

Editor's Foreword

Volume 72 of *Historical Studies* features papers presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the English Section of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association at the University of Western Ontario, as well as papers submitted by scholars independently. Papers presented at the 2005 conference at Western but not published here for various reasons (either papers given without a view to publication or not offered to the editors) are listed separately on page 6.

Once again, all of the articles included in this edition of the journal have passed through a rigorous "double-blind" review process, meaning that they have been accepted on the recommendations of at least three assessors. We are indebted to all of the individuals whose cooperation in the writing, assessing and revising of these papers has made this edition of *Historical Studies* possible. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Valerie Burke, assistant to Rev. Edward Jackman, O.P., for her help in the formatting of this volume.

In an effort to stay current with new conventions in scholarly publishing and research, your editors have begun to explore the potential held in "electronic" format publication. In this vane, the association's executive has also made great strides to help wed the ongoing scholarship on the history of the Canadian Catholic Church to the potential offered by the information age. In particular, the hard work of Drs Richard Lebrun and Brian Hogan has now made available to scholars full-run back issues of the journal and a detailed bibliography on compact disc. The Association has also adopted the policy of making selected articles from the previous years' journal accessible on the CCHA homepage (http://www.umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_pauls/ccha.html). While the debate over the future of the print medium for refereed journals continues, your editors are committed to publishing the "hard copy" of *Historical Studies* for the foreseeable future.

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