

# STM Newsletter

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## STM thanks FOR ALL SEASONS supporters

Through the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign, STM has revitalized its links with the community and reinforced the financial basis of its educational mission. President John Thompson is delighted with the progress on both fronts, and has expressed his deepest gratitude to STM's many supporters.

"They are providing the financial help we need to ensure the Catholic autonomy of STM. Equally important is their demonstrated good will and warm acceptance of the College, in particular their receptiveness to our efforts to re-connect it with the STM/Newman alumni/ae and the larger Catholic community."

Contributors have subscribed nearly \$2 million to the campaign, which is now winding down. It will continue through a new Development/Alumni Office the College is opening to establish contacts with graduates on a systematic basis.

To express its appreciation more tangibly, the College hosted five receptions for campaign leaders and significant donors. It also established a permanent wall of recognition featuring the names of individuals and groups who have contributed to the College through the campaign and in



*(l to r) Sisters Yvonne Raiwet, Marie Raiwet and Alice LeClaire with President Thompson outside STM's Our Lady of the Universe Chapel. The plaque behind them commemorates the chapel in honour of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross, the Belgian order, headquartered in Edmonton, to which the three nuns belong. The order is honoured for exceptional support and commitment to the fundraising effort.*

other ways.

At the receptions, Dr. Thompson presented each of the honoured guests with a framed, limited edition print of a pencil drawing of the STM building. Saskatoon artist Barbara Anderson was commissioned to do the drawing, which presents the fieldstone building as seen from College Drive. To provide an unobstructed view, she excluded much of the foliage

that has grown up over the years.

Dr. Thompson hopes this will be the genesis of an annual award to alumni/ae and other Catholics in Saskatchewan for demonstrated leadership.

Among those already honoured are Urban A. Donlevy Sr., Howard J. Stensrud, and Les Dubé. Messrs Donlevy and Stensrud were general chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign. Mr.

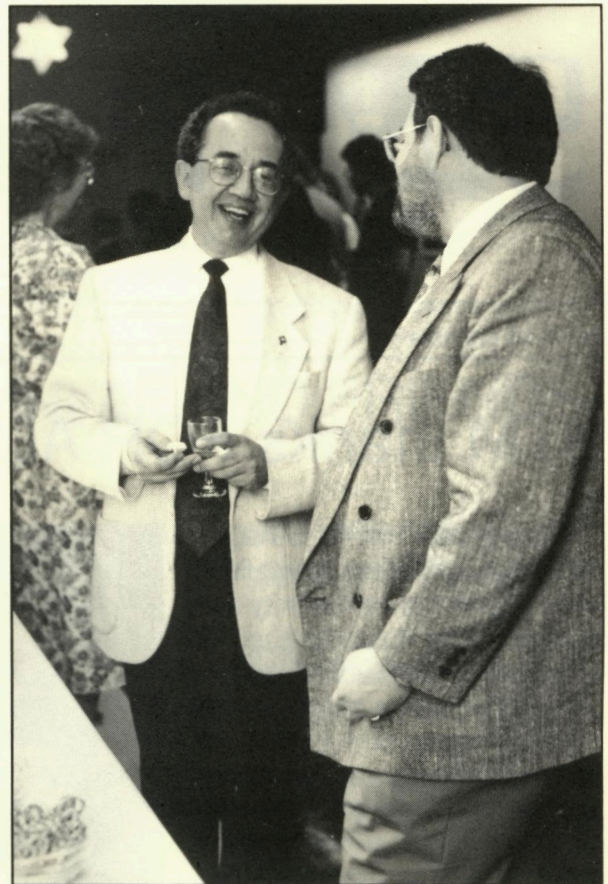
Dubé was the campaign leadership advisor.

"Without their dedicated and tireless contributions, we would never have come this far," Dr. Thompson said.

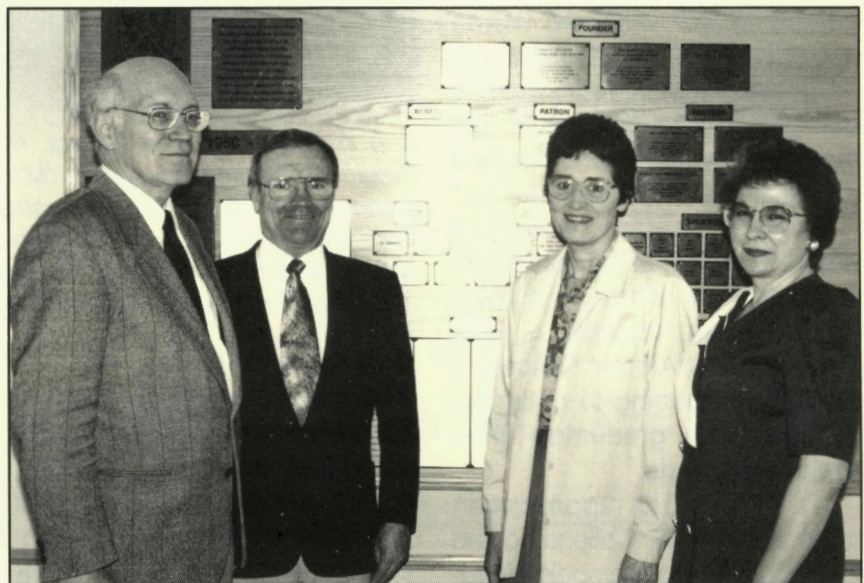
The wall of recognition is located at the north end of the art gallery on the second floor of the STM building. Donor names are engraved in brass and mounted on maroon plates attached to a large hardwood panel. Centred at the top is a replica of the mural on the outside south wall of the building depicting St. Thomas More symbolically recognizing papal supremacy in ecclesiastical matters. To the left is the College coat of arms and a statement of gratitude to the Basilian fathers, past and present, for their extraordinary commitment and generous financial contributions to STM.

The Congregation of St. Basil at STM is included among the founders of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign. The College recognizes as founders contributors of \$250,000 and over. Other founders are the STM faculty and staff, the people of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross.

Other significant donors are benefactors (\$100,000 to \$249,999), patrons, (\$50,000 to \$99,999) and partners (\$25,000 to \$49,999). Contributors of lesser amounts are recognized as associates, sponsors, friends, and supporters. K.C. Charities, through the Saskatoon Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, is a benefactor. Bob Jeanneau and Bill Reid are president and vice-president, respectively, of K.C. Charities. Dr. Jean-Guy Quenne-



*(l to r) Professors Jim Penna, Department of Philosophy, and Brian Chartier, Department of Psychology, with the rest of the STM faculty were both hosts and honoured guests at the receptions held to recognize leaders and supporters of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign.*



*(l to r) Dr. Jean-Guy Quenneville, head, STM department of Political Studies and president, Saskatoon Chapter, Knights of Columbus; Bob Jeanneau, president, K.C. Charities; Mary Quenneville; and Irene Jeanneau in front of the wall of recognition. Through the Saskatoon Chapter, K.C. Charities is a benefactor of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign.*

**Stories: Joe Campbell:** STM thanks FOR ALL SEASONS supporters; Limited edition print commissioned for STM gifts.

**Phyllis Thompson:** Summer Pastoral Program; Celebrating the Church's Social Teachings; Remembering and Renewing our Basilian Roots

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*(l to r) Elaine Besenski and Mary Nordick (STM Department of English and Board of Governors). The Saskatoon Diocesan CWL is recognized for its contributions to and support of STM.*



*President Thompson displays a plaque presented to the Columbian Ladies in recognition of their major contribution for scholarships at STM. (l to r) Mary Rollheiser, Loretta Lucyshyn, Laurie Yaskowich, John Thompson, Mary Lucyshyn.*

ville, head of the STM Political Studies Department, is president of the Saskatoon Chapter. The member councils of the Chapter are also contributing to the campaign.

The Ursuline Sisters of Bruno are patrons, and Dr. Lois Brockman, Les and Irene Dubé, Shirley and Frederick W. Hill, and Henry and Cheryl Kloppenburg are partners.

Besides the Basilian fathers, many other people who have assisted the College over the past 40 years are recognized. Their support has included financial gifts and bequests, gifts in kind, scholarships and bursaries.

Pleased as he is with the financial support, Dr. Thompson is just as excited about re-inserting STM into the community: "The people were actually waiting for us and were receptive, co-operative and helpful. Those who have been a part of the College and the Newman Centre either personally or through their children have a sense of ownership that we did not previously recognize. They love STM and we have a responsibility to see that it meets their expectations."

In reaching out to alumni/ae, the College plans to develop local chapters through which graduates can maintain contact and support. It also recognizes a responsibility to Catholics throughout the entire University and in the larger society.

"We have to keep in touch with students in professional colleges and provide opportunities in adult education that assist Catholics here and in the larger community to bring their faith to bear on the issues of the day," Dr. Thompson said.

## Limited edition print commissioned for STM gifts

It was her toughest assignment yet, but artist Barbara Anderson of Saskatoon proved equal to the challenge.

STM commissioned Barbara to do a black and white drawing of the College building for reproduction in a limited edition. The prints, each numbered and signed by the artist, are being used by the College for gifts. Leaders and significant supporters of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign were presented with framed prints at a series of College receptions. In the years ahead, presentations will be made to alumni/ae and other Catholics in Saskatchewan for demonstrated leadership.

Barbara specializes in draw-

ing farm homes and barns. The College building is much larger than the structures she is used to working with, and in some ways more intricate.

"I wondered whether I might have bitten off more than I could chew," she recalls. "There were so many windows, and I wanted to get them right and shaded properly."

She needn't have worried. Everyone who has seen the drawing is charmed by it. Barbara has a feeling for buildings. She likes to imagine that each one she draws is her home, and to produce it in a way that it might appear if she lived there. As a result, her drawings express comfort and warmth.

She decided that the most artistically interesting view of the fieldstone building is from College Drive, and that is how she presented it. To provide an unobstructed view, she excluded much of the foliage that has grown up over the years.

"I worked with a photograph taken in the 1950s of the original part of the building, as well as more recent photos showing the structure as expanded."

She used a pencil, a felt stick for blending, and pen and black ink. She spent 20 to 30 hours on the project.

Barbara has been drawing since childhood.

"I was always drawing houses. My father was fascinated



*Barbara Anderson and the drawing she made of the College building for reproduction in a limited edition. The prints, each numbered and signed by the artist, are being used by the College for gifts.*

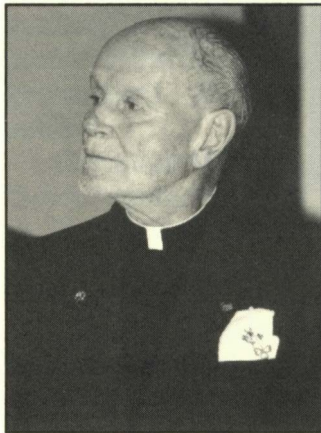
with old farm houses and liked to photograph them, and I developed an interest in drawing farm houses and barns."

When she took her high school at the Saskatoon Technical Collegiate, one of her teachers was the late Ernie Lindner, a local artist with an international reputation.

"He stimulated my interest in art, and I learned a great deal from him."



*President Thompson presents Barbara Bersheid, an STM alumna living in Saskatoon, with a plaque recognizing the support she and her husband, Dr. Bruce Bersheid, gave to the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign.*



*Father Oscar Regan, CSB, director of the STM/Newman Alumni/ae Association, led guests and hosts in prayer at two of the five receptions honouring leaders and supporters of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign.*



*Margaret Sanche, STM archivist and author of Heartwood, a history of the College, with Honourable Emmett Hall, former University Chancellor and Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in front of the wall of recognition. They officially unveiled the wall at the first of five receptions honouring leaders and supporters of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign. The opening reception was held in honour of past supporters. Besides donating to the recent campaign, Mr. Justice Hall chaired the 1953-55 campaign for the original fieldstone building and contributed the brass doors. Mrs. Sanche is a member of the Shannon family, whose construction company erected the original building and supported STM generously.*



*Elaine Zerr, College secretary, and Professor Ernie McCullough, Department of Philosophy, receive a limited edition print of the STM building from President Thompson, in recognition of the extraordinary support of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign by staff and faculty. The STM staff and faculty are founders of the campaign.*

## Summer Pastoral Program '92

Last July, STM for the first time offered two pastoral short courses; the College's *Newsletter* from June/July '91 mentioned the details, especially the courses' focus on Scripture and Christology. At one point in his lecture, Rabbi Roger Pavey (one of the four instructors) said that the "Biblical text is a word spoken *today* and we are meant to dialogue with it." President John Thompson, in thanking the instructors, affirmed this; he said the courses gave the participants an opportunity to see that the "Scriptures are *living* words, if we are willing to engage with those Scriptures, if we come to [them] in faith and listen."

With an overall registration of about 75, the pilot year proved

successful. Prior to departure, participants were polled as to subjects which would most interest them as course offerings for Summer '92. The overwhelming response left no doubt that social justice and Christian morality are critical concerns. STM has therefore scheduled these two subjects for its focus this July: Social Justice running from Monday, 6 July through Wednesday, 8 July, and Christian Morality running from Thursday, 9 July through Saturday, 11 July.

**Social Justice** will be a 15-hour course taught jointly by Fr. John C. Gallagher, CSB, and Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, SND de-Namur. This course will examine how the Gospel mandate to *do* social justice can be im-

plemented effectively today. It will explore current population trends, increased understanding of human rights, and the just demands of the poor in light of a century of Roman Catholic social thought.

Fr. Gallagher, formerly a Professor of Moral Theology, is now the Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. Fr. Gallagher has graduate degrees from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas and the Academia Alfonsiana, both in Rome; his thirty years of teaching Moral Theology has had clear links to social justice, especially in the areas of energy, bioethics, and the economics of health care. In his portion of the course, he will concentrate on the underlying ethical principles

of the subject.

Sr. Augusta Neal is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame deNamur. With undergraduate degrees in History and English, her graduate degrees, from Boston College and Harvard University, are in Sociology. She has taught at various universities since 1963: Cornell University, New York and the ILIFF School of Theology, Denver being two where she taught the Sociology of Religion. Presently she heads the Sociology Department at Emmanuel College, Boston. Because of her expertise in socio-theology and sociobiology, her portion of the course will provide sociological analysis of the subject.

**Christian Morality** will be a 15-hour course taught jointly by Fr. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, and Dr. Sandra C. Magie. Participants will be introduced to the process of Christian moral reasoning within the Catholic tradition and from a Gospel-based perspective. The formation of a Christian conscience, the notions of personal and social sin, and contemporary questions in sexual and medical ethics will be some of the topics participants will explore.

Fr. Fabbro, a Basilian priest, holds graduate degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian in Rome. His areas of expertise are Bioethics, Christian Ethics, Human Sexuality and Marriage. After a number of years teaching at the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary, both in Houston, Fr. Fabbro is now on the faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. He also serves on the Formation Team for candidates

to the priesthood within the Basilian Order.

Professor Magie is a specialist in two seemingly diverse areas: with undergraduate and graduate degrees in biology and biochemistry, she went on to earn an M.A. and S.T.L. in Theology. She has just completed her doctorate in Theology from the Academia Alfonsiana in Rome. Years of teaching and research in medical pathology and genetics at various universities and medical schools got her interested in the ethics of it all. Dr. Magie presently teaches Moral Theology at the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary, both in Houston, Texas.

STM hopes this summer's courses will be as challenging and enriching as last summer's: that those who participate will have an opportunity for renewal in and a deeper understanding of their faith, an opportunity to share in the knowledge and experience of the instructors, and a chance to share with each other their common interest and concern in these vital areas.

The cost of each course is \$165; this includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and a first-night BBQ. Class size is limited to 65 for each, so registration is on a first come, first served basis. For information/registration, call STM at 966-8900 week days between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

## WELCOME BACK

Homecoming '92, September 18 to 20, provides an opportunity for STM/Newman Alumni/ae to revisit the campus for fun, fellowship, and spiritual and intellectual renewal.

The campus-wide homecoming features *UniversiDay '92*, a potpourri of offerings on contemporary topics, Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arts Building. Among the highlights will be a debate on the existence of God: "God is Alive and Well and Knowable" vs. "God: A Fairy Tale." Professors Ernie McCullough (STM) and Rudy Krutzen, both well known campus philosophers, will square off.

The following day, Sunday, September 20, all Catholic alumni/ae are invited to attend Mass at 11 am in the STM Chapel. A brunch will follow at 12:30 in the STM cafeteria, provided by the STM Council of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets at \$5 per person may be obtained at the College, phone 966-8900.

## CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHINGS: ONE HUNDRED YEARS

In 1991 the Catholic Church celebrated the centenary of the Church's encyclical on labour and social justice, *Rerum Novarum*. Many places found creative ways to celebrate this anniversary: STM was one. St. Thomas More College, in conjunction with Campion College in Regina, sponsored a trio of speakers in the late Fall of '91—a series it hoped would put the Church's document into perspective in relation to three relevant areas of concern in today's world.

The annual Corporation Weekend in September began with a lecture by Fr. Brian Hogan, CSB, formerly a member of STM's History faculty and now on the Theology faculty of the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. Fr. Hogan placed his talk in a context specifically related to social and labour conditions in Canada; he dealt with this historically, so present circumstances could be seen in relation to the past century.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, Sr. Amata Miller, IHM, came here from Washington, DC; formerly a professor of Economics and now associated with NETWORK, a national social justice lobby in Washington, she addressed the Catholic social justice tradition with specific reference to today's women religious. She gave a very clear picture of how many women's Orders, stemming from the directives of Vatican II which required that they redefine and revitalize their mandates, have striven to put social justice ministry at the heart of their witness to the Gospel.

Toward the end of November, Fr. Michael Stogre, SJ, came in from Espanola, Ontario, where he serves as both pastor and physician at the Birch Island Indian Reserve. His soon-to-be-completed doctorate on the development of papal teaching on aboriginal rights gave the immediate focus to his lecture: he traced papal teaching not just back to *Rerum Novarum*, but back 500 years to some of the first Church documents dealing with aboriginal rights. He then placed this in a

Canadian perspective; an added plus was his experience with native health care in the past twelve years and the ongoing ties it has to native rights.

All three speakers were at STM and Campion on paired evenings, and both Colleges were delighted to have three such fluent, experienced people willing to inform and challenge their audiences. All three speakers were both video and audio cassette recorded; STM has copies available for sale of any of these, for the minimal replacement cost of the tapes—\$4.00 each, plus handling. Anyone wishing copies should contact the College's General Office by letter or phone (1-306-966-8900).

In conjunction with the lectures, STM also sponsored a weekend retreat focussing on *Rerum Novarum*. All last year, the General Council for the Basilian Fathers, the Basilian Institute for Spirituality, and the Standing Committee for Basilian Social Justice Concerns were involved in a special retreat program revolving around the encyclical. With their help, STM was able to plan and schedule such a retreat.

The first weekend in October '91, STM retreatants met at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster; the retreat director was Fr. Jack Gallagher, CSB, the Order's Superior General. He is, by training, a moral theologian with specific interest in medical ethics, conscience formation, and social justice. He has been a member of the Basilians' Standing Committee on Social Justice, and those who went to St. Peter's were blessed because of his presence and the talks and insights he gave. It was a superb opportunity to focus and reflect on the encyclical in order that one's awareness of and commitment to the social dimensions of Catholic spirituality could be challenged and enriched. The fine weather, the good company, and the gracious Benedictine hospitality further contributed to a lovely weekend all around.



## Annual award to deserving alumna and alumnus

Irene Poelzer '50

St. Thomas More College plans to celebrate the achievements and lives of its alumnae and alumni by an annual award presented each fall to an alumna and an alumnus whose life-work and commitment reflect the values and benefits of the education they received from the College in their student days.

STM/Newman alumni/ae leave STM not only with intellectual benefits, but with a spiritual perspective that permeates their activities in society. Father Carr used to exhort the STM/Newman students when they left the College to "be yeast in the world." The important thing was for these students to use their intellectual gifts in a way that brought Christian values and perspectives to every facet of society. Though our alumni/ae share with all people the same life tasks, it is hoped that these are done with the added dimension of a lively faith and Christian commitment.

In honouring a specific alumna and alumnus each year, St. Thomas More College is looking for individuals whose work and lives—in the home, or in the workplace, or in whatever place they have been called to labour—reflect a deep commitment to these values. In order to help identify such alumni/ae we ask that each Chapter and individual alumni/ae throughout Saskatchewan and beyond nominate a candidate for the annual fall award and give us your reasons for the nomination.



## STM boasts K of C council

Last spring STM was blessed with the founding of a new Knights of Columbus Council, embracing some 50 to 60 members that continues to grow and flourish. The Council meets during the academic year in the STM Chapel every Wednesday to pray the Rosary together. Everyone is welcome to attend. So far, the Council has distributed 200 rosaries free of charge with another 400 on order. Their projects include a host of charitable works. Many of our members are students who are young but nevertheless fervent, loyal, and ready to serve! They hope and pray that their membership will reach "92" to match the year "1492." Fr. Regan is their Chaplain. The Council, which has enrolled some professors and campus personnel as well, is eager and willing to aid all who are in need. May they continue to thrive and to spread the Good News.

The STM Council, like all other K of C Councils, gives top priority to vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. We pray that you Alumni/ae will help us to achieve our goals.

We are deeply grateful for the generous contribution the Saskatchewan K of C Councils have given to our fundraising campaign. Incidentally, our '91-'92 Grand Knight, Marc Trottier, departs for Ottawa's seminary where he will pursue his theology program leading to ordination and the priesthood.

# Remembering and Renewing our Basilian Roots

In her 1986 book, *Winds of Change*, Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister has one chapter devoted to the need for both *memory* and *vision* in the Church if the Church and its members are to matter at all in the future. She points out that we cannot have one without the other if the "how and what" of religion are to make any difference in the world of today and tomorrow.

Back in 1989, when John Thompson made his presentation to the STM community—as a candidate for the College's Presidency—he addressed the priority of "re-visioning" the College in order that STM can "secure [its] future as a college with a distinctive tradition and contribution to make," so that STM can "make a difference." One of the many things President Thompson has done, since elected, has been to create the Basilian Way of Life Series.

Dr. Thompson is not the first lay President of a Basilian-run institution in Canada or the United States, but he is the first to have undertaken such an extensive series of lectures—lectures which remind all who listen of the importance of *memory* and *tradition*, most specifically of the Basilians' involvement in Catholic higher education in Canada and at STM. As Dr. Thompson wrote to the Board a year ago: "rather than being a nostalgia trip, a

search for the roots of our collective past can reveal the courage and inspiration, the hard work and resourcefulness of those Basilians and their supporters who made STM an actuality for many."

But President Thompson initiated this Series so that reflection on our past will lead and inspire us toward new *vision*: to efforts at renewal which are "rooted in our past [without being] slavish copying." He hopes that through this Series, those at STM will "have the chance to reflect on our mission today in a post-Vatican II Church," having firmly placed it in its "historical, social, and cultural setting." Interestingly enough, one is reminded again of something Sr. Joan says: "*memory* is not enough. The past is a standard for the present but it must not be a plague and it cannot be its pitch. *Memory* does not guarantee *vision*; *vision* is a function of the Gospel told over and over again."

The Series began in October 1991: Fr. Jack Gallagher, CSB, Superior General of the Basilian Congregation, introduced the Series with a general discussion of the Basilians' Charisms and Education. There has been a lecture every month since during this past academic term; following is a rundown of the other speakers.

In November '91, Fr. Kevin Kirley, CSB spoke on the early history of the Order: its foundation, purpose, and spirit. Fr. Kirley taught French at STM for many years; he is now the Archivist for the Order, and is situated in Toronto. In December, Fr. Dick Schiefen, CSB spoke on the Basilians' vision of higher education as it relates to John Henry Newman. Fr. Schiefen came to us from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas; he had never been to Saskatoon, and was delighted to experience part of our typical winter!

1992 began with a January talk by Professor Irene Poelzer, SCC. Irene, an alumna of STM, addressed a subject very dear to her heart and one upon which she has done much graduate research: Basilian Fr. Henry Carr's involvement in and evolution of the federated model for Catholic colleges in the larger Canadian university structure. In February, Fr. Jim Hanrahan, CSB spoke on the history of the University of St. Michael's College and the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, both in Toronto. Fr. Hanrahan was well-known to

his audience because he had spent some years at STM both as History Professor and College President. In March, the Series featured Margaret Sanche—another alumna who has done graduate work (which evolved into a book, *Heartwood*) in a very specific area of interest to the STM community: the background and early history of STM and the Newman Centre at the University of Saskatchewan. The academic term ended with an April lecture by Fr. Robert Barringer, CSB, President of St. Joseph's College, Edmonton. Fr. Barringer spoke on Basilians as educators and the holistic concept of educating "persons."

Once the new term begins in the Fall, the Series will continue. The annual Corporation Weekend will open with a Friday evening, 2 October, talk by Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB; he will speak on the Basilians' place in chaplaincy in higher education. Fr. Tanck is presently on the Order's governing General Council, but he comes to it and the lecture with much experience in the area of college chaplaincy, most specifically at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York. In November, Fr. Mario D'Souza, CSB will speak on the Basilians' philosophy of education in the liberal arts. Fr. D'Souza comes to us from Assumption University in Windsor, but many will remember his year at STM where he did his novitiate while completing his doctoral degree in the philosophy of education.

In January '93, Fr. Jim Carruthers, CSB will be here to speak on the subject of Basilian spirituality. Fr. Carruthers is presently on the Order's General Council; he is also the Basilian most involved in the Order's Institute for Spirituality. Finally, he has served for years as Spiritual Director for many of the young scholastics as they have gone through the seminary in Toronto, and is much appreciated and respected as a retreat director. In February '93 the Series' speaker will be Fr. Gordon Judd, CSB, Director of the Basilian Center for Social Justice in Detroit, Michigan. His lecture will focus on various aspects of Basilian social action and its application not only in higher educational settings, but in the world "beyond graduation" from a Catholic college.

Two more speakers are planned, for December '92 and March '93, but details are not finalized. Once the entire Series is completed, the College hopes to collect, publish, and make available for

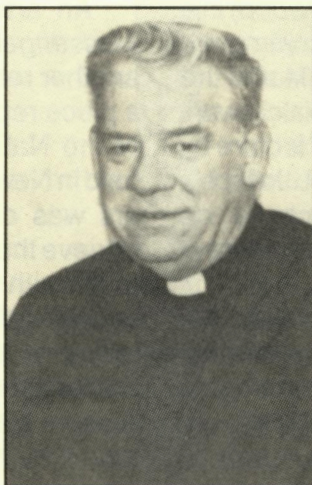
sale, all the lectures. By Spring '93 more details will be known. Given the unique and valuable nature of this prospective publication, it is hoped many will find it a worthwhile purchase.

An article in a recent issue of the *Prairie Messenger* (1.vi. 92) brought home to this writer another reason why this Series has real merit. In a piece reporting on the 24th annual convention of the National Federation of Priests' Councils held in New Mexico, one of the convention speakers was cited as saying that "priests need to retrieve their dream. Stories are ways of getting in touch with what they value." Another was quoted as linking the "importance of dreaming and storytelling to ministry." This Basilian Way of Life Series allows the local Community of Basilians to recount some wonderful stories about those very men who have been the Order's dreamers and visionaries, men who have then acted on those visions. This certainly allows the local Basilians to get in touch with what they value; and it allows the rest of the community at STM to share in the stories, to see the worth of past Basilian contributions, and to benefit from those values which transcend and inspire further dreaming. The community at STM can then re-vision and renew itself in conjunction with this, and minister accordingly. This can only be a gain for all involved.



## Father Robert O'Halloran appointed registrar of St. Michael's College, Toronto

At the end of December, Father Robert O'Halloran, CSB assumed the responsibilities of Registrar for St. Michael's College, Toronto. Appointed to succeed Father Richard Allard, CSB, who has become Registrar of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, Father O'Halloran brings to the Registrar's Office a wealth of administrative and educational talents and experience. Born in Rochester, New York, Father O'Halloran received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sacred Theology degrees from St. Michael's and his Master of Education degree from the University of Rochester.



*Robert O'Halloran, CSB*

Since his ordination in 1960 he has served as a teacher and administrator in Basilian high

schools in Merrillville, Indiana and in Rochester. In 1970 he was named Dean of Student Affairs at St. John Fisher College. During this time he was elected to the Basilian General Council as Regional Representative for the Eastern United States.

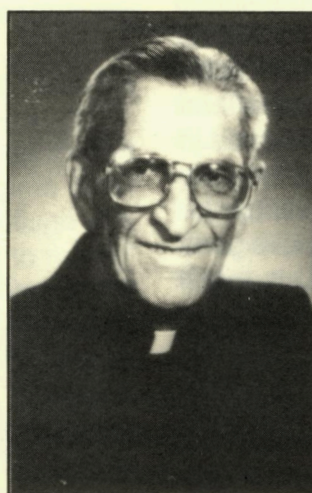
Between 1977 and 1983 he was the Newman Chaplain and Basilian Superior at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon. The eight years preceding his present appointment to St. Michael's have been spent as Procurator of the Basilian Fathers' Missions, raising funds for catechetical and social programs in Mexico, Colombia, and Niger in Africa.

## Former St. Thomas More College bursar dies

A former bursar of St. Thomas More College, Father T. Gregory Mallon, CSB, passed away December 11 at the Basilian Fathers' residence in Toronto. He was 83.

Born and educated in Toronto, Father Mallon entered St. Basil's novitiate and made his first profession in 1932. He was ordained three years later in St. Basil's Church in Toronto. Father Mallon was the fourth member of his family to be ordained a Basilian priest.

He attended the Ontario College of Education and qualified as a high school teacher. His first assignment was to a high



*T. Gregory Mallon, CSB*

school in Houston, Texas, where he taught English for seven years and was awarded an MA degree

by the University of Houston. In 1943 he was transferred to the staff of St. Mary's Boys' School in Calgary, where he remained for 11 years.

In addition to teaching, he served as chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve and bursar of the local Basilian community.

In 1954, Fr. Mallon returned to Toronto as bursar of St. Michael's College School and was in that post until 1960. That year he became bursar at St. Thomas More College, where he served for 18 years. He then became bursar of St. Basil's College, Toronto, until 1985.

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

(with a little help from our computer)

Although I have not lived there for years, I still consider Naicam, Saskatchewan my home town. There is something lasting about being a part of a community that has influenced the person I am today. I enjoy keeping in touch with the community by talking with other people from Naicam and by reading the *Naicam News*.

St. Thomas More College is like a small town. It is a community many have called home; a community that changes yearly, yet, remains fixed in hearts regardless of where we live; a community that has influenced the people we are today.

When Claude Lang (BA '72) contacted me last October, I was pleased to be able to help with the Saskatoon portion of the FOR ALL SEASONS campaign. As I became more involved, I experienced mixed emotions. On the one hand, I was amazed by the generosity and commitment of past community members, while on the other hand, I felt disappointed to learn that the college and its past community members have drifted apart.

For ten years, Father Regan's *Newman/STM Alumni/ae Newsletter* has been the only consistent means of contact between the college and its

Terry  
Wickenheiser  
Garchinski  
(BA '83)

past community members. But many STM alumni/ae, Newman members, transfer students, worshippers in the STM chapel and others who have been an integral part of the STM community, are not on the mailing list.

Until recently, STM has relied on the University of Saskatchewan to update addresses. But the university does not have adequate resources to do the job as comprehensively as the college desires and requires.

With the campaign now completed, St Thomas More College, under the leadership of President John Thompson, has taken control of its own development and communications: a computer database has been developed for the purpose of staying in touch with past and present STM community members.

The future looks hopeful. Central is the belief that community is important and mutually beneficial to the college and its members. Much can be gained by revitalizing that small town spirit within the college and within the hearts of past community members. It is a spirit that rejoices with the news that a baby girl was born in April to Heather (BComm '84, née: MacLeod) and Tom Fortosky (BA '83, LLB '86). It is a spirit that prays for Leo

Graf (BA '83) who was hit by a car in October 1991 and still remains in a coma. It is an accepting spirit that respects the inherent dignity of each person.

Like a small town newspaper, Father Regan's newsletter will remain an integral part of keeping us in contact, of informing us of college activities, and of celebrating and recognizing our many gifted and dedicated members.

In addition, plans are being formulated to begin contacting personally past STM community members in order to update addresses, to locate missing members and to conduct a survey so we can become reacquainted with each other.

STM chapters are also being established in major centres across Saskatchewan and Canada. These chapters will provide opportunities for past community members to network with each other. They will also provide a means to recruit potential students and to help students find summer and first jobs.

For me, the most appealing part of coming from a small town is that sense of community—the experience of the spirit. My formative years in the communities of Naicam and St Thomas More have gifted my life with a sense of meaning, belonging and direction. In this world where ways of understanding are in a constant state of flux, I am truly grateful for the gift of community.

## THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA ON CAMPUS

We are the CWL on campus. We are an issue-oriented/service organization for Catholic women of all ages. We are interested in:

- achieving spiritual development
- promoting the teachings of the church
- living out Christian ideals on campus with our friends and families
- promoting life as a gift of God
- enhancing the role women play in the church and in society
- recognizing the human dignity of all people
- upholding the values of Christian education
- contributing to the understanding of religious freedom, social justice, peace, and harmony.

We are new. We are inviting Catholic women on campus to join us as we search for ways to achieve these ideals. One of our first endeavours is to host, for the whole community, a series of presentations and discussions on the teachings of the church related to social justice:

<b>Women Encounter Catholic Social Teaching</b>	20 Sep
<b>Toward a Renewed Understanding of Work and Family</b>	18 Oct
<b>Toward a Renewed Understanding of Person</b>	15 Nov
<b>Toward a Culture of Peace</b>	17 Jan
<b>Toward an Understanding of Human Economic Development and Organizing for Change</b>	14 Feb
<b>Women as Church-in-Action for Justice and Peace</b>	21 Mar

*We look forward to the future in faith and hope, working for the day when we and all of our sisters no longer have to fit a stereotype, but are free to use all our gifts and to share in all the benefits of human life and work. We look forward to the age of peace, when violence is banished, both women and men are able to love and be loved and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.*

## Where are they now? What are they doing?

**CASAVANT, Sylvian J.** '86, is at Le Grand Seminaire, Montreal.

**DANILOWICH, Zygmunt A.** '70, works for Saskatchewan Highways & Transportation and resides in North Battleford.

**DAVIS, Patrick J.H.** '65, '70, teaches at St. Michael's Junior High School in Calgary.

**DOLAN, Patrick A.** BA '46, MSc '47, MD '52, retired from the practice of Radiology last July 15. He was the recipient of several awards and testimonials on the occasion of his retirement. He and his wife Shirley, BSc (Nurs) '52, plan to continue living in Indianapolis.

**ENGEL, Norbert Mike** '80, teaches at Bishop Mahoney High School in Saskatoon.

**FIOLLEAU, Alain D.J.** '71, teaches chemistry at Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster.

**FLORY, Sister Marianne** '51, is Co-ordinator of the Saskatoon Diocesan Synod. The June 8 *Prairie Messenger* featured an eight-page story on Sister Marianne's work.

**GARCHINSKI, Terry F.** '83, married Colleen Wickenheiser. Terry is working here at STM on our alumni/ae database. Colleen is pursuing graduate studies in education. Terry and Colleen reside in Saskatoon.

**GERWING, Alphonse** '50, has aided STM significantly in our fundraising campaign, for which we are deeply grateful. Al teaches at Prelate, Saskatchewan and works among the poor in Brazil.

**GRESCHNER, Debra K.**, BMus '83, received her BEd in '85 and her MMus degree in '87. She now lives in Las Vegas, where she teaches at the University of Nevada.

**KHAN, Angus A.** '59, is Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

**KLEIN, Michael D.** '69, resides in Wood Mountain and teaches in Rockglen, Saskatchewan.

**KOWAL, Modest M.** '69, was re-elected to the Saskatoon Separate School Board in October 1991 and chosen to be Chairman.

**LONGWORTH, Valray J.** '58, practises Law in Prince Albert. He is an STM alumnus to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for his loyalty and generosity.

**MIRWALD, D. Robert L.** '63, has been reappointed Dean of the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan for a further five-year term.

**PROKOP, Sister Laura E.** '80, is now teaching in Winnipeg. She received her MEd degree in '90.

**ROKOSH, Gregory J.** '64, is at the Sport Canada Journal Tower in Ottawa. He received his BCom degree in '67.

**ROLFES, Herman H.** '60, is the Speaker of the Saskatchewan Legislature. He resides in Saskatoon.

**ROMANOW, Walter I.** '52, is Dean of Social Science at the University of Windsor, Ontario.

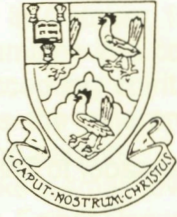
**SKIDMORE, James M.** '84, earned an MA in '88 and is now at Princeton University, New Jersey.

**SYED, Javed** '84, works for Lilly Real Estate in Saskatoon.

**YOUNG, Margaret Amelia** '43, resides at Sherbrooke Community Centre, Saskatoon.

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Do you know any alumni/ae or friends of STM/Newman  
who don't receive our Newsletter?

Are you receiving this Newsletter at your parents' address?

Help us get in touch with everyone who benefitted from STM/Newman.

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966-8900 — we accept collect calls from our alumni/ae), or FAX (1-306-966-8904).

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