insight into the principles that underpin the great traditions of sacred art, while learning skills and techniques to create a contemporary artwork of their own. Students taking the workshops can qualify for the newly-created Certificate in Sacred Arts-Foundations.

SOWER AND THE SEED

Featured in Mark 3
Artists: Aidan Hart with contributions from Donald Jackson and Sally Mae Joseph

Aidan Hart represents this passage with an icon in which Jesus is wearing blue jeans, scattering the seeds into the text of the Gospel. A bird searches for seed on thorny ground, rocky soil as well as fertile land. Donald Jackson and Sally Mae Joseph contribute with border decoration and calligraphy.

Sower and the Seed, Aidan Hart with contributions from Donald Jackson and Sally Mae Joseph, Copyright 2002, The Saint John's Bible, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA. Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition, Copyright 1993, 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



ILLUMINATING



Aidan Hart, one of the leading iconographers in the United Kingdom, and contributor to The Saint John's Bible, gave a presentation on, "The Renewal of Sacred Art: Timeless Principles and Contemporary Challenges." He also taught a sold-out course on iconography as part of St. Mary's Certificate in Sacred Arts.

PERFORMANCE

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

St. Mary's University is pleased to host over fifteen events that are open to the community each year. Through such events, held both on and off campus, we strive to bring together faculty, staff, students, and supporters of the university. Five of our biggest events this year were the Drama Production, the Spring Choir Concert, the Stampede Breakfast, the Golf Tournament, and the Ghost Tour.

This year the **ST. MARY'S DRAMA PROGRAM** presented A. R. Gurney's *The Dining Room* for four well-attended performances. There was an overwhelming interest in the production with 21 students participating on stage and behind the scenes. Often hilarious and at times deeply moving, *The Dining Room* served up a fulfilling theatrical experience for all those who attended.



THE SPRING CHOIR CONCERT, held at St. Gerard's Church, achieved new heights when St. Mary's Choir, teamed with community choir Cum Vino Cantus (CVC) to perform. The two evenings of concerts were open to the public and performed to approximately 450 guests each night. Each choir sang pieces from their own repertoires; however, the highlight of the concert occurred when the orchestra-accompanied choirs came together to sing Mozart's *Requiem*.



To celebrate one of the Stampede's most popular traditions, St. Mary's invites the community to the campus for a **STAMPEDE BREAKFAST**. This year, faculty, staff and students served over 1,000 meals to friends, family and the community. The breakfast also included live music, activities for the kids, and historic walking tours by St. Mary's History Professor, Dr. Gayle Thrift.



One of St. Mary's most popular events is the **GHOST TOUR AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** held each year on St. Mary's birthday, September 18. Selling out the last three years, hundreds of people in the community join us on campus to tour scenes illustrating St. Mary's history from the unique perspective of spirits and ghosts that once walked our grounds. Following the tour, guests celebrate St. Mary's University's birthday with hot chocolate, cupcakes, and a remarkable fireworks display that can be seen for miles.



DYNAMIC



STRATEGIC PLAN

As one of the fastest growing post-secondary institutions in Alberta, St. Mary's recognized the need to revisit our Strategic Plan and re-imagine our priorities for the years ahead. In 2013, we hired a consultant, gathered the people, and put everything on the table. The result was our 2013-2018 Strategic Plan – a document that outlines our target for optimal growth – 2000 students by 2025 – and our focus: on students, teaching, research, financial sustainability and the development of an environmentally dynamic campus.

St. Mary's University has identified six strategic directions in our 2013-2018 Strategic Plan:

1. Promote and support a student-centred learning experience;
2. Promote and support exceptional teaching and learning;
3. Establish long-term sustainability;
4. Establish and implement a comprehensive human resources plan focusing on the whole person: mind, body and spirit;
5. Implement the university expansion plan; and
6. Preserve the integrity of the campus environment.



Vice-Chair Don Verdonck addressing a community forum on the future of the campus

SITE PLANNING

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St. Mary's University is planning a campus expansion to address the unprecedented growth in student enrolment and meet the needs of our students. This expansion will include residences, classrooms, a gymnasium and associated infrastructure, all built around a central quadrangle, and encompassing the historic features of the site. The overall plan is guided by a number of principles that were developed in consultation with students, faculty and staff. The principles respect the unique location adjacent to Fish Creek Park and focus on enhancing the sense of community that defines St. Mary's University.

We are entering a very exciting phase of the project, where we will build on the concepts developed to date to finalize building locations, sizes, contents, and the 'look' of the project. The initial work will include retaining a design team to complete this portion of the design, as well as to develop a project execution strategy and cost estimates. We expect to complete this work in early 2015, and then move to the funding stage, before the actual start of construction.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St. Mary's for the efforts and input to date. This campus belongs to the students, faculty, staff, executive and the Board of Governors, and I am very pleased that everyone is excited about this project. ~ Don Verdonck, Chair, Site Planning Committee”

RESPONSIBLE



DEBBIE OSIOWY

Vice-President
Business and Finance

MESSAGE FROM DEBBIE OSIOWY, VICE-PRESIDENT BUSINESS AND FINANCE

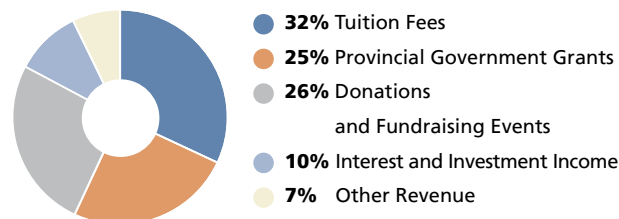
“As a small university, we are all about students! Guided by the principles of academic excellence, small class sizes, and affordable tuition fees, we have built strong fiscal and governance processes to make the best possible use of the resources entrusted to us. Over the past year, we have continued to achieve our strategic goals including new academic programs, growth in faculty and staff positions, and renovations to the campus. From our annual budget to our long term fiscal planning, it is our goal to provide students with the best possible learning experience.”
~ Debbie Osiovy

St. Mary's receives a share of operating grants from the Province of Alberta, however we are not eligible for capital grants. As a result, all capital needs — from equipment to new buildings — must be funded from private contributions. As we begin planning for expansion — including student residences, additional classrooms, athletics facilities and a student commons area — we are proud of the strong fiscal foundation we continue to build. We have a record of managing within our means and providing a high-quality learning experience for our students. Having already achieved our initial goals, we look forward to the future with confidence as we invest in our students and make plans for further growth and campus expansion!

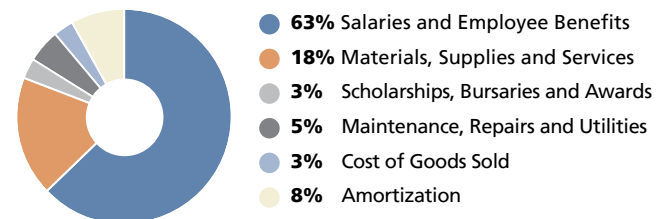
HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 20% increase in enrolments in 2014;
- completion of a \$300,000 renovation to the biology lab;
- \$298,000 in scholarships and bursaries awarded to students;
- tuition freeze for the 2014-2015 academic year; and
- six donors contributed more than \$100,000 including two who contributed more than \$1 million.


TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2014



TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2014



BY THE NUMBERS



1000
ATTENDED THE 2014
**STAMPEDE
BREAKFAST**

831 STUDENTS
ENROLLED
IN THE FALL 2014 TERM

68 SCHOOLS IN WHICH B.ED STUDENTS
COMPLETED PRACTICUM TEACHING

1 OUT OF EVERY **5** STUDENTS
WERE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
A **SCHOLARSHIP**



100 DEGREES, DIPLOMAS
AND CERTIFICATES
AWARDED AT CONVOCATION JUNE 2014

24% OF NEW STUDENTS
WERE ELIGIBLE FOR
**PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE
SCHOLARSHIPS**




5390 TEXTBOOKS AND COURSEPACKS
PURCHASED BY STUDENTS LAST YEAR

7 PET THERAPY ANIMALS
WHO WARMED HEARTS AND HANDS
PRIOR TO WINTER EXAMS!

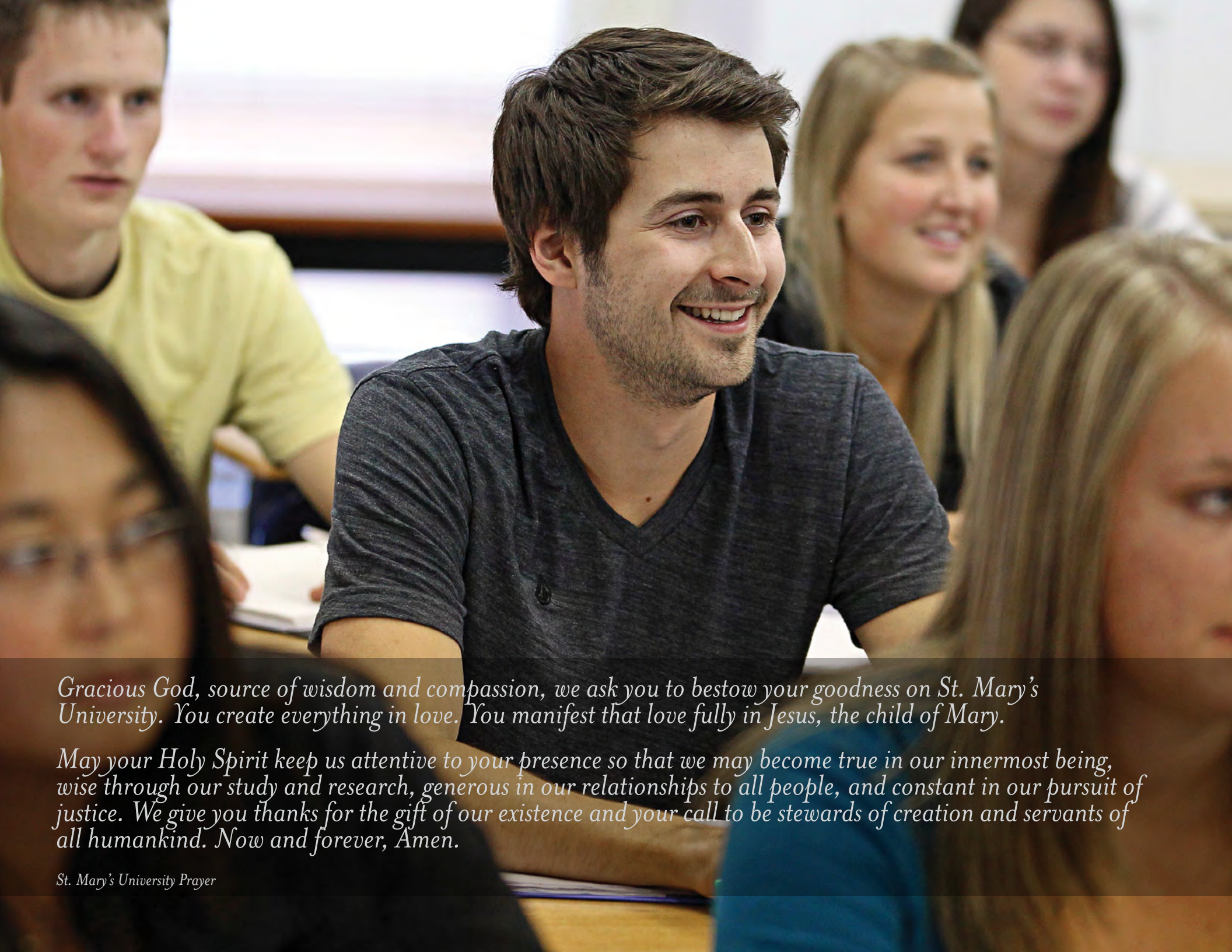
\$0 PARKING FEES

0% TUITION
INCREASE
2013-2014

\$1700
AVERAGE VALUE OF
SCHOLARSHIP
OR BURSARY

25 
NEW COMPUTERS IN THE
COMPUTER LAB
THANKS TO TOWER CHRYSLER!

143 FACULTY & STAFF



Gracious God, source of wisdom and compassion, we ask you to bestow your goodness on St. Mary's University. You create everything in love. You manifest that love fully in Jesus, the child of Mary.

May your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to your presence so that we may become true in our innermost being, wise through our study and research, generous in our relationships to all people, and constant in our pursuit of justice. We give you thanks for the gift of our existence and your call to be stewards of creation and servants of all humankind. Now and forever, Amen.

OPTIMISM

BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE

“ Our St. Mary's University Report to the Community shines a light on the accomplishments of our remarkable institution. Every page makes clear how passionate we are about our mission and vision, how determined we are to be the very best at what we do, and how important our goal is to be a service institution, preparing students for their life journey as caring citizens. It is this commitment that explains our exciting growth of close to 40% in the last two years alone. It is this ambition that fuels our plans to develop new facilities in the near future and the development of new degrees and programs.

The optimism we feel about our university's future is enhanced by the positive outlook and achievements of our students, staff, faculty and Board of Governors. What this Report makes clear is that we bring the St. Mary's spirit to everything we do: from the classroom to the playing field, from volunteering to educational leadership. In the end our focus is clear: each student is important and all our efforts are directed towards creating an environment where each student is valued as a whole person: mind, body and spirit. ~ Terry McCoy ”



TERRY MCCOY

Board Chair

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