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Dean's Message



Dr. Carl Still
Dean, STM College

This year will be remembered for many things, but for all of us at STM, this is the year of the New Addition. The dramatic expansion forever changes the look of the College and its capacity to carry out its mission. Every feature of the new building allows us to fulfil more completely our mission of educating the whole person. It is already fully integrated into the life of faculty and students at STM and has become indispensable to our functioning.

In our campaign we said we would Create More: More study space, more teaching space, more research space, more meeting space, and more social space. In every sphere of our activity there is now MORE.

With the beginning of the winter term in January, we wasted no time in putting the four new classrooms to use, and students quickly discovered the new study space. From the beginning of this project we were convinced that our students needed more study space in the building, and they've proved us right. But what looks like just studying is at the same time something more: it's the building of friendships, some of which will last a lifetime; it's the development of disciplined habits that will prepare them now to succeed in a world that becomes more complex by the day; and it's the formation of student community at STM, a sense of belonging that we all desire but which is never more acute than in the years of late adolescence, when most of our students come to us. While the benefits of the new addition have been numerous, no goal was ever higher in our minds than welcoming more students into the scholarly community at STM. And that is happening.

Of course we wouldn't have a scholarly community without the faculty who carry out the core activities of teaching, research, and professional service and the staff who support their work. The new building also enhances their work. The additional teaching space allows us to teach 12 months of the year; to begin to offer classes remotely to students who can't come to Saskatoon to study; and to hold as many as 92% of our classes in the building next academic year. We are also able to offer – for the first time – classes in Spring and Summer sessions.

And then there's the research space. Two new research rooms will be used as psychology labs, while the other two will allow us to make research space available for the first time to graduate students who hold fellowships and research grants from STM.

In the wider campus community, this year will be remembered for the TransformUS prioritization process, which produced recommendations on all academic and support service programs. While TransformUS is focused on making changes to the university's operating budget, STM was fully involved in the process of consultation that led up to the action plan. If the university chooses to proceed with implementing TransformUS, STM will be in a position to assist with making changes to academic programs. At the same time, STM will be free to retain distinctive programs that advance our mission. In either case, we look forward to working with our Arts and Science colleagues to strengthen programs in the humanities and social sciences that are cornerstones of a well-rounded university education.



Jacquie Berg

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STM Teaching Excellence Award 2014

Enthralled as a child by the stories of King Arthur, it seemed a given for Michael Cichon to pursue undergrad studies in history and religion as he paved the way to his real passion - the Middle Ages. As a key member of STM's English department, medieval specialist Dr. Cichon, now inspires others. Dr. Cichon has proved to embody the professorial qualities valued by not only STM College administration, but that of the student body.

Designed to recognize excellence in teaching, as demonstrated through the instructor's knowledge of the field, the quality of student learning and the instructor's positive interaction or rapport with students, the STM Teaching Excellence Award also considers both administrative service and scholarship of teaching and learning, which contribute to teaching practices within the academic community.

Dr. Michael Cichon was named the 2014 award recipient by Dr. Charles Smith at the spring Dean's reception. "Based on student nominations, the award committee consensus determined that Michael Cichon's file reflected the qualities of a rounded, innovative, and rigorous teacher. In particular, Michael's courses demonstrated an academic meticulousness that challenged students to reach their full potential and reflected a level of respect for the intellectual development of his students.

Dr. Cichon also incorporates some fascinating Community Service Learning components including a Cree-Wanderer project into his Anglo-Saxon class, which the committee felt was innovative given that the two subject areas are quite distinct. In addition to using innovative materials and non-traditional teaching methods in his classroom, Michael also attended several teaching conferences and workshops reflecting his commitment to constantly advance his teaching skills," said Smith.

While Michael Cichon now calls Saskatoon and STM home, he grew up in Calgary, Alberta, then studies moved him to Antigonish, Nova Scotia; Bangor, Wales and Toronto, Ontario. Teaching at St. Thomas More College since 2001, Dr. Cichon says his teaching style is quite straight forward. "From the start, I am clear with expectations. I believe sincerity combined with humor and an open door policy are key in my manner of connecting with students."

"Student enthusiasm and interest is contagious and revitalizing"

Dr. Michael Cichon

Dr. Cichon believes the physical layout of STM's building supports the successful professor/student engagement recognized at the College. "With the community atmosphere in the building and office space interspersed throughout, STM faculty and students regularly pass each other in the hallways, providing more opportunities to interact."

Congratulations Michael as a well-deserving recipient of the 2014 STM Teaching Excellence Award.

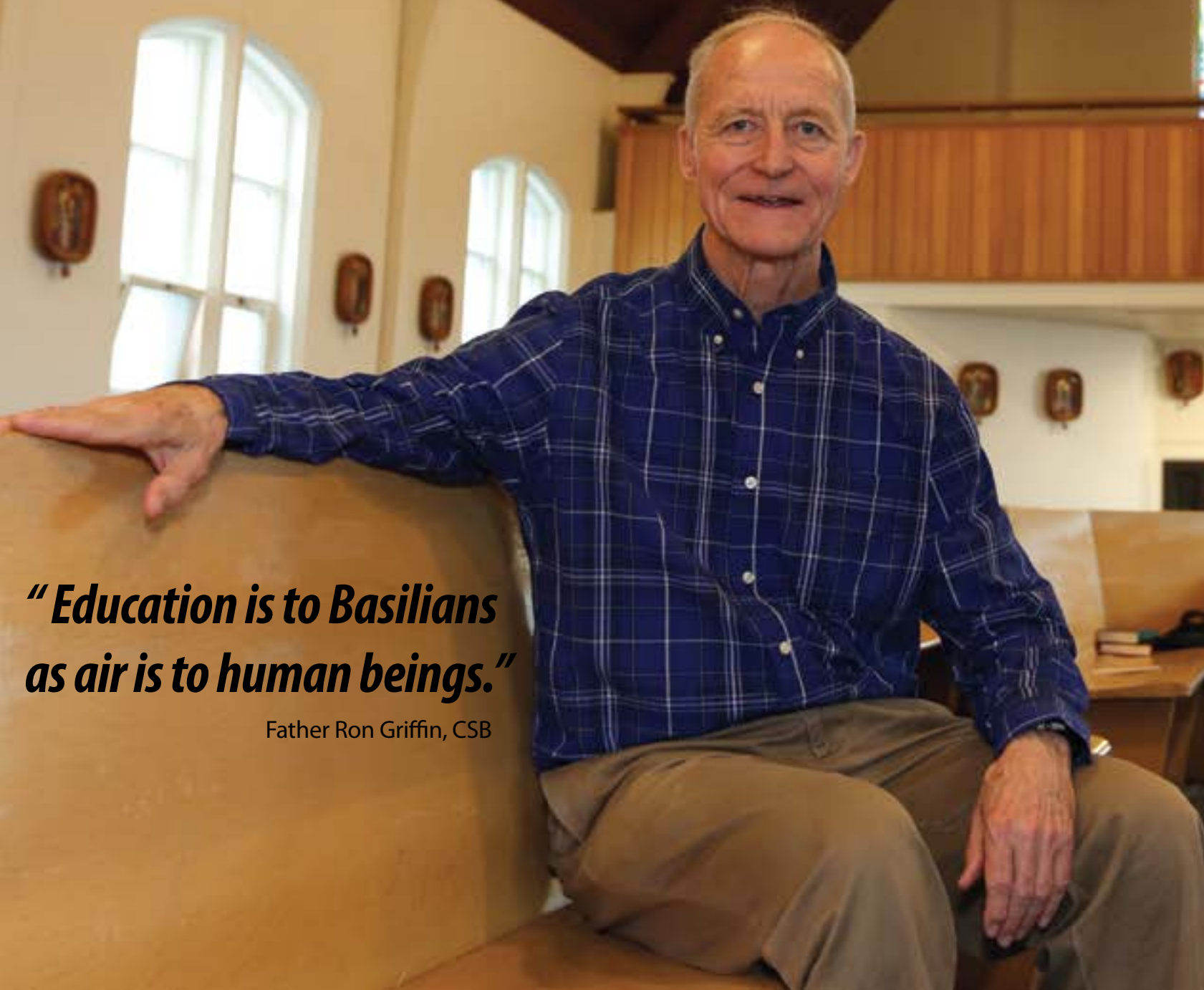
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The Basilian Tradition



***“Education is to Basilians
as air is to human beings.”***

Father Ron Griffin, CSB

A smiling, gentle man nods as he greets you in the halls of STM. He appears to be known by all. It is Father Ron. He is our last Basilian.

Once staffed solely by Basilians, in the late sixties, St. Thomas More College faculty had become a cooperative effort of both lay and Basilian professors. By the seventies, the number of Basilians on staff had dwindled to just ten. Today, Father Ron Griffin remains the only on-site representative of the Basilian Fathers, maintaining their wonderful legacy with many years of service to St. Thomas More College.

Inspired by his respected Basilian high school teachers, it seemed a natural route for Ron Griffin to enter the Novitiate immediately following his graduation. He acquired his degree in history at St. Michael's College in Toronto and became a high school teacher. Theology studies followed and then mid-sixties, amidst a time of dramatic change in world, Ron began pursuing his Sociology degree.

It was the Sociology degree that brought him to St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon in the fall of 1973. The U of S was the only Canadian University at that time where the subject was taught, so the Basilians saw this assignment as a perfect fit.

After a two year stay, Father Ron headed back to Toronto to complete his PHD, returning to STM in 1980, where he has remained ever since. “I have made this my home,” Father Ron said, adding, “And I am quite sure I have been here longer than any other Basilians.”


Retired from teaching in 2010, Father Ron assumed all the ministerial responsibilities at STM, previously shared between Father Ed Heidt and Father George Smith.

Father Ron reflects fondly on the young Basilian teacher Henry Carr, who recognized the potential for Catholic education in the wider Canadian context, and brought that vision to a reality. “Since the time of their arrival in Canada in 1850 the Basilians had pursued a curriculum that they inherited from their French origins in which the emphasis was on preparing young men for the priesthood. Carr recognized the need for revision of the curriculum to better meet the needs of the then emerging generation of young Catholics and the possibility of expanding into a College federated with the University of Toronto. He believed that the success of such operations hinged on two things: good teaching and good relations. Carr made his dream a reality.”

“As good fortune would have it, it was Henry Carr who was at the helm of the Basilian Fathers in 1938 when fortuitously President Murray approached Bishop Murray to inquire into the possibility of inviting the Basilian Fathers to form a federated college on the U of S campus”, said Father Ron. “The rest is history.”

Father Ron has seen many changes to the church, society and STM itself over his 35+ years at the College. He notes key challenges now faced with respect to the younger generation. “We are in a time of diverse population, diffused beliefs and a lot of uncertainty. The challenge is to find ways to present religion that is attractive to young people but not seen as manipulation. We must find means to continue the conversation of spirituality - which is why an institution like STM is all that more important.”

We are blessed to have Father Ron Griffin still part of the Basilian legacy at STM, and especially to help facilitate the important conversation with our youth today.

 Michelle Berg

- Jacquie Berg

DENIS, DEUTSCHER AND MACLEOD

RETIRING STM PROFESSORS LEAVE LEGACY

With tributes given at the Dean's year-end reception followed by many shared stories and accolades granted STM's three retiring professors at an official Retirement Dinner, it was quite clear the impact they had on both fellow faculty members and of course on their students.

Excerpts from the Dean's reception:



Dr. Wilfrid Denis

By Darrell McLaughlin

It is my honour and pleasure to acknowledge the many contributions of Dr. Wilfrid Denis to STM College - a member of STM's faculty since 1979 in the department of sociology.

Dr. Denis holds a BA from St. Boniface College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba. His M.A., Sociology, University of Saskatchewan; and Ph.D. in Sociology, from Carleton University.

Dr. Denis' career is impressive and humbling to examine. It is an excellent example of someone who has made significant and sustained contributions in the areas of teaching, research and community and professional service over the years. Permit me to summarize.

Dr. Denis has over thirty-five years of teaching experiences at the university level, offering courses in both English and French. Those attending the faculty retreat this past year heard first-hand from Candace Wasacase Lafferty an example of Dr. Denis' ability to engage students and inspire them to understand the social world. One might speculate as to the number of other students he has helped discover insights and vocation.

Dr. Denis extensive record of research represents the work of a public sociologist. His Committee and Administrative contributions are equally remarkable. Dr. Denis has served the college and the university in multiple capacities ranging from numerous committees, faculty union, department head, through to serving 8 years as our Dean (1998-2006).

Arguably the most significant initiative was Dr. Denis efforts to internationalize the College through Windows to the East conference, founding of Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, and the STM/Intercollegiate program.

Dr. Denis' service to community is equally challenging to do justice to in a brief presentation. His ongoing activism to sustain and promote the flourishing of Fransaskois language and culture and language rights - provincially, nationally and internationally - also spans over three decades.

He has served the community as an engaged scholar, advocate, spokesperson and policy maker. Dr. Denis' Professional Community Service was formally recognized by STM through awarding him the Margaret Dutli Award.

In his role as public intellectual, Dr. Denis has shared his community-engaged, grassroots research on francophone minority strategies of inclusivity and heritage preservation in conferences not only across Canada, but internationally.

I am sure that you will agree that even this short summary of Dr. Denis' career of servant leadership vividly illustrates the ways in which his passion for his heritage drove him to acquire theoretical expertise and this in turn equipped him to play a practical role in publicly advocating for Fransaskois values and goals. At the same time, such intense, engagement has fed his sociological scholarship and teaching.

Thank you Dr. Denis for your outstanding years of service to the College and students and we wish you all the best in retirement.



Dr. Tom Deutscher

By Carl Still

It's been said that Tom Deutscher has played every role in the college that there is, and some of them twice. How many of us remember STM as it was in 1977, when Tom first began as a sessional lecturer? He was finishing his PhD at the University of Toronto that year. With degree in hand, the following year he became an Assistant Professor in the History department. There he remained until 1985, when he became the second Dean of STM. For the next six years Tom served as Dean.

Even before, though, he had served as President of the STM Faculty Union (1982-83), and did so again from 1996-99. In that role he worked closely with Dr. Farthing, and thus during those years the Union came to be known informally as the "Tom and Gerry Show".

If there's a theme in Tom's career, it's service. While moving steadily up the academic ranks from Sessional Lecturer to Full Professor, Tom served the college as Department Head many times over, Dean, Acting Dean, President of the Union and Acting President of the College. I won't begin to mention his committee service - suffice to say it takes up 8 pages of small print in his CV. If there were a lifetime award for service to the college, it would have Tom's name all over it. And all this service took place of course against a background of full-time teaching and active research (not to mention raising six kids with Marci).

STM will be poorer for Tom's retiring, but he leaves quite a model for what an ideal STM faculty member looks like. Tom's way was also to build up a solid track record of teaching and research, using his research to enrich his teaching while quietly publishing away in some of the top journals in his field.

When I think of Tom's teaching, I will always think of Renaissance Italy and the Catholic Reformation, especially in Italy. Working on Italy has its perks. Once you learn Italian (which Tom clearly did), you really have to go there. And while you're there slaving away in the archives, you still have to eat, and drink and soak up the culture, especially the art. I'm pretty sure Tom did all of that, and he brought some of it home with him. His classes became known for the sumptuous artwork he showed in Powerpoint presentations, and he started to make his own wine. Though Tom is not one to show off his linguistic skills, suffice to say he has reviewed books in Italian and some of his own papers have been translated into Italian.

There is a particular place in Italy that captured Tom's attention and held it throughout his career: that place is Novarra. When he returned to the History department in 2006, Tom got back to work on what became his magnum opus: his book on the history of the bishop's tribunal of Novarra.

Novarra runs the length of Tom's career, if you consider that his doctoral dissertation dealt with Tridentine reform in the Diocese of Novarra. That was 1978. In 2008 he completed the manuscript, sent it off to U of T Press, and it appeared in book form in 2012. One of the first reviews in one of the top journals in the field called it a "well-executed, thoroughly satisfying study." Sometimes it takes a career to produce a well-executed book, especially if you teach a full load every year and serve your college in every administrative role it has. But here's the amazing thing: Tom is now working on his next book.

This year Tom concludes 36 years of service at STM. When he wrote to me to declare his decision to retire, he said in part, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my years of involvement with the College community, and I hope Marci and I can continue to interact with students, staff, and fellow faculty in the future 'golden' years." You certainly can, Tom, and we sincerely hope that you do.



Dr. Allan Macleod

By Terry Downey

Unfortunately for me, I didn't meet Allan Macleod until I arrived at St. Thomas More College. Although I certainly heard about him from former students as soon as people knew I was at STM.

Former students tell of his distinguished teaching, recognizing him as a superb teacher who brings to bear in his remarkable lectures the full extent of his intellectual passion and rigour. These students have been shaped and inspired by his scholarship and profound commitment to his discipline. He has practised what Einstein described as "the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Allan is of course impressively well read; he reads widely and deeply. Just once, before he retired, I had hoped to catch Allan out and suggest a book to Allan that he hadn't already read - no such luck.

Allan's comments on any book I have mentioned take the form of a well-crafted book review from the New York Times -- incisive, comprehensive, scholarly -- like a well ordered seminar.

I share with Allan admiration for Václav Havel the Czech playwright, essayist, poet, philosopher, dissident and politician. Havel, the last president of Czechoslovakia and the first president of the Czech Republic, is quoted to have quipped, "There's always something suspect about an intellectual on the the winning side."

Discussions with Allan are an intellectual pleasure, and I have to tell you that some of these have been the highlight of my days since coming here and these I will miss greatly. The topics usually included politics, political philosophy, Canadian or American politics, international relations, but ranged as well to classical music, philosophy, art and literature.

Allan is an Intellectual in the finest sense of that word and STM and the University of Saskatchewan students are the poorer for him leaving. Places like this are civilized and greatly enriched by a presence like Allan, especially with his sense of humour, his culture, refinement and erudition.

I thank you Allan for personifying these qualities over the past three decades and for all that you have contributed to STM.

STM Student News



Dijana Sneath

New Zealand student Dijana Sneath affirms the value of scholarship support.

Executive member of St. Thomas More College Students Union, International student Dijana Sneath was the winner of a prestigious entrance scholarship from the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship program.

Sneath, from New Zealand, is recognized as one of the bright lights the university has attracted with a \$20,000 scholarship funded by a \$4-million donor-matching program with the provincial government.

Very involved at STM, Dijana Sneath just completed her first year of a psychology degree, but has sights on future plans to create an educational program to help children with Down syndrome realize their full potential.

Dijana's own 17-year-old sister was born with Down syndrome, but still learned to read at age two and recently passed New Zealand's national algebra and calculus exams. Dijana's sister's success has proven to her that much more can be done to teach children with disabilities.

"My hope is, by developing an educational system targeting early intervention, we will be able to improve expectations of people with Down syndrome, destigmatize the disability and help all individuals become valued, independent members of society,"
Dijana Sneath

Sneath plans to specialize in neuroplasticity, which investigates how the brain can rewire or strengthen neural pathways through experience and learning.

creating more.

Grand Opening Event Marks Historic Expansion for St. Thomas More College



Excerpt from President's Comments on the Grand Opening of the New Facility Expansion April 11, 2014.



This historic occasion in the life of St. Thomas More College provides a unique perspective from which to recommit for the future.

Accordingly, we mark this historic occasion by recommitting to the Catholic intellectual tradition which celebrates liberal arts/interdisciplinary studies wherein the humanities and social sciences are vigorously present. The academic freedom we cherish holds that teaching and learning are subversive activities in that advances in disciplines are only possible as a consequence of unyielding and ongoing critiques of traditional scholarship, just as the good society is the product of unyielding and ongoing critiques of public policy.

This is and must be an emancipatory institution that liberates students from intellectual timidity and inspires them to appreciate that the pursuit of wisdom cannot abide unthinking conformity.

We recommit to the Catholic intellectual tradition which demands that we model for students the truth that we are not simply consumers or producers, we are spiritual beings and there are ethical and moral dimensions to what we do. As such, we recognize that each and every person is characterized by an inherent dignity that deserves the utmost respect -- including those we disagree with, those who come from different cultures and speak different first languages, those who are from different religious traditions or from none, those who think and look and act unlike ourselves. We respect our God given freedom of conscience; we welcome debate and reason not only because that is what is done in any good university, but mainly because God has given us minds with which to think and we have an obligation to use them to the full. Indeed, this is what the world expects of our graduates.

As we turn to the future today, each of us at STM is conscious that we have a unique and privileged obligation to provide a dynamic student centred intellectual experience for all those who entrust to us their post-secondary future. We recommit to our obligation to inspire in our students the desire and confidence to see, and want to see, beyond the surface of things, to contemplate their rights and responsibilities as citizens, to envision the potential nobility of this country. We recommit to stimulating students to develop the disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit that are requisite for leadership in this 21st century.

My colleagues and I greet our future in this building and in this institution with great confidence because we believe in our vocation; the very soul of this place is the calling we all share to provide a scholarly environment that fosters academic excellence, empowers students to appreciate their own abilities, a desire to seek meaning and purpose, a life-long craving for knowledge and truth.

We are called to inspire in students the courage to heed St. Paul's exhortation to "not be conformed to the world," but rather to ponder and challenge, to address injustices, to be passionate for social justice, and to attend to the common good. Finally, we know that what we are capable of providing for students is priceless and lasting. Priceless because we are in a position to transform lives, lasting because such transformations resonate through future generations.

Terrence J. Downey, PhD
President, St. Thomas More College

St. Thomas More College (STM) President Terrence Downey was a proud host April 11 for the official grand opening to celebrate the largest expansion to the College in the past half-century. "The addition is significant because it has added 20,000 square feet for classroom, office and student study areas," said Downey. "This historic expansion enables us to more effectively deliver the transformative learning experience for which STM is already well known."

It was the 1960's when St. Thomas More College last underwent dramatic construction to build what was considered at that time a spacious grey stone, having served as a popular gathering place for Catholic students at the University of Saskatchewan since 1927. With individual class enrollments having reached record levels, St. Thomas More College launched an ambitious \$6 Million Creating More campaign in 2012 to expand its existing building along College Drive and to establish an Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies to support scholarship and research related to Catholic teaching and tradition. "The campaign has been very successful," reported Dianne Anton, Development Officer at STM. "We launched in 2012 with and to date we've raised approximately \$4 million. We've had great support allowing us to proceed with the expansion and the Chair in Catholic studies before the campaign was concluded." Anton reminded the audience that the campaign still continues with the objective to raise an additional \$2M.

STM's Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration, Derrin Raffey, spoke to the project he oversaw. "It's not just students who have benefitted from the expansion, he said, "The new addition provides more office space within the College for faculty and administration including offices which primarily can be used by the college's social scientists to conduct research trials that require confidential space." New construction also incorporated cost-saving systems and improvements to technology in the classrooms, with opportunities to offer remote or distance learning.

Following a blessing of the building by Saskatoon's Roman Catholic Bishop Donald Bolen, congratulations and messages of support were provided by several distinguished guests who have valued relationships with the College including Ilene Busch-Vishniac, U of S president and vice-chancellor; Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris and Treaty Commissioner George Lafonde.

Establishment of the Leslie & Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies was made possible by Leslie and Irene Dubé's \$1M endowment to the College, supporting scholarship and research related to Catholic teaching and tradition, fostering Catholic education and promoting ecumenical dialogue and awareness of other faith traditions. The Dubés were also in attendance for the celebration.

Dr. Terrence Downey reiterated that while proud of the building expansion, the focus of the College remains in upholding and enhancing the student-centered intellectual experience for those who come to study at STM.

To Donate:

visit our website @ www.creatingmore.ca
or call Development Officer Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918

Nicholas Lucyshyn Bursary Endowment



Joshua Kurtenbach with Mrs. Mary Lucyshyn

In honour and memory of the late Nick Lucyshyn, the Lucyshyn family established a bursary endowment at STM. Nick was an active member of the Catholic community of Saskatoon. He held numerous positions with the Knights of Columbus, was a member of the College Board of Governors and a member of Corporation.

Congratulations to the 2014 recipient Joshua Kurtenbach.

STM Scholarships and Bursaries

With education costs on the rise, enhancing student aid is a top priority for St. Thomas More College. Together with family or friends, you can significantly impact the life of an STM student and leave a named legacy at the school through the establishment of a scholarship or bursary.

While supporting today's students, scholarship gifts can also honor those who have made a difference in your life. Named scholarships can pay tribute to a loved one or special faculty member, preserve a family name, or highlight a company presence. Scholarships connect the past, present and future!

Each scholarship gift is unique because it is based on your wishes.

With more than 100 Scholarships and bursaries available exclusively to STM students, in addition to the awards offered by the University of Saskatchewan, STM students can truly "discover the best of both worlds".

The beauty of scholarship/bursary endowments is that the principal amount of the donation becomes a permanent asset for the school. The principal is invested, and the interest earned on the principal is what is given to scholarship/bursary winners. Once an endowment fund is established at an institution, it will always be there.

For more information on establishing a scholarship please contact Development officer, Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcollege.ca

Distinguished Alumni Awards

The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to a female and a male graduate of St. Thomas More College whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with St. Thomas More College since their graduation. We believe this year's recipients are wonderful examples of individuals whose life-work and commitment reflect the values and benefits of the education they received from the College. **Nominations are now open for the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.**

If you know of a special STM College Alumni you'd like to nominate, please fill out the Distinguished Alumni Nomination form found on our website under Alumni or contact Dianne Anton 306.966.8918 danton@stmcollege.ca to have a form mailed to you.

Nominations must be received by June 30, 2014.

Distinguished Alumni Award Past recipients:

- 1992 – J. Frank Roy & Mary Louis Long
- 1993 – Alphonse Gerwing & Marikay Falby
- 1994 – Bernard & Mae Daly
- 1995 – Grant & Vivian Maxwell
- 1996 – Ted & Danielle Fortosky
- 1997 – Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfes
- 1998 – Kevin & Dorothy Murphy
- 1999 – Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli
- 2000 – Not award
- 2001 – Dr. Tom Molloy and Mildred Kerr
- 2002 – Dr. Michael Krochak & Betty Farrell
- 2003 – Henry Kloppenburg & Kay Feehan
- 2004 – Joseph Bellefleur & Dr. Lois Brockman
- 2005 – Dr. Walter Podiluk & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald
- 2006 – Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein
- 2007 – Not awarded
- 2008 – Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay MacDonald, NDS
- 2009 – Dr. Douglas Schmeiser & MJ DeCoteau
- 2010 – Art Battiste & Barbara Berscheid
- 2011 – Dr. Mary Jo Leddy & Justice Peter Dielschneider
- 2012 – Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie & Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
- 2013 – Dr. W (Earle) DeCoteau & GERALYN (GERI) HALL



Alumni Giving Back



**Greg and Jana Thomas
STM Alumni**

"Our story, like many others, runs through the halls of St. Thomas More College.

We met on Greg's first day of university in the fall of 1989 with Jana acting as an STM orientation leader. That year we were both members of STMSA that year, Jana a Psychology major & Greg -eventually- a History major with a minor in Native Studies.

However, the College was more than a place where we developed our intellect. Our friendship eventually blossomed into love. We always had the support of our many friends who hung out at STM, including many of the professional staff. Those of you who knew us at that time would recognize that the College was central to our university experience, even though both of us moved onto the College of Education after the completion of our arts degrees.

Greg comes from a Roman Catholic background, so Jana's Ukrainian Catholic roots were intriguing. Jana's mom was Roman Catholic, so the many liturgical moments we shared in the chapel was not foreign to Jana and her roots.

We support STM monthly in thanksgiving to God for the gift of each other." *Greg and Jana Thomas*



**Doug and Irene Schmeiser
STM Alumni**

"We give to St. Thomas More College because we believe in the Mission of the College.

We want today's students to have the opportunity to obtain a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, and to develop their powers of critical thinking and their social and moral judgment.

We are also grateful for a memorable educational experience many years ago."

STMSU - A Voice for STM Students

Serving STM students and building community with social, cultural, political and recreational activities. Check out stmcollege.ca

Registered through St. Thomas More College, Gabriela Potosme is pursuing her degree majoring in Sociology with a minor in Spanish. Gabriela served as President for the St. Thomas More Students Union Executive in the 2013-2014 school year. While she admits it's often a challenge to balance Union and school work, adding that most students also juggle part-time jobs, she personally finds being busier better. And busy she was. In conjunction with her student union executive role, Gabriella represented the students of STM as a member of the College Board of Governors. "I found these meetings very valuable in learning more about the College and what is involved to keep it running," she said.

With the launch of more STM College awareness campaigns in early 2014, Gabriela soon became the face of STM, allowing her image and endorsement of the Colleges offerings to welcome more students to experience St. Thomas More College.

"I appreciate STM's community atmosphere and the smaller class sizes that provide students with an engaging learning environment." Gabriela Potosme



STM Monthly Giving Program

STM is pleased to offer a Monthly Giving Program to make your support of the College easier and more manageable. With this option, you can make a gift in recurring monthly installments. Simply decide how much you would like to give each month. STM will be able to put your gift to good use right away to help support the immediate needs of the College.

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To enroll in our monthly giving program or for more information contact Dianne Anton, Development Officer at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcollege.ca

Ukraine on Exhibit

2013/2014 marks the fifteenth year for the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) at St. Thomas More College. The PCUH was formally accepted in 2001-02 as an academic unit of STM.

The purpose of the PCUH is threefold:

- to serve as an anchor for the Ukrainian Studies Minor at St. Thomas More College;
- to help develop undergraduate and graduate interest in the study area;
- to engage in programs and projects that promote a wider understanding and appreciation of the Ukrainian experience both in Canada and abroad.

The PCUH also has an important outreach component in its programming mandate, working with the community on special projects and events and thereby connecting the college to the wider community. All programming, functioning and operations of the PCUH is supported by endowments as well as individual contributions.

As Director of STM's Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, Professor Kordan has also been invited to deliver remarks at local, public events in support of the democratic movement, or Maidan, in Ukraine. In doing so, he is engaged in crucial outreach activity that strengthens the connection between the Ukrainian-Canadian community and the College while helping make relevant the work of the College in the broader public setting.

The following identifies some of the 2013 -2014 PCUH activities and exhibitions curated by Professor Bohdan Kordan, and organized by the PCUH in association with the Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Saskatoon):

Money, Sovereignty and Power: The Paper Currency of Revolutionary Ukraine, 1917-1920
September 10 – December 21, 2013 | Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Saskatoon

The exhibit "Money, Sovereignty and Power: The Paper Currency of Revolutionary Ukraine" documents this process, describing the use of symbols in the currency produced by various successive governments during the period of the Ukrainian Revolution.

Euromaidan Project Launches in Edmonton
February 23 – March 30, 2014 | St. John's Institute Culture and Arts Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

The PCUH exhibit The Art of Revolution exhibit features 50 posters that originally adorned Kyiv's Independence Square during the early days of the current crisis. Curated by Dr. Bohdan Kordan, professor at St Thomas More College, the poster exhibit captures the energy and vitality of transformation in a country on the brink of revolution.

From Protest to Resistance: The Euro-Revolution in Ukraine | February 7, 2014 | 7:00 pm | Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium, STM

As part of its Policy Forum Series. Bohdan Nahalylo, former UNHCR Senior Policy Advisor, addressed a large audience at STM on the subject of the current political crisis in Ukraine and the Euromaidan.

PCUH Currency Exhibit Travels to Winnipeg
January 26 – April 21, 2014 | Oseredok Museum and Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The traveling exhibition "Money, Sovereignty and Power: The Paper Currency of Revolutionary Ukraine, 1917-1920" opened in Winnipeg at the Oseredok Gallery and Museum.

2014 Mohyla Lecture
February 13, 2014 | 7:00 pm | Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium, STM

The 2014 Mohyla Lecture was delivered by Dr. Roman Serbyn of the Université du Québec à Montréal. A specialist in East European history and author of a number of studies on the Holodomor or Ukrainian Famine-Terror during the early years of Stalinist rule and Soviet collectivization.

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PCUH Policy Forum Series: Dr. Oksana Kis on Feminism in Contemporary Ukraine

Dr. Oksana Kis, Senior Research Fellow, Ukraine's Academy of Sciences and the Stuart Tompkins Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta, delivered a lecture on the subject of feminism in contemporary Ukraine.

Art of the Revolution: PCUH Exhibit at Oseredok
March 10 – 24, 2014 | Oseredok Gallery, Winnipeg

The PCUH multi-venue exhibit Art of the Revolution opened March 10, 2014 at the Oseredok Gallery in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Toronto Hosts the PCUH Exhibit: Art of the Revolution
March 14 – April 30, 2014 | Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Ontario Branch), Toronto

The Art of Revolution, an exhibit focusing on recent dramatic events in Ukraine, opened at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Ontario Branch, Toronto.

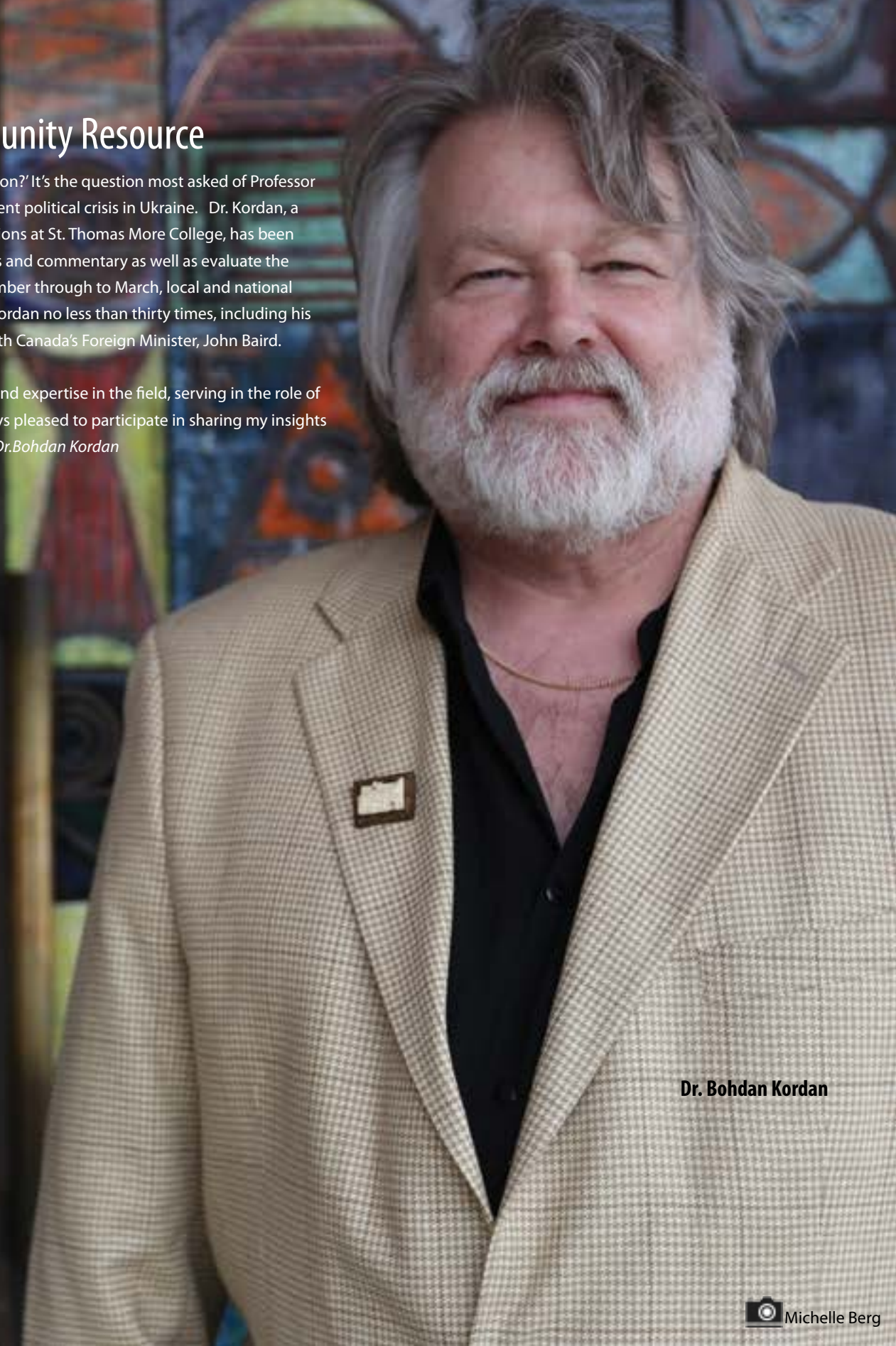
PCUH Euromaidan Exhibit at Public Gallery in Yorkton
April 14 – May 31, 2014 | Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, Yorkton, Saskatchewan

The PCUH multi-venue exhibit Art of the Revolution: The Political Aesthetics of Ukraine's Euromaidan opened April 14, 2014 at the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

A Valued Community Resource

'Didn't I just see you on television?' It's the question most asked of Professor Bohdan Kordan during the recent political crisis in Ukraine. Dr. Kordan, a professor of international relations at St. Thomas More College, has been called upon to provide analysis and commentary as well as evaluate the Western response. From December through to March, local and national media interviewed Professor Kordan no less than thirty times, including his participation in a broadcast with Canada's Foreign Minister, John Baird.

"As a person with knowledge and expertise in the field, serving in the role of a public intellectual, I am always pleased to participate in sharing my insights into the unfolding situation." *Dr. Bohdan Kordan*



Dr. Bohdan Kordan



Newman Players and Newman Sounds Glee Club


Newman Sounds Glee Club rehearses *The Song that Goes like This* from *Spamalot*.

The fine tradition of performing arts continues to be strong at the College as STM Newman Players and Newman Sounds Glee Club each had a great year. The glee club, under the direction of STM Alumna Kristen Raney and accompanied by STM alumnus Ian Elliott drew had a breakout season with two very different and crowd-pleasing shows.

In November '13, Newman Sounds performed a show titled *Best of Broadway*, a revue of hits such as Music of the Night (Phantom of the Opera), On My Own (Les Miserables), Matchmaker (Fiddler on the Roof) and many more. The show played two nights in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium at the College drawing the largest crowds the glee club has enjoyed in many years.

Newman Sounds followed that up by moving their March '14 show *Mix Tape*, to the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon. "I was so pleased that the College let us do this show at the Broadway. We have so many students in the glee club this semester, and with the full band we needed more room," said Kristen Raney. *Mix Tape* presented an evening and a matinee show that featured popular songs from the era of the homemade cassette. The show included cameo performances by STM Alumna Marissa Graham (Myers), and college staff Michael MacLean and Richard Medernach. Medernach also served as emcee for the event. "It was great to perform in the Broadway Theatre and get our name out into the community a little more. These students are so talented and they put on such a great show. They keep surprising me by presenting better and better shows each year," he said.

Newman Players also had another successful year. In November they staged the children's theatre production, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, directed by STM Library staff member Amanda Gieni. The March production was the hilarious spy adventure comedy *The 39 Steps*, directed by STM student Teagan Siganski. Both shows were held in the O'Donnell Auditorium at the College and were enjoyed by audiences young and old.

 Richard Medernach



The Phantom Tollbooth cast members



Graham Schmitz and Anna Yaworski in the *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

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St. Thomas More College is also a valued client of our firm and many of our lawyers are involved in the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon Inc. which calls STM its spiritual home. This leadership, specifically from Saskatoon partners, Michelle J. Ouellette, QC and David M.A. Stack, is what prompted the recent multi-year \$50,000 financial commitment to the College, with the intention that it will assist in strengthening fellowship and spiritual growth throughout the legal community.

A plaque has been installed in one of the new student study rooms in recognition of this generosity and commitment. For information on room naming opportunities call 306.966.8918



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Fresh Daily: Breakfast, soups, salads, sandwiches and an extensive buffet (changes daily), available through Choices cafeteria at STM.



We've been here for years...since 1926, in fact. The history of the Newman Centre on the University of Saskatchewan campus predates the existence of St. Thomas More College. Catholic students have always made community-building a priority here.

At the end of last year, the Newman Executive celebrated a successful year, but what Newman would look like for 2013-14 was uncertain as of last May. Some of the members would be having full commitments at professional colleges, internships, others were not planning to return to campus, or were not sure they'd have the time to commit to the Newman Executive as they continued their academic journey. One lone Newman Exec member from last year, Anna Yaworski, committed to return, and from there, a new executive was formed and built, starting with Shannon McAvoy being recruited in late August, 2013. Shannon and Anna worked together to let new first year students know about Newman, and through September, they successfully recruited two more executive members, Miles Crooks from the College of Agriculture, and first year Arts student, Brittney Boechler. The last member to be recruited to the executive was long-time Newman member and former Coffeehouse director Garret Bird. Garret volunteered to be this year's Newman president, and with the rest of the executive, Newman had a full slate of officers.

The year began with a bang, as Newman exec members were commissioned at Academic mass, and gave out free cake to all in the

STM cafeteria on Newman's Feast day on October 9th. They were also integrated into the planning of the Western Regional CCSA conference, and hosted the Saturday Night Creativity coffeehouse Saturday, October 19th.

Newman's first term activities also included hosting a TED Talk, Movies in the Murray room with the STMSU, and the Ecumenical supper with guest speaker Dr. Paul D. Murray, from Durham University in England. In November, Newman hosted the Friends of L'Arche gathering, complete with the Fun November Game Show! Contestants from the audience got to come up and answer questions from four different categories and everyone went home with a prize. The end of the term was celebrated on December 8th, where Newman invited everyone to 5 pm mass, and then had an "Ugly Christmas Sweater party" with pizza, Wii Bowling and an impromptu fashion show. Kathleen MacLean walked away with Newman's trophy for Term I Wii Bowling champion.

Term II was busy as well for Newman, and especially for the executive in planning the Newman Annual Retreat, held in Muenster at St. Peter's on January 24-26. The theme was "Me, Myself and Us" and guest speaker (and Newman Exec Staff advisor) Michael MacLean facilitated sessions on getting to know God, ourselves and our community. Tobogganing was also a part of the Saturday night festivities, along with Wii Bowling making its way into the schedule. Brother Stephen Predy was the big winner!

Newman exec members also attended Fr. André's prayer service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (at 7 AM!), and the 10,000 Healing Steps conference banquet. Catholic Students Week, celebrated from February 2-9th, meant another Coffeehouse as well. One of the biggest Term II highlights for Newman was their first ever Oscar party! Participants were invited to attend mass at 5 pm and then walk the red carpet in their finest attire. There was a contest to see who could pick the most Oscar winners, and Joshua Smith was the hands down winner, choosing 22 of 24 categories correctly!

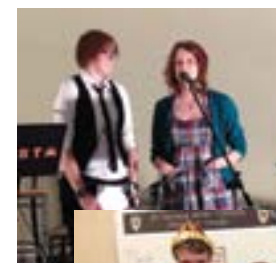
As Lent arrived, Newman worked with STM Campus Ministry to invite students, staff, faculty and STM Sunday congregation members to "Spread the Love" by contributing to the third annual Peanut Butter drive for the Friendship Inn. This year, previous records were smashed, and 86 jars of Peanut Butter were gathered. When Newman and Just Youth members took the donations down to the Friendship Inn, they were greeted with open arms and smiles. The personnel that received the donations reported that it came just in time, and that those who gathered at the Friendship Inn the following morning would be delighted!

Lent also saw Newman lead prayer at STM, by adding rosary times to the weekly prayer schedule in the chapel. In addition to the rosary Dorothy Abernethy (from STM's Shannon library) led on Mondays, Shannon and Miles from Newman took the initiative of leading rosary on Wednesdays and Fridays as well.

Some of the other highlights of the year for Newman was helping put on Coffeehouses as charity fundraisers for Typhoon relief in the Philippines (Term I), and for Intercordia students (Term II).

Newman also was happy to collaborate with the USSU and the STMSU for the "Games with Friends" events at Louis' Loft, attending the STM Banquet and Ball, the year-end President's reception, and the Campus Ministry Study Retreat at Queen's House.

As the year has wound up, Newman is looking forward to another year of community building in the fall of 2014. Stay tuned for more Newman-sponsored events!



CMRS Lecturer speaks to Thomas More's Utopia

CMRS Guest Speaker Dr. Romuald Lakowski, Ph.D. from the Department of English, Grant MacEwan University, gave a lecture titled 'Utopian Warfare and the Mongols: On Medieval Travel Literature and Thomas More's Utopia' in the last CMRS presentation of the 2013 -2014 term.

To support the CMRS lecture, the STM library staff put together a display of some of STM's rare Utopia books selected from the 'Special Collections' section of the Shannon library.



L-R: Emily Vaughan, Dorothy Abernethy, Romuald Lakowski, Amanda Gieni

Finding Utopia

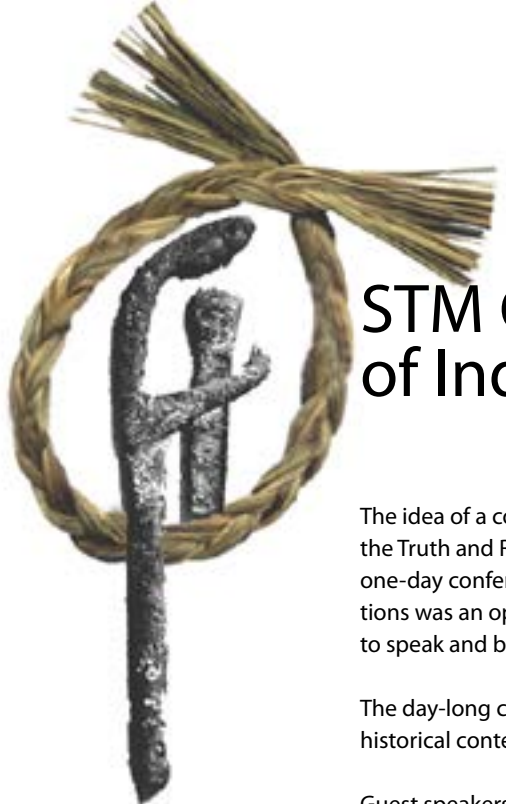
STM's Shannon library boasts a wonderful collection of rare books authored by the College namesake Thomas More.

Among these is the rare volume (pictured here) which contains the works: *Thomas More's Utopia* and *Epigrammata*, and *Erasmus' Epigrammata*.

It was printed by Johann Froben at Basel in March, 1518. Only six other copies of this book are known to exist.

More's epigrams are short poems, normally in elegiac couplet. They are terse, witty and satirical.





STM Conference Explores the Future of Indigenous/Christian Relations

The idea of a conference about the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and Christian churches grew out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) hearings and STM's desire to keep the process advancing. STM's one-day conference, Respect, Reconciliation and Renewal: Exploring the Future of Indigenous/Christian Relations was an opportunity to open doors and invite Elders, church leaders, community members and academics to speak and be heard.

The day-long conference included a keynote panel representing voices from different perspectives so that the historical context can be heard: Aboriginal Cultural Advisor, Catholic Church representative and an historian.

Guest speakers included Mary Lee, a Cree speaker from Chitek Lake, Saskatchewan. She has worked with the youth of Oskayak High School in Saskatoon and now serves their students and staff as Cultural Advisor and Elder. A Governor General's Gold Medal recipient, Historian, Dr. Timothy Foran, spoke to his doctoral research which examined Roman Catholic missionary perceptions and representations of Aboriginal peoples in western and northern Canada in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

Also part of the panel, the Most Reverend V. James Weisgerber, Archbishop Emeritus of Winnipeg, recently awarded the Officer of the Order of Canada for his work as a champion of reconciliation and social justice, promoting deeper understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and TRC Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild, a respected lawyer serving as a strong advocate for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and promoter of implementation of the treaties between the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the Crown. He was a member of Parliament and a parliamentary delegate to the United Nations. Chief Littlechild also served as the Chairperson for the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform.

The gathering began in the STM chapel with the 70 participants gathered in a large circle while Lyndon Linklater, with the office of the Treaty Commissioner, facilitated a smudging ceremony.

Afternoon sessions assessed and discussed where we are at now and the potential the future holds. These incorporated small group discussions which included topics such as the colonizing process and moving beyond; how to build ongoing relationships of respect; and the role of the church and universities.

STM Director of Mission and Ministry, Gertrude Rompré was moved by the authentic and open dialogue experienced during the day together. "The conference marked a historic moment in the life of St. Thomas More College and expressed our ongoing commitment to build new, more just, relationships together," stated Rompré.



Most Reverend V. James Weisgerber



Chief Wilton Littlechild



Mary Lee



Dr. Timothy Foran

In the News



Shannon McAvoy Awarded 3M National Student Fellowship

Shannon McAvoy, a student at St. Thomas More College (STM), was named as one of 10 recipients of the prestigious 3M National Student Fellowship for 2014.

The fellowship honours undergraduate students in Canada who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and who embrace a vision where the quality of their educational experience can be enhanced in academia and beyond.

McAvoy has demonstrated leadership in campus academic support, student organizations and off-campus community-based social advocacy groups. Her self-direction, maturity, passion, and engagement are reflected in her commitment to improving the quality of the student experience through innovative ideas.

A wonderful ambassador for STM, Shannon McAvoy has served on the student's union executive, Newman Club Executive and as part of STM's Community Service Learning program with which she volunteers at the Regional Psychiatric Centre. She will travel this year with the Intercordia project to offer support in the Dominican Republic. She additionally led the 2013 Catholic Students Association Conference hosted this past fall at St. Thomas More College and routinely coordinates fundraising drives, as she did for victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

With her enthusiasm and passion, Shannon inspires her peers as a volunteer peer mentor leading study skills workshops in the University Learning Centre, and studying Regional and Urban Planning, she applies her knowledge serving as a member of the Planning Students Association Council executive.

Fellowship recipients receive a \$5,000 award, registration, accommodation and travel associated with STLHE 2014, hosted by Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The Student Fellows will work on a collaborative project related to post-secondary education.

In Remembrance



Father ULYSSE ("BUD") ERNEST PARÉ, CSB

Father Bud Paré was called into eternal life on March 25, 2014 in Windsor, ON at the age of 78 years.

In 1952 he entered the Congregation of St. Basil and obtained a B.A. at the University of St Michael's College in Toronto, then pursued theological studies in Quebec and Paris where he obtained the S.T.B. and S.T.L. degrees.

Following his ordination in 1964, Bud did post-graduate scripture studies in Rome and Switzerland. From 1968 to 1977, he taught Biblical Literature at St. Thomas More College in the University of Saskatchewan and was widely sought after as a speaker at conferences and retreats. Possessing rare ability to call forth the gifts of others, he formed the first campus ministry team of non-ordained persons in Canada. Always deeply involved in student life, he developed student leadership in creative liturgies, weekend retreats and College governance structures.

He was also instrumental in establishing the School of Religious Studies at the U of S. During his time at STM, Bud took it upon himself to introduce students and congregations to teachings of Vatican II, encouraging a more engaged laity in every way possible.

Elected to the Basilian General Council in 1977, he moved to Toronto and then in 1981 was elected Superior General, an office he held for eight years. In 1991 he became the President of Assumption University in Windsor and served on numerous boards until his death.

His Basilian confreres, his students and many friends remember Bud as a brilliant scripture scholar, an inspired teacher, a visionary administrator and a devoted pastor.

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SUMMER FUN BBQ

STM alumni, faculty, staff and friends are welcome!

Thursday, June 19th, 2014

5-8pm (Food Served 5:30 - 6:00pm)

Cafeteria, St. Thomas More College

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The St. Thomas More-Newman Alumni Association invites you, your family and friends to our Summer BBQ. Plan to Attend.

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Upcoming Events: *Everyone Welcome*

SEPTEMBER 12 Fall Welcome BBQ 11:30am STM North Entrance

SEPTEMBER 25 7:30pm STM ATRIUM

Leslie & Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies Lecture -

Dr. Michael Hayden - 'The Basillians-Jesuits without the Attitude'

SEPTEMBER 28 STM Academic Mass 11am STM CHAPEL

OCTOBER 23 7:30 pm STM AUDITORIUM

Keenan Memorial Lecture - Russell Hittinger

OCTOBER 29 STM Lawyers Guild Red Mass 5:30pm STM CHAPEL

St. Thomas More College -

Courageously exploring the riches of Revelation and of nature so that the united endeavour of intelligence and faith will enable people to come to the full measure of their humanity" Ex corde ecclesiae, 5



The STM-Newman Alumni Association Board is looking for new members.

The association Board of Directors is an active and committed group of volunteers who work to support and develop programs and events that benefit alumni and the college.

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For more information on how you can become involved with YOUR Alumni association contact STM Development Officer: Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918 or danton@stmcollege.ca



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