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St. Mary's University to host National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation National Education Roundtable

CALGARY – Creating a societal shift from public ignorance about the history of residential schools and Canada's often unpalatable history of "national building" toward nationwide acknowledgment and understanding of our true collective history and reality is the target of a National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation National Education Roundtable at St. Mary's University.

"We do not want another generation to grow up unaware of the facts," says Dr. Tara Hyland-Russell, Vice-President Academic & Dean of St. Mary's University. "This is an historic time that challenges educators and places of learning to face the colonial legacy of this land now called Canada."

The 2nd annual gathering will address movement and progress in the areas of much needed curriculum change and teacher education, focusing on the history and legacy of Indian residential schools, reconciliation, and the history, culture and knowledge of Indigenous peoples of Canada. Invited participants from Ministries of Education, teachers' associations, faculties of education, First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Authorities, public education partners and organizations from every province and territory will be sharing projects that are underway examining system shortcomings, sharing new work started in 2016 and identifying collaborations that will begin or continue the work begun at the first national roundtable in 2016.

About St. Mary's University:

St. Mary's University is an innovative teaching and research university that provides affordable, accredited and highly valued degrees in the Liberal Arts, Sciences and Education located on a historic site in Calgary, Alberta. The students at St. Mary's are inspired to combine academics with a passionate commitment to ethics, social justice and respect for diversity of opinion and belief.

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