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Increase in Applications for St. Mary's University College in Calgary

Calgary, AB (March 12, 2013) As part of its commitment to successful transition to university study for students, St. Mary's University College has been working closely with High Schools in the Calgary area. The message to students, parents and counselors is that St. Mary's is a dynamic university with competitive tuition rates, including free on campus parking, and degrees that are fully accredited by the Government of Alberta. Students who attend St. Mary's receive high quality teaching in small classes with personalized attention where professors know them by name.

While many institutions are examining the number of seats they can make available each year, St. Mary's is not cutting seats or restricting admissions to programs. The university continues to grow in both programs and applications. St. Mary's is currently experiencing a 20% increase in applications for admissions compared to this time last year. It has launched a new four-year Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology in fall 2012. It has also re-launched Humanities 101, a program that provides free university-level courses to non-traditional learners who experience barriers to learning, with a focus on low-income and vulnerable people.

Bob Hann, Vice-President, Student Services at St. Mary's University College, is pleased that St. Mary's is able to continue to offer high quality education. "We hear a lot about the high cost of post-secondary education and about difficulties accessing university programs and courses. At St. Mary's we are focusing on building relationships and partnerships with Calgary area high schools and school districts, delivering specific information directly to targeted high school classes, increasing opportunities for students to visit our campus, and sharing details about our world-class quality and affordability."

About St. Mary's University College

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic Post-Secondary, student-focused liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution in Calgary. St. Mary's offers Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) degree, and courses in 34 academic disciplines. For more information, visit www.stmu.ca

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