

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**TO:** Assignment Editors/News Directors

**WHAT:** St. Mary's University to honour Dr. Allan Markin at Convocation Ceremony

**WHERE:** St. Albert the Great Parish, 10 Prestwick Drive SE, Calgary, AB

**WHEN:** **Friday, May 10, 2019, Ceremony at 2:00pm**

**Why:**

St. Mary's University is proud to honour Dr. Allan Markin with the St. Mary's University Order of Excellence at the 2019 St. Mary's University Convocation ceremony to be held at St. Albert the Great Parish on Friday, May 11, 2019. This prestigious award honours St. Mary's University community members who have contributed in an impactful manner to the University over a period of time. As the recipient of the award this year, Dr. Markin has had an extraordinary impact on the University dating back to earliest days of school history.

The Order of Excellence recognizes the significant role Dr. Markin has played in transforming Alberta and Canada for the better, through his legendary and extensive support of preventative health care, higher education and a wide range of charities and public causes too numerous to mention. Among his many accolades Dr. Markin was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, and was awarded the Alberta Order of Excellence, the Mayor of Calgary's Citizen of the Year and was inducted into the Alberta Business Hall of Fame. In his over 20-year affiliation with St. Mary's University Dr. Markin has played a leading hand in helping the university to grow and thrive through every facet of its operations including the establishment of scholarships and bursaries to support students in need, and to promote academic excellence. At every stage of development Dr. Markin has been a driving force at St. Mary's, helping to promote the importance of the liberal arts, and to transform the university into one of Alberta's fastest growing institutions.

Degrees will be conferred by the university's Chancellor, His Excellency Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary.

St. Mary's University is honoured to bestow the title of Honorary Fellow to Mr. Terry McCoy. Honorary Fellows are a small and select group of individuals who have been honoured for their conspicuous contribution to the formation of the university through their own dedicated work for the institution, and in recognition of their significant and transformational contribution of personal time and effort for the benefit of others.

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.

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