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A great incubator for learning

IN 1979 I BEGAN MY POST-SECONDARY STUDIES at St. Paul's College (SPC), and it was a great feeling to be starting studies at the University of Manitoba (U of M); a voyage involving sixteen years of university research and studies. After completing my PhD, I was fortunate to find a career in Toronto followed by Winnipeg in the polling industry, and was able to return to the academy by teaching university courses in politics, public administration, public relations, and business.

When carpooling with my friends from Kelvin High School and St. Paul's High School, I had no idea I was on the road to being SPC's rector. But it is a delightful thing to find myself working with staff and instructors in a wide range of units now operating in our building, including our Jesuit colleagues in the Catholic Studies program, Sr. Elaine, Fr. Michael and others who keep our campus ministry vibrant, Sean Byrne, Jessica Senehi and their colleagues at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, the Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library, the Development Office which is run by Lisa McCausland, and Haskel J. Greenfield who supervises activities at the Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Laboratory.

We are lucky to have well-skilled support staff and administrators at SPC, as well as a dedicated acting dean who works with our learned faculty members who teach in a wide range of departments and faculties. And of course, it's a great joy to be able to see and talk with students in the hallways, cafeteria and at mass in Christ the King Chapel. We have students from all parts of the city, province, and globe. Together, they present us with a mosaic of personalities, faiths, and ideas. One can say that SPC is a great incubator for learning.

As the only Roman Catholic institution of higher learning in the province, we serve as a pathway to the U of M for many students seeking access to the full range of the university's offerings. SPC continues to be a wonderful and evolving institution. If you are not a regular visitor at SPC, I hope you come and visit us soon to see what we are up to!

Christopher Adams, PhD
Rector

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Lucy Apuugum is an international student from Nigeria who is currently in the Faculty of Engineering (Computer Major). She is also a peer campus assistant with the campus ministry team.

Sr. Elaine Baete is part of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal (Grey Nuns). She has been director of campus ministry at SPC since she began working part-time in 2001. Prior to this role, she also worked as a campus minister at the Newman Centre, McGill University in Montreal for several years. Sr. Elaine enjoys meeting with students and supporting them in organizing activities and events to grow in their Catholic-Christian faith and build community in the college, as well as on and off campus, while they pursue their academic and professional interests.

Jim Blanchard has been head of reference services at Elizabeth Dafoe Library for 20 years. During the past year, he has also been filling in as librarian at Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library and St. John's College Library. A local historian, he has written three books on Winnipeg history: *A Thousand Miles of Prairie*, *Winnipeg 1912* and *Winnipeg's Great War*, all published by U of M Press. He is currently completing courses for a Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), and plans to teach ESL after he retires.

Denis C. Bracken is a professor in the Faculty of Social Work. He was married in Christ the King Chapel and two of his three children were baptized there. He moved his office to SPC in 2000 after being an associate member for over 10 years. Following five years as rector, he is currently on a research leave at the Institute of Criminology at University College Dublin. When he returns to Winnipeg, he is looking forward to going back to his old office.

Adam Cousins is a recent graduate of the U of M (BEnvD and BSc), spending over seven years at SPC. He is currently in the Faculty of Education at Lakehead University in his hometown of Thunder Bay, Ontario. He enjoys travelling, and has particular interests in orchids, photography and writing.

Fr. David Creamer, SJ is an associate professor in the faculties of education and arts at U of M. Each August, he takes students on a popular three-week field study program in India. Outside the university environment, he is Superior of the Jesuit Community in Winnipeg and lives at Quixote House—a community that is a happy mix of Jesuits and released prison offenders. He is an author of several articles and book chapters, as well as a book of his own, *Guides for the Journey: John Macmurray, Bernard Lonergan, James Fowler* (University Press of America, 1996).

Grace Kankindi is an international student from Rwanda currently enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering (Biosystems Major). She is also an executive member of the local Canadian Catholic Students' Association.

Randall Kinley is SPC's office and building manager. He previously held positions with the U of M over 28 years. Randall enjoys working with the administrative team and Students' Association building on the college's physical attributes and enhancing its unique qualities within both the Catholic and university communities. Outside of campus, he has been actively engaged in his local and cottage communities. He is involved in different outdoor sports including biking, sailing and skiing.

Siri Kousonsavath became SPC's information officer in December 2011. She has over ten years of experience in marketing communications, and loves all things creative from festivals to photography and painting. An active person, she keeps her schedule packed with her passions for cooking, playing sports, spending time with family and friends, and travelling to interesting, vibrant places.

Flora Nangira Manyuru is an international student from Kenya who is currently in the Asper School of Business. Actively involved in SPC's campus ministry, she is president of the local Canadian Catholic Students' Association.

Lisa I. McCausland joined SPC in 2004 as the director of development. Lisa believes the best part of being a Manitoban is its people. On a warm summer's day, she may be found ziplining across a ravine or going on spontaneous road trips that have included swimming with polar bears. The door to the Development Office is always open for a visit or for coffee.

Claudia Müller Morán recently graduated from the Faculty of Science with a BSc (Major in Microbiology, Minor in Chemistry). She will enter medical school after travelling, volunteering and working in Latin America and Europe.

Emeka Okeke is a PhD student in Immunology who is originally from Nigeria. He is actively involved in SPC's prison ministry program along with other activities.

Matt Semchyshyn became a SPC member in fall 2009, but he spent much of his childhood roaming the college's corridors when his mother worked as the information officer from 1997-2000. Matt loves movies, and hopes to become involved in the film industry. He was elected as senior stick in spring 2012, and wants to give members a memorable college experience.

Jessica Senehi is an associate professor in the Peace and Conflict Studies graduate program at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. She is also artistic director of the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, which takes place each spring at various venues around the city.

Bill Wsiaki is a supervisor at Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library. Bill has been a part of the U of M Libraries system for many years. Favourite aspects of his job include perusing newly arrived academic books, meeting students and providing assistance to people in the library. He loves gardening, golf, travel, photography, and music. Bill can be seen with his band Nightfall on a regular basis at McNally Robinson performing jazz, blues and swing.



new belltower mascot rings in school year

SPC IS BECOMING MORE ANIMATED THIS YEAR with an addition to its family: a new belltower mascot designed by student member Jordan Stephensen. During a clothing design contest a few years ago, Stephensen was inspired by SPC's most notable feature, the belltower, and decided to create a character for the contest.

Although his drawing was not chosen, one of the judges Matt Semchyshyn, who is also this year's senior stick, remembered the drawing and later approached Stephensen with the idea of designing a mascot. The belltower character represents the fun and friendly nature of the college, while referencing the well known icon that has stood in front of SPC for decades. A contest was held this fall to pick a name for the beloved character who will be known as "Pauley."

about the artist



Jordan Stephensen

PABLO PICASSO ONCE SAID, "There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun." In the latter part of the quote, Picasso could very easily be talking about SPCSA's director of advertisement, Jordan Stephensen.

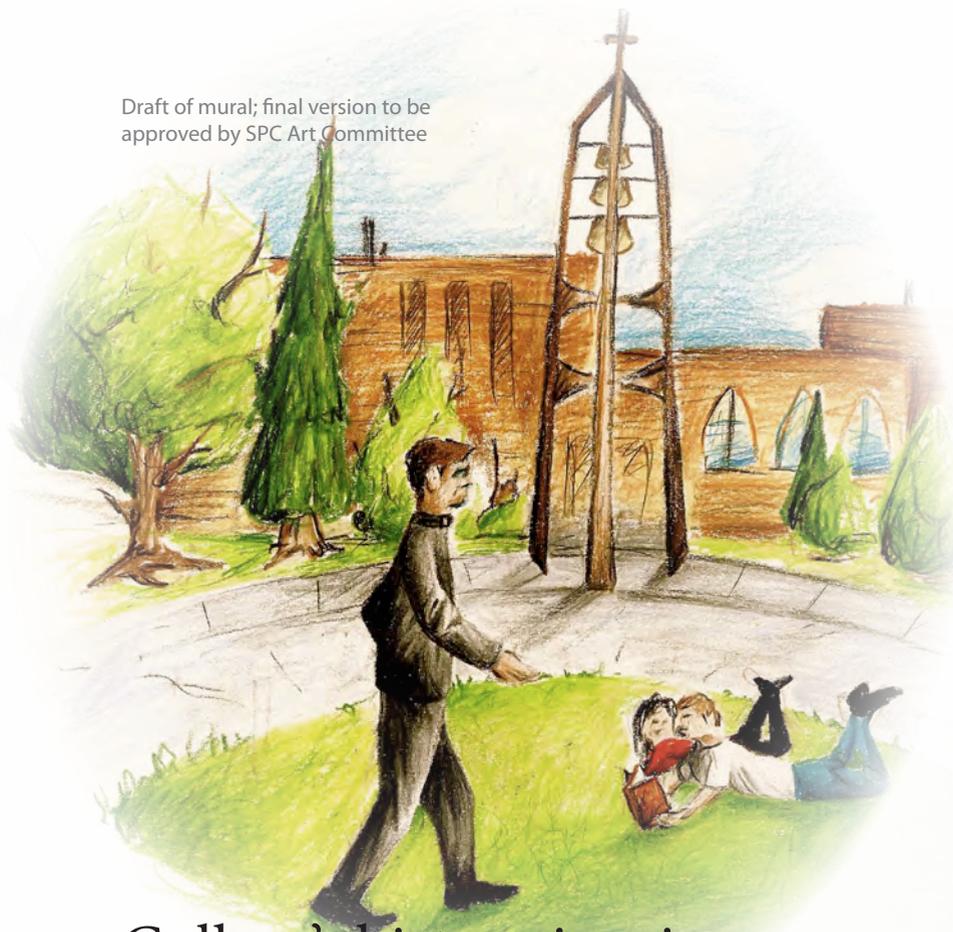
A fourth year student in the School of Art, Stephensen is in the graphic design honours program. He first became interested in art as a child, drawing pictures at his grandmother's house. His interest continued into high school where during art class, his teacher assigned a logo design project for a local company. His artwork was chosen, and it has inspired him to pursue a career in graphic arts.

At twenty, he has already founded his own company specializing in branding and visual identity, typography and digital illustration, and he co-founded a screenprinting company called "Scribble Printing." Stephensen wants to have his own graphic design firm, hire numerous employees, and focus on corporate branding, digital illustration and advertising.

Stephensen has been lending his talents for the past few years, but this year he has dedicated more time to working with the SPCSA and SPC Arts Committee on a mural design. For many years he has expressed interest in painting a mural, and this fall, work will begin on his design which is inspired by the college's history. "I wanted to pay tribute to a place that has been a large part of many people's university experience including mine," he said.

For more information on Stephensen's company, visit www.jordanstephensendesign.com.

Draft of mural; final version to be approved by SPC Art Committee



College's history inspires mural in busy corridor

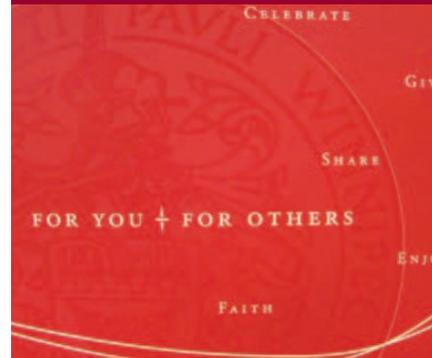
SPC'S STUDENT SPIRIT WILL SOON BE IMMORTALIZED in the form of a mural designed by student member and artist Jordan Stephensen. Having served on the SPCSA for the past three years as director of advertisement, he will begin painting the mural this fall.

The mural depicts student life at SPC, and pays tribute to its long history with the Jesuits. "I wanted to reference St. Paul's College's history by showing the building and presence of the Jesuits, and the role the college has played in higher education," said Stephensen.

"For the first time in the history of St. Paul's College, the Students' Association has initiated a project using student talent to immortalize the student spirit on a mural in our college," said SPC's Art Committee. It is also the first mural that will be displayed in the building.

The mural will be located in the busy corridor between Fr. Vince Jensen Theatre and Belltower Café. Hundreds of students walk past the wall each day, making it a prime location to have such a tribute. Having been blank for years, the mural is expected to brighten up the walls.

Tribute Card Program



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A multicoloured card displays the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice logo's symbolic dove.

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Call 204 474 9148 with the name and address of the recipient, your method of payment and a prepared message. OR

Go to www.canadahelps.org and make your online donation to St. Paul's College by clicking on Fund Description 8 for *Personalized Tribute Card*.

Opportunities to grow

BY Lucy Apuugum

I FOUND OUT ABOUT U of M from a workshop I attended in Nigeria, so I decided to come here in 2009 because the university offers a variety of programs. One of the programs which held my interest the most was in the department of computer engineering, where I am currently enrolled.

While studying at university, I became involved in some activities the U of M organised for first year students. During student orientation I learned about SPC, so I decided to attend mass the next Sunday. I still remember my first mass at Christ the King Chapel. When I walked in, I was amazed by the voices coming from the choir. For the first time in a long time, I felt at home again because the choir sang so beautifully. After I left church that day, I decided to return the next Sunday and every other Sunday since then! One of the things I discovered about attending mass at SPC is the people are very friendly and welcoming. It is a place where anyone can go because there will always be someone ready to listen.

As well, SPC has helped me to discover talents I did not know I have, like my ability to organise events and speak in public. I discovered these gifts when I helped organise the first African Mass on January 9, 2012. The event brought together all the African students. It has been such a wonderful experience! I can say that I have been given many opportunities to grow here and most importantly, it has been a home away from home.



Grace Kankindi

Lucy Apuugum

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Siri Kousonsavath



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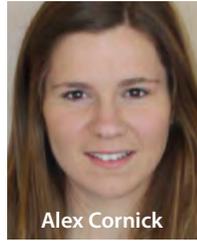
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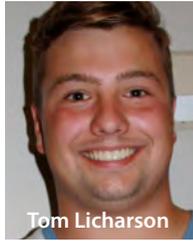
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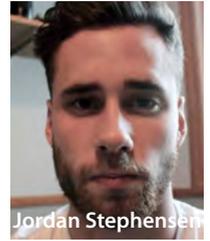
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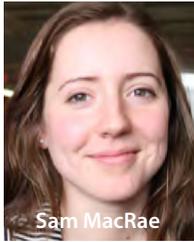
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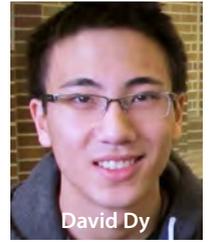
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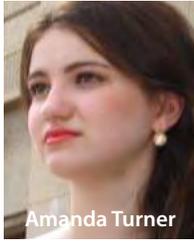
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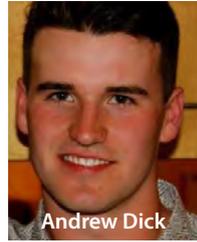
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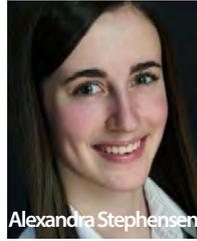
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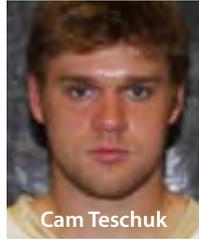
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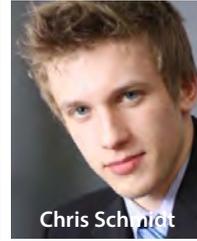
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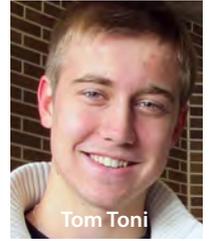
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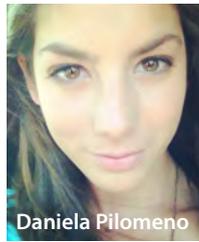
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Matt Semchyshyn*Senior Stick*

Matt is in his fourth year in the Faculty of Arts. In his spare time, he loves watching films, and has an interest in creative writing. Someday, he hopes to start his own production company, or have a career in public relations.

Alex Cornick*Vice Stick*

Currently in third year in the Faculty of Science, Alex wants to finish her microbiology major. Afterwards, she plans on applying to the Faculty of Medicine and become a medical officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. She volunteers at Victoria Hospital as a research assistant, and with Special Olympics.

Maria Santiano*Chief Financial Officer*

Maria is in third year in the Faculty of Science. She aspires to become a dentist and teach at the U of M. In her free time, Maria often volunteers at Siloam Mission. She loves experiencing new places and making new friends.

Tom Licharson*UMSU Councillor*

Currently in second year in the Faculty of Arts, Tom is majoring in political studies, and hopes to become an international corporate lawyer or a journalist. He enjoys fishing, boating, being at the lake in summer, and spending time with friends.

James McPherson*UMSU Councillor*

James is in fourth year in the Faculty of Science, and wants to work in medicine. An avid rugby player, he also likes spending time with family and friends.

Tim Sandron*Secretary*

Tim has been accepted into the Faculty of Social Work and hopes to become a social worker. While at home, he loves to cook and bake. Tim recently volunteered with Canada World Youth in Mozambique.

Jordan Stephensen*Director of Advertisement*

Currently in fourth year in the School of Art, Jordan is working on his thesis in graphic design. He has a couple of companies specializing in graphic design, screenprinting and garment decoration.

Sam MacRae*Building Manager*

Now in third year in the Faculty of Architecture, Sam plans to become an architect. She loves sports and participates on various teams, as well as in the Manitoba Marathon. In her spare time, Sam volunteers with inner city kids.

John Doering*Chief Council Advisor*

John is in fourth year of the Faculty of Science, majoring in genetics and minoring in chemistry. He hopes to enter medical school and become a doctor. John enjoys playing volleyball and is an avid runner. He also enjoys the art medium of film.

Anthony Foderaro*Chief Council Advisor*

Anthony just finished his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology and a minor in political studies. Currently in the Faculty of Law, he wants to pursue a career in administrative, constitutional, international, environmental, and criminal law.

Pierre Bosc*Chief Fundraising Officer*

Now in third year in the Faculty of Science, Pierre is working towards a genetics degree and wants to become a physiotherapist. He volunteers at Misericordia Health Centre as a rehabilitation assistant. He enjoys watching and playing hockey and football.

Julia DaCosta*Chief Human Resources*

Julia is in third year in the Faculty of Science, and hopes to have a career in medicine. A solid rugby player, she is also known for her "whip my hair" dance.

Benedicte LeMaitre*Director of Spiritual Affairs*

Currently in University 1, Benedicte wants to enter the Faculty of Nursing and become a labour and delivery nurse. She studies ballet and modern dance at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. In the community, she volunteers with the House of Peace, participates in SPC's prison ministry program, and teaches Sunday school. She organizes Taizé prayer at Christ the King Chapel, and is part of several choirs.

David Dy*Lounge Representative*

Currently in second year in the Faculty of Engineering, David aspires to become a mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry. In his spare time, he is furthering the children's liturgy ministry at St. Gianna's Parish.

Amanda Turner*Lounge Representative*

Amanda is in U1, and plans on entering the Faculty of Arts. As well as making the student lounge a better environment for students, she will be working with campus ministry. Amanda has a love of music, and plays the flute in her spare time.

Jane Coughlin*Paulinian Editor*

Entering third year, Jane hopes to get accepted into the Faculty of Medicine. She loves meeting new faces and exploring new places. In the future, Jane plans on travelling to Australia and Europe.

Andrew Konopelny*Paulinian Editor*

Andrew is in his second year in the Faculty of Arts. He aspires to live a life full of faith, service and excellence. In his spare time, Andrew loves to read and do research, as well as watch football and play video games.

Thandi V-Shawa*Paulinian Editor*

Thandi is in fourth year in the Faculty of Arts, and she wants to teach a university course one day. She enjoys watching different genres of films, reading and writing.

Jessa Hogarth*Director of Special Events*

Jessa is in her fourth year in the Faculty of Arts, pursuing a psychology major. She aspires to practice child psychology or counselling. Outside of school, she works as a childcare assistant, and enjoys teaching and spending time at the lake.

Tyler Koshowski*Director of Special Events*

Now in his third year of university, Tyler is working towards a degree in business. In the future, he wants to operate his own business or work at an investment banking firm. In his spare time, Tyler works as a professional fishing guide.

Ryan Toth*Director of Special Events*

Ryan is entering fourth year in the Faculty of Arts. His passion for sports has attracted him to a career in sports broadcasting. In his spare time, Ryan plays guitar and soccer.

Michelle Cea Flores*Special Events*

Michelle is currently in U1, and aspires to find a career that allows her to help others. Her extracurricular interests includes boxing.

Andrew Dick*Special Events*

Andrew is in third year in the Faculty of Science, pursuing a major in microbiology. He hopes to be accepted into the Faculty of Medicine. Golf and touch football are his favourite sports.

Matt Foderaro*Special Events*

Now in second year in the Faculty of Arts, Matt hopes to have a career in social work. An avid golfer and hockey player, he works with an organization called "Learn to Skate."

Nicholas Jones*Special Events*

A first year education student, Nick plans to become a high school gym teacher. His hobbies include listening to music and playing competitive rugby. Nick has been heavily involved with setting up a rugby club at the U of M, which is currently in its third year and has had growing enrollment each year.

Michael Malliaris*Special Events*

Michael is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology. He wants to study law, and work in corporate law and litigation. An avid athlete, Michael enjoys football and hockey. He also likes watching movies, reading and playing video games.

Luba Michno*Special Events*

Luba is in third year in the Faculty of Arts. In her spare time, she volunteers with Special Olympics, Welcome Home and Shalom Mission. When at home, she also loves experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen.

Kailey Oxenforth*Special Events*

Kailey is in the Faculty of Science, and hopes to have a career in medicine specializing in pediatric oncology. She volunteers at CancerCare, and plays soccer and hockey.

Elysa Sandron*Special Events*

Elysa is in first year of university after taking a year to travel with Canada World Youth. Currently in the Faculty of Science, her goal is to become a veterinarian. In her spare time, she enjoys playing soccer and rugby.

Alexandra Stephensen*Special Events*

After finishing her Bachelor of Science degree, Alexandra plans to enter the Faculty of Education and eventually teach science in high school. Her hobbies include dancing, singing, swimming, reading, and playing with her puppies.

Cam Teschuk*Special Events*

Cam is enrolled in the Asper School of Business, and wants to have a career in either business or law. In his spare time, he plays football and volunteers at Charleswood United Church.

Joseph Darcel*Director of Public Affairs*

Joseph is in his first year of university. He hopes to pursue a career in law upon completion of his undergraduate degree. In his spare time, Joseph loves flying and teaching kids how to swim at the university.

Adriana Paulic*Director of Public Affairs*

Adriana is in U1, and she hopes to enter either the Faculty of Education or Nursing. In her free time, she likes volunteering and helping others.

Chris Schmidt*Director of Public Affairs*

Chris is in his second year in the Faculty of Science, and plans to write the MCAT. A great athlete, he plays basketball and participates in the Manitoba Half Marathon.

Tom Toni*Director of Public Affairs*

Tom wants to study finance or accounting at the Asper School of Business. He plays soccer as a goalkeeper and volunteers with inner city kids as a sports coach.

Amir Ali*Sports Representative*

Now in his third year in the Faculty of Science, Amir is an Academic All-Canadian working towards a major in biology. He is a member of the U of M Bison men's basketball team, and wants to pursue a career in sports medicine.

Maria Cortes-Toro*Director of Student Affairs*

Now in second year, Maria plans to enter the Faculty of Nursing and become a nurse practitioner. In her free time, she volunteers at Victoria General Hospital and enjoys horseback riding.

Daniela Pilomeno*Director of Student Affairs*

Daniela is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in microbiology and Spanish, and a minor in Chemistry. She wants to be a surgeon one day. Daniela volunteers for various groups at the university including U1 Orientation, the Manitoban, Student Accessibility Services, and Let's Talk Science.

Martin Szylikin*Director of Student Affairs*

Now in fourth year, Martin is working towards a double major in finance and international business at the Asper School of Business. He is president of the Polish Students' Association. Martin also plays competitive soccer in the premier division.

Luke McKim*Student Affairs*

Luke is in his fourth year of studies in business, and wants to pursue a career as an accountant. He recently returned from a trip to Uganda, where he volunteered in a children's orphanage. Luke is also a co-founder of the university's rugby team.

Diane Bosc*U1 Representative*

Diane is in U1 and she plans to study sciences, possibly medicine. In her spare time, she volunteers with Special Olympics.

Connor Lesperance*U1 Representative*

Connor is a graduate and former student body president of St. Paul's High School. He had direct entry into the Asper School of Business. Connor is also part of the U of M Bison men's football team.

Members of SPCSA pose proudly with new time capsule



PHOTO BY:
Siri Kousonsavath

Capturing moments in time

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO CAPTURE a moment in time? SPCSA wants to accomplish this with the help of a time capsule, which was blessed by Fr. Michael Koryluk during the Opening Academic Exercises on September 23, 2012.

“We hope the time capsule can help capture moments from our time here, as a gift for future members to look back and see how things were in 2012-2013,” said Senior Stick Matt Semchyshyn.

The time capsule will remain open throughout the academic year under SPCSA’s supervision. Starting in the fall, SPC members will have the opportunity to put a piece of history in the capsule. It will be sealed during the Baccalaureate Mass in April 2013. Every 25 years, the time capsule will be brought up, and alumni will be invited back for the occasion.





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Welcoming an international student into SPC's community

STORY BY **Flora Nangira Manyuru**

BEING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN WINNIPEG has been exciting, fun and challenging at the same time. The challenges I have had to deal with include: extreme weather changes, cultural differences and loneliness due to being apart from my family. But when one is welcomed into a closely knit community of individuals like SPC, it makes the transition much easier. I arrived in Winnipeg in September 2010, and my first encounter with SPC was at Sunday mass. From there I met Sr. Elaine and Fr. Michael, and learned about activities I could participate in, so I quickly got involved.

SPC has been my home away from home. Sr. Elaine and Sr. Jo-Ann of the Grey Nuns have welcomed me and other international students into their home on many occasions to share a meal, as well as spend time with them. Last Christmas was very eventful. On December 28, 2011 Sr. Elaine organised a fun day for several international students. We had lunch at her house, then went to visit elderly sisters at Residence Despins and sang Christmas carols with them. After supper, we went to see Christmas lights near Assiniboine Park.

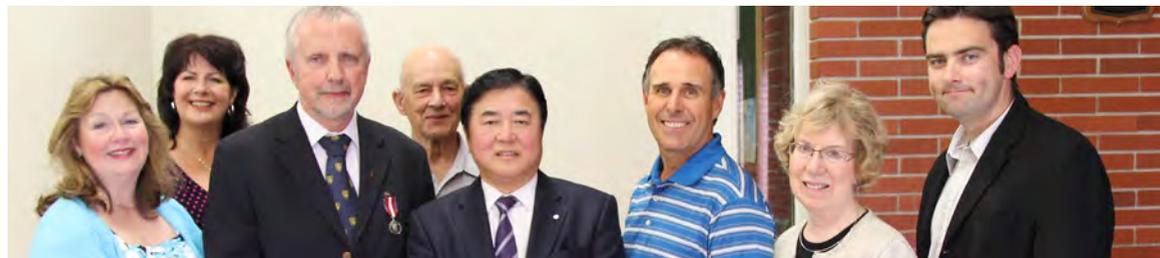
I became a member of the prison ministry program last year, and I have learned more than I ever expected. The whole experience has challenged me to view events in life from a different perspective.

Being a new member of the Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA), I have learned about numerous opportunities to travel around Canada and the world. I hope to take part in these conferences because I believe they will provide me with good exposure and enhance my life experiences. Among the many activities we work on are the coffee house events, movie nights and other activities organised by the CCSA. These activities bring students together to have fun, get to know each other and learn from each other's culture. Indeed, SPC Campus Ministry has provided me with an opportunity to spend my leisure time in a more productive manner without being costly.

On Sundays we celebrate mass, and students are given an opportunity to participate. I am involved in doing liturgical readings or bearing gifts to the altar. Being actively involved is important because it makes me feel accepted, recognised and valued by the SPC community. After mass, we have a potluck which provides an opportunity for individuals to mingle. I use this time to talk to people, and receive encouragement and motivation from friends to tackle the upcoming school week.

My most exciting experience was when SPC provided an opportunity for African students to organise and take part in the African Mass. We were encouraged to wear our ethnic attire and have different sections of the mass spoken in different African languages. Afterwards in Hanley Hall, we sampled different African dishes—it was a great success! My experience with SPC has been great, I have had the chance to interact with new people and learn from them. As well, I have been able to make good connections with other students and non-students, and gain lifelong friends that I can rely on.

Reception for Denis C. Bracken (Rector 2007-2012) > June 15, 2012



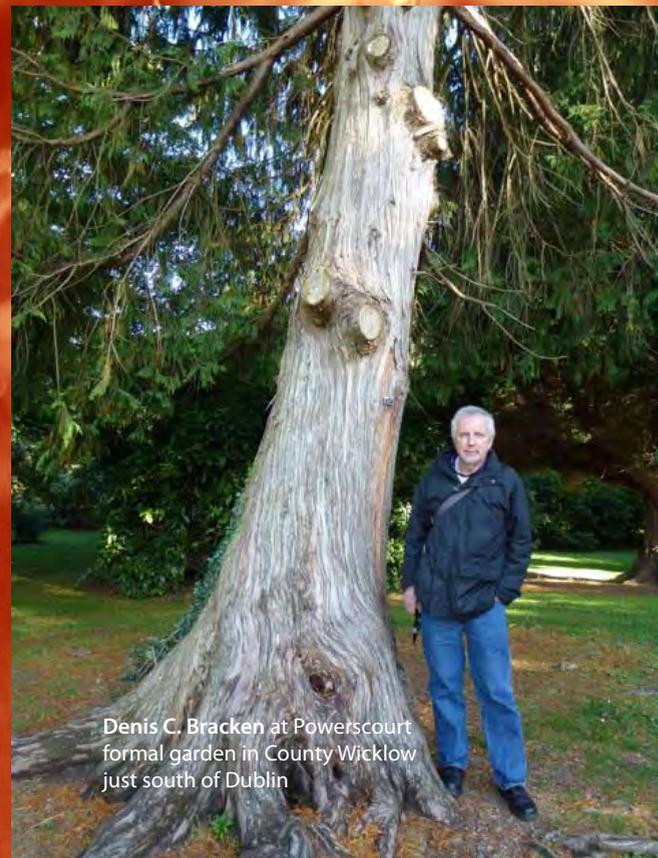
Is there *life* after being rector?

STORY BY Denis C. Bracken

THE U OF M HAS A GENEROUS SYSTEM to permit academic administrators to return to life as an academic. After five years in a senior administrative post, an administrator seeking to return to her/his position as a full-time academic can apply for a one-year leave, similar to a sabbatical. In my case, I presented a proposal to the vice-president (academic) and provost that was subsequently approved.

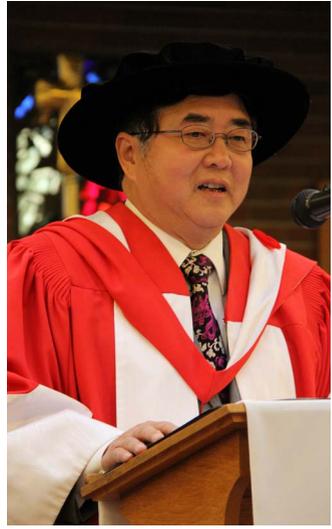
The plan entailed spending the 2012-13 academic year at the Institute of Criminology in the School of Law at University College Dublin. Ireland has something called the National University of Ireland (NUI) that has “constituent universities” at Dublin, Cork, Galway and Maynooth. University College Dublin (known simply as UCD) is located in south Dublin. Its origins go back to Blessed John Newman, the English cardinal who was influential in getting a Catholic university established in Ireland in the 19th century and later as the Jesuit-run university college.

The other part of my proposal was to conduct research with the Irish Probation Service. I have worked with them in the past, and they were kind enough to accept my research proposal. Thus, I will be conducting research with probation officers around the country, and also spending time at the Institute of Criminology. Dublin has much to offer culturally (okay, and lots of pubs), and I’m looking forward to my year here, before returning to SPC and my position with the Faculty of Social Work.



Denis C. Bracken at Powerscourt formal garden in County Wicklow just south of Dublin

Installation of Christopher J. Adams > November 4, 2012



Meet our 17th Rector

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Siri Kousonsavath

Christopher J. Adams
Rector

Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ at the fall 2012
Convocation where he received his
PhD in Educational Administration

Moti Shojania
Acting Dean of Studies

Describe your academic background and career to date.

Back in the early and mid-80s I acquired two degrees while studying at U of M, did a PhD at Carleton in Ottawa where I also taught university courses at both Carleton and the University of Ottawa.

Afterwards, I was lucky to find a middle level job in the polling industry and moved to Toronto to join Goldfarb Consultants, and then later the Angus Reid Group which brought my family and I back to Winnipeg. Following that I worked for two local polling firms, including Probe Research where I became heavily involved in labour market studies and projects relating to post-secondary education.

What is your history with St. Paul's College, and what piqued your interest in becoming Rector?

I became interested in becoming rector upon reading the job posting on the U of M employment site, and then after conferring with a few individuals who are both friends and mentors: Paul Thomas from St. John's College, and Sister Lesley of the Holy Names House of Peace.

Are there any favourite quotes you live by?

"Be thee as wise as a serpent, and harmless as a dove." - Proverbs

What kind of people inspire you?

Good and creative managers who I have worked with in the past have inspired me greatly, as have teachers who I studied under, both in grade school and university.

Do you volunteer with any local organizations?

I am involved with my local parish, Blessed Sacrament Parish, in the good working class City of Transcona.

Where are the most interesting places you've visited?

I did a lot of travelling while working with my previous firms which took me to Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and across North America. My favourite place was Saudi Arabia where I did a number of market research projects. However, it is not a safe place for many people, and needs to improve its civil rights record.

Getting to know our new *acting dean of studies*

What is your history with St. Paul's College?

I became a SPC member around the time it received a generous donation for the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. The idea captured my imagination. Over the next couple of years, I watched how SPC under the leadership of then rector John Stapleton managed to make the dream of the centre a reality. I wanted to be part of an institution with that kind of tenacity, that kind of get up and go! I have been teaching at SPC since then, and have enjoyed both the congeniality and collegiality I have found here. I have been, and continue to be, a research fellow at SPC. For the past few years, I have chaired the Academic Affairs Committee.

Describe your academic background and career to date.

I teach the texts I love—Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton—to first year students. And hope they will come to love them too! I would not mind having as an epitaph Chaucer's description of the Clerk from Oxenford: "Gladly would he learn and gladly teach!" I am an eager learner and love sharing what I have learned with students. I have taught courses in Contemporary Critical Theory, Women's Studies, Literature of the Romantic Period, as well as Literature of the 17th and 18th Century.

I am also interested in contemporary culture and have taught courses in Cyberfiction, Prairie Literature and Multicultural Canadian writing. As a voracious reader since the age of four, I was initially thrilled at the rigour made possible by linguistic analysis. But the emphasis on linguistic analysis seemed to leave out my own experience as a reader, what Roland Barthes has called "the pleasure of the text." The texts I cherished in philosophy and literature seemed to offer more meaning than strict semantic analysis would accept or allow.

Who are you inspired by?

I am inspired by pioneers—men and women—who create, whether in the realm of literature and ideas or in science and technology. I particularly admire people who put their knowledge and scholarship into action in the world. This integration of theory and practice seems to be the most inspiring way of using one's knowledge.

Are there any favourite quotes you live by?

In keeping with the importance of taking action, one of my favourites are these lines by Goethe which I know by heart:

***Whatever you can do,
Or dream you can do,
Begin it!
Boldness has genius,
Power and magic in it!***

The magic comes from how the universe conspires to send the people and things you need to make your dream a reality once you dare to take action. These words inspire me, and I hope will inspire and empower my students.

PHOTO BY:
Siri Kousonsavath

Acting Dean of Studies Moti Shojania distributes SPC pins to first year student members during the Opening Academic Exercises on September 23, 2012



Social Justice Trip > Dominican Republic

STORY BY Adam Cousins



NOT MANY VACATIONERS STAYING AT A CARIBBEAN RESORT get to experience daily life, as lived by regular citizens. This is why four other students and I jumped at the chance to see the Dominican Republic through a different set of eyes for a week in February 2011. Our eyes would see through the false front presented to the world, and focus on the life of the individual Dominicano instead of our own individual enjoyment and escapism on a beach.

Sr. Elaine Baete led the group consisting of Kaila Allegro, Luke Cruz-Tamayo, Brent Hardy, Adam Prokopanko and myself through a program organized by one of the sisters in her order, Sr. Catherine O'Shea. Sr. Catherine frequently accepts groups of high school students through the same program, so she was well prepared and had a comprehensive timeline planned for us, largely based on the work of the sisters situated in the area.

Throughout our tour, we were fortunate enough to visit several bateys which are communities composed of sugarcane field workers and their families. Because few Dominicans would take the job of cutting sugarcane anymore, many of these people were illegal Haitian immigrants. Not being Dominican, they had no protection or social assistance from the state. Likewise their children, even those born in the country, were not granted citizenship and lived in the worst abject poverty I have ever experienced.

The sisters and other social clubs (such as the Toronto Rotary Club) have done a great deal to make life more livable under these conditions, such as donations of clothing and other items and perhaps most importantly, a strong focus on education. The sisters have also set up a sort of "retirement home" for elderly men from the bateys who can no longer take care of themselves, or be cared for by their community. While we were there, our group assisted in the repair of one of the "homes" on a batey.

Due to their nature, there may still be bateys that are not yet known. One particularly isolated batey had perhaps the best view on the island, and dozens of children who loved to play. Like me, their favourite sport is baseball, and many Major League stars have come from the Dominican, even from the bateys. The most remarkable experience on the entire trip was discovering that these people, who had almost nothing compared with our standards of living, were basically the same as Canadians. Even those in the middle tier of Dominican society, such as our host families, seemed familiar to me despite language and cultural differences, and I felt at home.

The way of life was very relaxed and open for coming and going, staying and sitting, and simply enjoying the company of one another. Through it all, the most important guide we had was our driver Sandy, who was an invaluable resource and incredibly insightful into the locale, culture, and prevalent socio-economic conditions. His knowledge about the area and way of life could not have been replaced by any other educational process.

The most shocking experience on the trip was the high rate of unemployment, so tangible that it could be seen everywhere we travelled. An excursion to an organic, fair-trade cocoa plantation restored some hope, as we discovered how the cooperative benefitted farming families, and delivered a high-quality product throughout the rest of the world.

Although there were many other experiences to speak of, this trip affected us in untold ways, whether it was through the joy present in all those we met, participation in a new culture, or even just inspirational sights and sounds we all sensed. Such trips are worth far more than resort vacationing, and will leave you with a lived experience that cannot be easily forgotten. In the future, I hope many are as fortunate as I to have similar eye-opening experiences.

My first *prison visits*

STORY BY Ernest Anamalu

VISITING STONY MOUNTAIN PRISON changed my perception about incarcerated life. Not only did the visits expose me to life in prison, but it also gave me opportunities to interact face-to-face with inmates. The warm welcome by the inmates clearly contrasted the stereotypical view that outsiders have about them.

Prior to this experience, I have not had contact with anyone who has been incarcerated, so my view towards them was the same as every other person. The simple notion is that prison is where people with no conscience, who are brutal and inhuman are constrained. Yes, this might be the case, but the reality is I have learned that inmates are like everyone else: friendly and charming.

We made two visits to Stony Mountain Institution. On the first visit, I remember walking along the hallway of the prison yard heading to the chapel for mass, my heart was palpitating heavily. Despite having been oriented briefly, the thought of meeting monstrous folks filled my head and the possibility that a fight might break out, or I might be verbally abused made me fearful. As we settled in the chapel waiting for the inmates to come for mass, my heart was still beating quickly.

Then along came the prisoners, trooping in with warm smiles on their faces. My heart began to relax, and finally the mass began. While we were singing from the Catholic hymn books, I realized that some of them know the songs by heart. At the end of mass, we started conversing with them from which I learned many important lessons. Our topic of discussion ranged from sports (Winnipeg Jets) to their lives and faith in God. Most of them still trust God and believe they will regain their freedom one day.

For the second visit, we had a full day retreat with them. I was more relaxed and eager to meet them. Two priests, one Anglican priest from Winnipeg and the other Catholic priest Fr. Eduardo from Venezuela gave speeches. Their speeches were well spaced with 20 minutes of group discussion and reflection after each homily. The discussion mainly focused on love of God for everyone, faith in God and striving to do well in life. During the discussion, we learned that sometimes people do things out of ignorance or greed, which adversely cripples their ambitions. Finally, we had the opportunity to eat lunch together, which was still unbelievable to me given my initial view of them.

I realized while leaving the prison that my heart and face were full of happiness and smiles, especially every time I remembered jokes made by the inmates throughout our discussions and their hospitality. I also realized they like interacting with volunteers from outside prison, since it is a way to make them feel as though they have regained their freedom. Personally, it has been one of the best experiences I have had and I really thank God for this wonderful opportunity through SPC. Since then, I have tried my best to pray for those incarcerated. I can't wait to go back again!

They are victims too

STORY BY Emeka Okeke

BEING A PART OF THE PRISON MINISTRY PROGRAM organized by campus ministry has made a significant positive impact in my life. It is an experience I will trade for no other. For one thing, each time we conclude a visit and the prison doors slam behind us, you can't but appreciate the gift of freedom that you have and the breath of outside air feels a little bit more awesome. More importantly, I have learned a lot about not passing judgement on others—a phenomenon which is prevalent in our society.

Prison inmates are considered by society as criminals who are undeserving of human kindness. But for us volunteers, we see them as human beings before we see their crime. We also see their reality that most of the prisoners are victims too. Statistics show that 84% of prison inmates were abused as children.

Consider the story of Francis (not real name). Francis has been in and out of prison twice, and is currently on parole. As he tries to live a normal life, he talks about being a victim of child abuse having been adopted by foster parents. In his words, "My house was basically a crime training ground." Having irresponsible parents who did not show him the right path sent him to prison for the first time at the age of 18 for car theft. After being sent to prison for a second crime, Francis is grateful to prison volunteers for not judging him for his mistakes, and is now making an effort to be a responsible individual.

The story of John (not real name) is even more intriguing. John finished his prison sentence and was released. But after being out of the prison for two days without finding any love and care, he voluntarily applied to be taken back as a prisoner and has been incarcerated for three decades.

According to Rev. Rudy, such stories make you realize evil is abundant in our society and can have a universal impact. Whether it is considered slight such as parental irresponsibility or criminal such as murder, the harmful effects resonate for a long time, even a lifetime. Our duty as responsible citizens is to speak and act against evil. Prison ministry gives students the opportunity to make a difference in the life of an inmate by lending them the gift of a listening ear and opportunity for positive interaction.

Shane, who is a volunteer, was trying to make conversation with an inmate and asked if he is expecting any gifts this Christmas. She was touched when the inmate replied, "You are my Christmas gift." Such is the phenomenal and priceless life changing interaction that students can experience.

We learn from them, they learn from us. We show them someone cares about them and most importantly, we follow the teaching of Christ, "...when I was in prison, you visited me." So if you are thinking of volunteering, consider joining prison ministry.



STORY BY Lucy Apuugum

I HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY of working with students from all over North America at this year's Pax Romana 2012 United Nations (UN) Study Session in New York. Pax Romana is an international movement of Catholic intellectuals uniting Catholic and Christian students from over 80 national associations and federations from six continents. Founded in 1921 with the aim of promoting peace and justice at the global level, it helps in the holistic formation of post-secondary students around the globe, and has as its main mission the evangelization of students.

As a non-governmental agency since 1949, Pax Romana, through the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS), represents Catholic students within the church as an international association of the lay Catholic faithful with a special relationship to the Pontifical Council for the Laity at the Vatican. Inspired by Jesus' teachings and Gospel values, IMCS encourages students to live spirituality in action, linking faith, intellect and service for others through prayer, reflection and action on issues at all levels of society.

The theme for this year's UN Study was "Student Activism and the Eradication of Poverty." An intensive three-day experience from March 14-16, we discussed strategies and actions around the eradication of poverty. There were about 20 Canadian university students and 15 American students, mostly Catholic with multiethnic backgrounds. The first day of the study session (through the Melkite Catholic Church) featured a presentation from a youth ambassador named Francis Dubois. He gave an opening address on the issues of poverty eradication and what the UN office is doing to eradicate poverty.

The following morning, we volunteered at Emmaus House in Harlem—an active, ecumenical, Christ-centred non-profit organization serving the poor. Harlem was considered to be one of the most unsafe places to live in the United States because of its crime rate. However, the government made many changes which have resulted in a reduced crime rate. During our community service, we learned about its founder Fr. David Kirk, an Orthodox Christian priest. On our last day, we went to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (Vatican).

I realized that to eradicate poverty, the first step involves getting to know people by learning about their history and why they are in that situation. When we do our homework properly, we can begin to work at solving the problems. To bring an end to poverty, it is everyone's responsibility. We also have to change how we relate to the less privileged by seeing the help we offer not just as a humanitarian duty but as a Christian duty. Finally, we should live simply so others may live.

Thank you to those who supported my attendance, especially financially through Denis C. Bracken's office and the Melkite Church. The experience provided me with an opportunity to learn about the UN from a faith-based perspective.

“International Students & the Meeting of Cultures”

STORY BY Sr. Elaine Baete

PHOTO BY Siri Kousonsavath

AT THE REQUEST OF THE VATICAN, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invited the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM) to send delegates to the III World Congress on Pastoral Care of International Students held November 30-December 3, 2011. The event was hosted by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

The topic “International Students & the Meeting of Cultures” covered the following themes: culture and the Gospel, the meeting of cultures and the negative and positive impact on the faith and values of today’s young generation, and the need for and difficulties of a specific pastoral care of international students. There were opportunities for sharing in small groups, and questions and comments were taken during plenary sessions.

Challenges facing international students were presented by international students. Globalization has created a greater movement of populations, and youth seek a better education while their countries are in turmoil. This can put a great stress on them psychologically, spiritually, financially, and culturally. While universities offer wonderful learning opportunities, they may foster a marketing and utilitarian approach to attracting students that subordinate the ethical to the technical, and the spiritual to the material aspects of their lives.

At the same time, there is an absence of funding in programs that would support these students at all levels of the university and church structures. Culture has always played an important role in the shaping of faith and values. If the Gospel does not fully penetrate culture through identity, dialogue and creativity, human beings—especially young students—will not be empowered to reach their full potential. The technological and information revolution is a major factor in globalization and migration, but also creates a new form of impoverishment through the haves and have-nots.

Among the insights gained at this congress, the one most neglected seems to be the lack of empowering students to see themselves as a significant resource to their cultural and political homeland after completion of their studies. The other concern is how to advocate for students to be better prepared before they arrive in their host countries. Campus ministry must include this aspect as part of the hospitality process because how students leave has a profound influence on how they arrive.

The gospel and golden rule of love provide the basis for a universal culture of pastoral care, and this can be found in diverse ways in all the major religions and cultures. Since youths are key factors in the dynamics of migration and globalization, reference to their faith can be a point of stability in the midst of change. We must support them while appreciating the meeting of cultures in the common pursuit of truth. Lastly, they appreciate collaboration in taking on leadership, being mentored while being given freedom for their creativity, and taking responsibility. They are not just future leaders but they are present members of the church, and want to share in its fullness now as agents of change for the common good.

At the end of this congress, we were encouraged to pay attention to how home cultures prepare their students to integrate with their host culture before their arrival, and begin advocacy work with university international student offices, campus ministries and diocesan authorities. It is important to put common strategies in place to foster a culture of returning as resource persons and not be a “brain drain” to the home country. We were also advised to develop a perspective of migrants and international students as integral to social justice programming and community development ministry through collaborative projects with different non-government organizations that have national and international platforms.

We had the honour of being received by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on the third day of the congress. During this audience, he encouraged all in the service of pastoral care by affirming the gifts they bring given the diversity of their cultural origin, as good for the church and for all of humanity, as well as the opportunities encountered in their host country. The final document that resulted from this congress is posted on the Vatican website (www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants) and has been sent to bishops’ conferences around the world and those in higher education.

Thank you to those who supported Sr. Elaine’s participation in this congress, especially financially: SPC, donors, and those who assisted with fundraising. An invitation was extended in February 2012 to SPC students to discuss the content of this document.



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In spring 2012, the Development and Information Offices led SPC's first online communication survey. SPC was impressed with the quantity and quality of feedback received. Below are a few highlights:

How much of "From The Belltower" magazine do you read?

Generally all of it – 45%

Read some – 40%

Don't read it at all – 15%

What is your overall evaluation of "From The Belltower" magazine in terms of the quality of the content?

Very good – 38%

Good – 37%

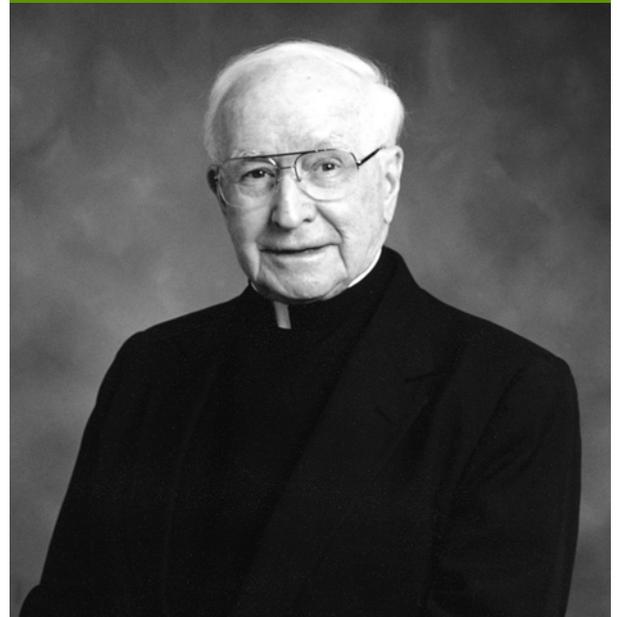
Fair – 25%

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STORY BY Jim Blanchard



FR. HAROLD DRAKE, SJ LIBRARY AT SPC has an outstanding collection in Catholic Studies, and new books are constantly being added to reflect the unfolding story of the Catholic faith. Many new titles have been published, for example, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II; Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library has purchased a number of the most important ones. Check the library's website for the new books list: libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/drake.

But a library is not just a collection of books. People are what make the Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library a central and essential service for SPC's community and the university at large. If you visit the library any day or evening during the winter term, you will be amazed at how many students are filling the space, studying and working on their assignments. The recent renovation of the library has greatly expanded the number of electrical outlets, a major factor for our students today, almost all of whom carry around a laptop. It also improved the lighting which made the library brighter and cheerier.

Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library is a quiet place to study. It is not really necessary for staff to enforce this, the students know it is quiet there and come for that reason. Today's academic libraries are seldom very quiet because our students, products of a K to 12 system where classes work

in groups, like to study in groups, talk to friends about their assignments and multitask while they are working. But there are times when they want a quiet place and the library offers that.

The staff is experienced and student-centered; they give the library a friendly face. Students know that Bill Wsiaki and Barb Unger like youths and are good at helping with their questions and problems. The same goes for the library's crew of sessionals who look after the place in the evenings and on weekends.

With the Catholic Studies program experiencing a great increase in enrollment and International College of Manitoba students, the graduate students from the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice and undergrads, both college members and nonmembers, coming in to study and asking for help, the place is hopping.

Remember that the U of M Libraries has an external borrower's card (\$50 a year) for the general public. The library's collection includes many items that might be of interest to parish study groups, or individuals who are simply interested in Catholic issues, history and thought. Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library has been and continues to be a vibrant and useful part of life at SPC.

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Siri Kousonsavath



IN MY MANY YEARS OF WORKING IN AN ACADEMIC LIBRARY, one thing has never changed. Final exams stress students to near breaking point. I hear their comments repeated like a mantra: "I'm so scared," or "Just one more to go," and "It feels so good to be done!" Spring term had finished and already I was missing the students. It truly had become, albeit temporarily, the "quiet zone" like the sign reads on our entrance door. The books had been returned and were resting silently on the shelves, awaiting eager minds to rediscover them. Feeling pensive, I paused to reflect.

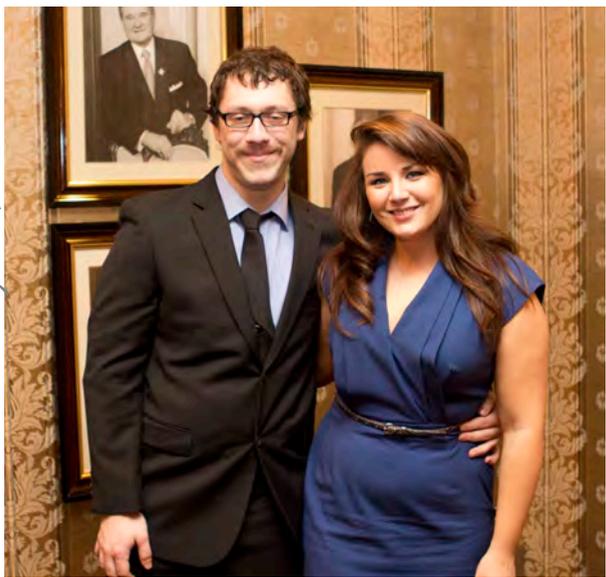
I can't imagine our library without students; they come from near and far. Some come from countries where unspeakable horrors have occurred. Cultural differences and language occasionally pose challenges. Some are just beginning their academic studies, while others are working on advanced graduate degrees. Many spend a lot of time here. We offer them a comfortable study space, assistance and friendship. For a while, we are their home away from home. Regularly, there are handshakes, high fives and smiles. Occasionally, there are tears. I hear about home life, relationships, ambitions, instructors and courses. Most often I hear, "this is a great library."

Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library is supported by the U of M Libraries. It has a well-rounded print collection, ready access to scholarly online resources, a cozy group study corner, dazzling green space, new lighting, improved access to plugs for electronic devices, new security system, new reference desk, as well as a newly created relaxation space with attractive leather chairs and coffee table. The chairs were purchased through the Fr. Drake Memorial Endowment Fund, and the coffee table was funded by the Libraries. Many students have enjoyed this newly created space. It is the quintessential spot to relax, browse our new books and current journals, or have a quiet discussion with a friend.

However, in addition to the wonderful physical enhancements in our library, carrying on the tradition of quality service begun years ago by Fr. Harold Drake is a small complement of experienced staff. Fr. Drake would go to great lengths to ensure a student had the necessary resources for an assignment. He was our librarian and a spiritual man who cared greatly about others. Decades ago, I recall checking out some books for a student while Fr. Drake stood nearby. Outside, it was raining heavily. When he heard that the student needed to get across campus, he told her to meet him by the belltower and offered to drive her to her destination. I have never forgotten this and his other acts of kindness.

Today, we continue to do our best to help students when they come here with assignments in hand. At a minimum, if resources are located elsewhere, we point them in the right direction. We are a part of the college community whose mission, goals, values and ethos serve to guide students to have fuller and more meaningful lives while studying at the university, and most importantly, beyond graduation. These students are our hope for the future. They are "trailblazers" as the U of M refers to them. Like Fr. Drake, we care about our students, want them to do well in their studies, and make a difference in the world. As campus roars to life again, so begins another lifecycle with the students.

Government House Reception for Scholarship Recipients > February 28, 2012



A photograph showing the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M., on the left, presenting a scholarship certificate to Grace Kankindi on the right. They are standing in a room with wood-paneled walls, a Canadian flag, and a framed portrait in the background. The Lieutenant Governor is wearing a dark suit and a purple tie, while Grace Kankindi is wearing a striped blazer, a black skirt, and high heels.

Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba the Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M.

Grace Kankindi

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International student is grateful recipient of new scholarship

STORY BY **Grace Kankindi**

I AM GREATLY HONOURED, THRILLED AND GRATEFUL to have been selected as the first recipient of the Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M. and Family Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship has pushed me to work harder, concentrate more of my time on studying, and continue my involvement in activities at SPC.

The college's community is truly a good community of faith and support to students, especially international students. In his own words, the Honourable Philip S. Lee said during a reception at Government House honouring the college's 2012 award recipients: "The supportive and encouraging atmosphere created by St. Paul's Colledge helped me to feel at home thousands of miles from home."

I remembered when I first arrived in Winnipeg. It was in winter 2010, and it was very cold. I felt like I was not going to make it. The culture was new and at first, it was hard to blend in. As an international student from Rwanda, I was raised in a Catholic family. So, I wanted to find a community of faith where I could feel at home, and I found that at SPC.

I have volunteered as a reader and fulfilled other roles during Sunday masses. I have held different positions such as secretary and treasurer for the local Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA), and I am the student development and peace representative at SPC. Last October, I attended the CCSA Western Regional Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia and have been involved in many other activities such as the African Mass.

SPC is truly a supportive and caring environment, a place where I have made many friends; where I feel welcome and at home. Currently majoring in biosystems engineering with a specialization in environment, I hope to become an environmental engineer, finding solutions to environmental issues. Receiving this scholarship encourages me to continue helping people.

Making global connections in Cuernavaca, Mexico

STORY BY **Claudia Müller Morán**



SUNNY BEACHES, CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER, and a margarita in hand. These are common images one might conjure when thinking about Mexico, but beneath the glamour and the glitz the real Mexico is hidden. This was the Mexico Sr. Elaine Baete, Manila and I, as representatives of the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM) experienced in May 2012. Our mission was to “See, Judge and Act” with the Holy Spirit in our hearts, Jesus at our feet and God at our side.

Our seeing part began on our first real day in Cuernavaca. It started out in a squatter development close to downtown. We were recruited to help with the breakfast program at the local community centre. For five pesos each, children come with their families to eat breakfast. Speaking with some of the mothers, we learned that before the program started, many of the children would go to school hungry. Now, they may go through the day with breakfast to fuel them, and the lucky ones will get a second meal or a snack. The community centre has grown to be a place where they offer several programs including self-esteem workshops for women, mini workouts for the elderly and early year’s stimulation exercises for little ones.

We were led to Dorothea’s house: a humble single-room (divided by a hanging bed sheet) home. Our task was to help clear away dirt, make cement and bring in the blocks that would create a fourth wall (now only pieces of carton) officially dividing her house from her neighbour’s. We began asking questions about her life and learned that she, along with her three children, left her abusive husband and worked downtown selling bottled soda pop on the street.

We had guest lectures from different people, and learned about how an indigenous person from Guatemala had to flee his country during the war in order to provide for his family. After arriving in Mexico with just the clothes on his back, he started making a living by selling handmade crafts. As the political situation stabilized in Guatemala, he began to bring back Guatemalan patterns and colours to his work and sell something different than traditional Mexican crafts.

When Guatemala was experiencing civil unrest, El Salvador was also enduring hardships. A woman came to talk about how she and her husband feared for their lives and their two babies. She gave horrifying accounts of random military searches in her community, brutal mass murders, nights spent in the mountains and in prison with no communication to loved ones, and losing those she loved most.

Our final lecture was on the topic of immigration between Mexico and USA. After watching a short film about how it has become more difficult to cross the border, the great lengths people go through to cross was absolutely jaw dropping. Women are at even greater risk for sexual assault by their male guides or fellow border crossers. We were privileged to hear accounts from two women: one had a husband who left her and their three children to find a better life in the states.

She had to stay at home with no work and raise a family without a father figure for her children. The other woman had to struggle through racism and discrimination in order to earn a living. As the women told their stories, you could see the pain, sorrow, joy and fear they felt. In the end, both women could not leave their beloved Mexico but hope their children will have an easier time going through life.

On one of our days there, we were fortunate enough to have an expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe come and tell us about her story. Starting at the beginning of Aztec legends, we were taken back in time to the era of Saint Juan Diego and to that fateful day when the Virgin appeared to him and the sequence of events that resulted after her first appearance. At the end, we were educated on the various symbolisms surrounding Our Lady of Guadalupe’s famous depiction and all of the scientific procedures (NASA was part of the investigation) applied to Saint Juan Diego’s cloak to authenticate it.

Our second step of the mission was to judge what we had seen using the Ten Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We gathered as a group and discussed various ways Mexican people are not experiencing social justice. A daily salary is 60 pesos, which is not even six Canadian dollars. Have you ever tried to buy groceries for your family with \$30 a week? With \$120 a month, could you pay your bills, rent, buy food, clothes and medication? Our basic human rights in Canada entitles us to shelter, food, water, and a minimum wage.

The Millennium Development Goals document was developed to address key issues in the world and have every country reach these goals in five years. Upon our deliberation, we applied the ten principles which include no decisions based racism or sex, and dignity, peace and justice for all. With our critical eyes, we analyzed what we had learned during our time in Mexico. How can beautiful sandy beaches exist in the same country where there is so much injustice for the majority of the population?

Lastly, we devised an action plan to do our part in helping this nation. Since we had come from different parts of Canada, our action plan consisted of how we, as individuals, could make a difference. We talked about getting more accessible drinking water to places that do not or rarely have any. We thought about ways in which we could open the eyes of people back home who are oblivious to the real hardships that people face in other places around the world.

Cuernavaca was an enjoyable city to experience the Mexican way of life and see all of the old colonial churches and buildings. Everything was within walking distance and easily accessible from the center. You may think that in order to participate in this social work program, you have to study social sciences but that is not true. As a microbiology student, I went to see how these people actually live. What you learn will both shock and inspire you.



“All You Need is Love”

STORY BY Grace Kankindi & Sr. Elaine Baete

ON OCTOBER 28, 2011 SR. ELAINE JOURNEYED with Grace Kankindi, a biosystems engineering student at the U of M and SPC member, to St. Mark's College, University of British Columbia for the Western Regional Conference that occurs every second year. The national conference is held in between the regional conferences which brings together Catholic students from Manitoba to British Columbia. Uniting Catholic students across Canada is a way of helping students to become aware there are other students who want to live their faith. Held October 28-30, the theme for this conference was “All You Need is Love.”

Although mid-term may be bad timing due to exams, the fact that 52 students and six campus ministers participated was a good turnout. After the opening evening prayer and a presentation about the Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA), Archbishop Miller of Vancouver spoke on the encyclical Caritas in Veritate followed by a light reception, then Praise and Worship in the college chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, our host families picked us up for a good night's sleep.

On Saturday morning, we gathered in the Parish Church St. Casimir of the Missionary Oblates in the poorest postal code area of Canada, East Vancouver. Fr. Ken gave a short talk which was followed by a witnessing by Glen, who shared his experience about recovering from addiction. That was followed by applying the contents of the document through volunteering at a Catholic soup kitchen, cleaning litter in that impoverished area, or preparing for a children's Halloween party with a social services group.

For Grace, this was a completely different kind of conference because it allowed us to be exposed to the hard reality of life in Vancouver—aside from seeing the scenic mountains between the clouds! And so, Grace describes her experience:

I spent the whole morning with other participants of the conference cleaning the streets of the downtown east side. By doing this, I learned that the residents who live in the area—the ones that people tend to avoid—are just as normal as us. They just need care, and someone to listen to and love them. I met people who would stop and thank me because of the small gesture I was doing by cleaning the streets. It meant a lot to them that people would take time on a weekend and clean their streets.

We also spent time with a high school teacher doing a theological reflection of what we learned. This teacher spends time with his students regularly at a community centre by serving food to residents in that area. Hearing stories from these people made me realise that this is the kind of love that we as humans need to share with one another, the kind of love that God has for each one of us, the kind of love that can change someone's life.

There are so many things that I learned from this experience that I would not have learned from classes or books: being a good listener, caring for others, sharing love...It was a great opportunity to meet with other Catholic university students and share our experiences. I would encourage everyone, especially youths, to participate in this opportunity so they can come to know and love God and his creatures.

The latter part of the Saturday afternoon involved a CCSA executive meeting in which students were elected to be representatives for their campus on the national level. This was followed by a simple banquet and a coffee house where students and campus ministers provided entertainment, mostly music and singing. Sunday morning involved campus sharing and a closing mass. Afterwards, we departed for home, grateful for this gathering which strengthened our faith with the youthful energy of the students!

Thanks to all those who contributed financially towards this experience for Grace and Sr. Elaine.



Campus Ministry *Year in Review*

BY Sr. Elaine Baete



THIS YEAR, THE CAMPUS MINISTRY TEAM consisted of Fr. Michael Koryluk who has now completed his second year of ministry at SPC; Eliude Cavalcante, assistant campus minister; Ben Sellick, director of music ministry; Luke Cruz Tamayo and Lucy Apuugum, peer campus assistants, and Sr. Elaine Baete, director of campus ministry.

The year began with the wonderful news that as a member in good standing with the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM), SPC Campus Ministry partakes of the canonical status that was granted by the Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops in May 2011.

Like the Catholic Women's League of Canada, which is the only other canonically recognized group in Canada, it affirms our credibility in local, national and international forums with recognition of meeting the fundamental criteria of ecclesiality as listed in Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici*, No 30: "the primacy given to the call of every Christian to holiness; the responsibility of professing the Catholic faith, the witness to a solid and authentic communion; conformity to participation in the church's apostolic goals and a commitment to a presence in human society." The recently developed model for Comprehensive Catholic Campus Ministry in Canada is affirmed with this approval and invites the collaboration of other groups and organizations in ways that the gifts of many can be used to build up One Body in Christ.

While some of the longstanding, traditional activities of Catholic campus ministry continue, such as the popular Stony Mountain Prison Ministry program and coffee houses, some events are new. In collaboration with St. Boniface University, 18 students and three campus ministers along with Archbishop LeGatt of St. Boniface went on a one-day pilgrimage retreat called "La Montée" to the Trappist Monastery near Holland, Manitoba on September 17.

The local CCSA has been established for another year. On behalf of this group, Grace Kankindi attended the October 28-30, 2011 Western Regional Canadian Catholic Students' Association Regional Conference at St. Mark's College, University of British Columbia.



The community of faith that gathers regularly in Christ the King Chapel welcomed new members to the community through the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Three students asked for baptism at the Easter Vigil, and two members requested completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. Thanks to Kathy Brost and Fr. Michael who helped in preparing these neophytes with weekly gatherings and dismissals at Sunday mass in a way that helped us appreciate our faith more fully.

As a board member for CCCM, Sr. Elaine was one of four campus ministers selected to attend the III World Congress on the Pastoral Care of International Students organized and hosted by the Vatican in Rome from November 30-December 3, 2011. Thirty international student delegates, including two from Canada (Victoria, British Columbia and Toronto, Ontario) spoke about their experiences.

On the second Sunday of Advent (December 4, 2011), Fr. Michael organized a Barn Mass hosted by the Giesbrecht family near Niverville, Manitoba. Thanks to the hospitality of this family, numerous students and friends gathered for this celebration that enlivens our anticipation of Jesus' birth in a stable. Many students were delighted to visit a Canadian farm!

Three groups took initiative to celebrate our faith in their culture and language. Hispanic students organized a mass on December 11, 2011 in the spirit of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We were happy to have Fr. Eduardo Soto, SJ be a part of this event, which was followed by a potluck reception and piñata game in Hanley Hall.



For the second consecutive year, African students organized a mass on January 29. Assisted by student Tino Marova from Zimbabwe, Fr. Michael met the challenge of proclaiming the gospel in Shano. Filipino students also organized a Filipino Mass and potluck reception on February 12. Fr. Michael was coached by student Rhoneil Victor de Leon to proclaim the Gospel in Tagalog. These events surely fit in with the Vatican Congress of "International Students & the Meeting of Cultures."

Sr. Elaine participated in the 2nd National One Body in Christ Roundtable with post-secondary students from January 31-February 2 at the Toronto School of Theology. This gathering brought together representatives from national Catholic movements and organizations that engage Canadian university and college students as a way of promoting dialogue and collaborative outreach in keeping with the Comprehensive Campus Ministry Model.



On the heels of this event, campus ministry participated in the nationwide Catholic Students' Week celebrations by volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest (February 4), preparing food for those in need. Other events included the Rite of Acceptance for the RCIA Inquirers (February 5), who then became Catechumens, and the Byzantine Divine Liturgy (February 8) presided by Fr. M. Smolinski, C.Ss.R. Several students involved in campus ministry, who also are part of the Culture for Life pro-life movement helped organize a successful Christ, Source of Life Conference at the college that same weekend.

Students Lucy Apuugum and Evelyn Mayanja along with Sr. Elaine attended the March 14-16 United Nations Study: Student Activism and the Eradication of Poverty in New York. Organized by Pax Romana for the International Catholic Movement of Students and therefore the CCSA (as a member of Pax Romana), this event explored the multifaceted issues surrounding poverty throughout the world.

The ecumenical and interfaith dimension of campus ministry continues with regular meetings and gatherings for events of the University chaplains with students. SPC hosted

the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer on October 4, 2011 in Christ the King Chapel, and the World Day of Prayer on March 1. Students and campus ministers participated in the bagel drop-in event at the University Centre held in mid-October and the annual P&B Jam Volunteering for the Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg on March 9.

Social justice faith-based awareness experience was gained through the Cuernavaca Global Connections Trip in Mexico. SPC student member Claudia Müller Morán travelled with Sr. Elaine and other students from St. Mary's University College, Calgary, University of Alberta and University of British Columbia to the Cuernavaca Centre for Dialogue on Development from April 30 to May 11. What was seen and heard was enhanced by lectures from professors on socio-economic, historical/cultural, spiritual and religious issues, field visits to historical sites, and visits to homes and squatter villages.

Outreach and volunteer activities included helping to build part of a house for a poor family, working at a compost center set up by a social worker and his base Christian community, and hosting poor children from La Estacion for a craft, games and pool day of recreation at the retreat site. Going there to learn from them is a "reverse mission" effect challenging us to change aspects of our lives that bring us to greater solidarity with our brothers and sisters who struggle for a more dignified life.

Weekday and Sunday masses continued in Christ the King Chapel until June 24 inclusive. The campus ministry team took a holiday break during the summer and resumed in mid-August to welcome new students and members to the campus community with the conviction that God's blessings on our endeavours never cease.





Sr. Cyril Mooney, IBVM

Spreading rainbows of smiles

STORY BY Fr. David Creamer, SJ

AS PART OF THE U OF M'S 133RD ANNUAL SPRING CONVOCATION, Sr. Cyril Mooney, a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto), received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2012. SPC's Rector Denis C. Bracken read the citation which extolled Sr. Cyril for her distinguished, even revolutionary public service as an educational innovator and activist in India.

Recognized around the world for her work, Sr. Cyril was elected to the prestigious Ashoka Fellowship in 1990 and in 1994, she received UNESCO's NOMA Award for spreading literacy. In 2007, the President of India honoured her with the Padma Shri Award, the government's fourth-highest civilian honour. Mother Teresa is the only other foreign recipient. The U of M's tribute keeps company with Sr. Cyril's 2010 Honorary Doctorate in Education from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland and the honorary degree she received in July from Liverpool Hope University in England.

Sr. Cyril arrived in Canada from India to participate as a featured storyteller at the 7th Annual Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival (May 8-12, 2012). Sponsored by the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, the festival is a free cultural event; unique in the world because it is dedicated to storytelling for the advocacy and support of peace. No stranger to the festival, she had been a storyteller in 2009 when stories related to her work at Loreto Day School Sealdah were a highlight. This time, she partnered with Monique Saigal (a Holocaust survivor who had been a "hidden child" in France during World War II, and first recipient of the Dr. Philip Weiss Award for Storytelling for Peace and Human Rights) by speaking to school groups in the Fr. Vince Jensen Theatre at SPC, the Millennium Library and two local middle schools.

In the first two weeks of July, Sr. Cyril was the featured presenter on "Alternative Approaches to Education in a Changing World: Human Rights and Social Justice in Action" during a Summer Institute at the U of M's Faculty of Education. School teachers in the innovative Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education (PBDE) program were inspired by her compelling life story and extraordinary work at Loreto Sealdah, as well as encouraged and challenged by her wise, intellectually stimulating, and pragmatic instruction.

For seven years now, as part of the U of M's Extended Education Summer Session, I have offered a Field Study course in India designed for teachers in the PBDE and undergraduates in the Catholic Studies program. Our intensive three weeks (Delhi, Agra, Darjeeling, Kolkata, Varanasi) include three inspirational days with Sr. Cyril (a long-time friend) and her school community. Student journals and course evaluations rank Loreto and Sr. Cyril as the highlight of their experience. Comments like, "the Rainbow children brought tears to my eyes;" "I don't think I'll ever forget Sr. Cyril," and "I want to go back for more," are typical.

Loreto Day School doesn't look like a school from the outside and it is easy to pass it by as you walk along AJC Bose Road near the Sealdah Railway Station. Moving through the battered green gateway, you enter a bustling, child-centred, holistic educational experience. With the arrival of Sr. Cyril Mooney as Principal in 1979, the school (founded in 1847 as an exclusively upper class private school for girls) opened to the poor. Since then, Loreto's doors have been open around the clock and the once exclusive enclave has been transformed into a model for equality-based educational change in India.

Each year, half of the 1,400 day scholars are from families which pay full tuition fees but the other half of the girls are from among the poorest families in Kolkata slums or nearby villages and pay no school fees. Defying age-old boundaries of caste, class, religion, and prejudice, the girls make up a cohesive, cooperative, and caring student body. If this was the extent of Loreto, it would be a remarkable achievement, but the “day school” is just one aspect of Loreto Sealdah. It is also a kind of laboratory for teacher training and a center for community development offering several programs and initiatives, which combine to touch the lives of tens of thousands of the poorest of the poor in Kolkata.

Situated across from the busy Sealdah Railway Station, an estimated two million of Kolkata’s teeming mosaic of humanity, many of them children who live in the streets, pass by Loreto’s open school gates each day. Initially, street children came for food and a brief respite. Welcomed, despite their dirt, tattered clothing, and lack of manners and language, they have been embraced in love by all members of the Loreto community who have learned, with an extraordinary confidence and grace, to live well beyond their natural comfort level. At any given time, about 250 of these often battered street kids (Loreto’s Rainbow Children) call the school their home.

These Rainbows maintain their area of the building on the former roof, help with food preparation and clean up, and receive an education. But that is not all. When Loreto heard about elderly widows who had been abandoned by their families in the Sealdah Station, the street-smart Rainbows were enlisted to bring them food. Expanded now into a program that includes other train stations and streets, box lunches are delivered by Rainbows who take time with these ladies who have little human contact, to sit, eat and chat as if they were their grandmothers. You will not be surprised to learn that Sr. Cyril and her supporters have already constructed two residences for those women who are willing to move into them.

The Rainbows are a representative sample of the children who are touched by Loreto’s outreach initiatives. Sr. Cyril is proud of the fact that all day scholars aged 10 and higher are also teachers.

Armed with teaching theory and techniques, they are able, in just seven minutes, to set up portable schools anywhere and begin their lessons. Many of these “teachers” have a 90-minute period set aside each week to teach in the Rainbow Program on the school’s converted roof, while others travel to surrounding villages one Saturday a month as part of the school’s Rural Child-to-Child Education Program. During their time at the school, U of M students marvel at the poise, skills, and rapport these girls have as they attend to the dozens of eager kids (and adults) who arrive to be taught by them.

Loreto’s Barefoot Teacher Training Program is based on the principle that only a small part of teaching involves knowledge of educational theory (shoes), and so it focuses on experiences (feet)—practical teacher training in the same proven primary school methods used in Loreto. These trained youths are assigned to one of 400+ “schools” without classrooms in Kolkata’s slums (reaching 30,000 kids).



Loreto students from class five onwards are trained to find hidden domestic child labourers (“slaves” in many cases) in their housing complexes and neighbourhoods, and to intervene, help and teach them. It is a sad reality in parts of India that desperate parents who can’t even feed their families (especially in rural areas) will accept an arrangement whereby one of their children (even as young as six or seven years old) goes to work as a domestic labourer in the city in exchange for money. Generally forced to do heavy work over long hours and endure beatings, these children are grateful for the Loreto girls who offer some measure of

protection as well as friendship, and in many cases, access to education and occasional outings.

Education for societal transformation is at the heart of the Loreto enterprise, and Sr. Cyril is Loreto’s heart. Winnipeg students are always touched to discover that late each evening before returning to Entally convent, she hugs each of the Rainbow children. Grateful for the embrace they receive each August from Loreto Sealdah, many U of M students burst with pride at their alma mater’s recognition of Sr. Cyril’s work with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.



Monique Saigal
Professor and storyteller



Kent Suss
Professor and storyteller



Ian Ross
*Métis Canadian playwright, actor,
educator, and storyteller*



Sue Proctor
Clown and storyteller



James Queskekapow
Cree storyteller



Joe McLellan
*Storyteller, writer,
and educator*



nereO Eugenio
Spoken word and hip hop artist

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Siri Kousonsavath
(except for Monique Saigal,
Ian Ross and Sue Proctor)

STORY BY Jessica Senehi

never give up. *be yourself.*

THESE WORDS FORM THE REFRAIN OF A SONG that singer/songwriter Noma Sibanda wrote based on messages written by 500 middle and high school students on slips of paper during the 7th Annual Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival (WISF) held May 9-12, 2012. These messages were written at the end of a day of storytelling and problem-solving workshops at the U of M. Noma Sibanda kept these statements to create a song, which was performed at the Saturday Night Storytelling Concert.

This group of students heard from Muuxi Adam, who survived war in Somalia; Sr. Cyril Mooney, an educator from India who is an advocate for the poor; Monique Saigal, who survived the Holocaust as a child; Faiza Hargaaya, who shared a spoken word poem about finding her voice; Noma Sibanda, who tells stories with songs; and nereO Eugenio who shares exciting spoken word poems about his mother from the Philippines and the power of language.

Students met in the Investors Group Athletic Centre where they identified social issues that concerned them, and ways of addressing them. Sessions were co-facilitated by Peace and Conflict Studies graduate students and others; 18 facilitators represented 12 different countries. At the end of the problem-solving sessions, students anonymously shared their good intentions and messages on slips of paper that were shared with the others in the group, and which later became the basis for Noma Sibanda's song.

This day of student activities was called "Storytelling for Humankind" because the event celebrated schools who had participated in a new local non-governmental organization called Humankind International. Co-founded by Muuxi Adam and others with the goal of building schools for early childhood education in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, they hold over 400,000 people—more than a quarter of whom are under eight years old.

These sessions were part of an overall school program that encompassed 114 events and more than 6,500 seatings, and included storytelling in English, French, and American Sign Language. WISF featured storytellers from outside Manitoba including Tetiana Bielousova from Ukraine, Noah Buccholz from New Jersey, and Monique Saigal from California. The festival engaged more than 25 regional storytellers, among them David Burke, nereO Eugenio, Faiza Hargaaya, Dora Maendel, Jock Martin, Lisa Martin, Joe McLellan, Duncan Mercredi, Sue Proctor, Ian Ross, and Kent Suss.

A highlight of the festival was a Deaf Storytelling Program, which for the first time had a Deaf Storytelling Night featuring David Burke and Noah Buchholz. The program was organized by David Burke, Deaf Literacy Program, Red River College; Charlotte Enns, Faculty of Education, U of M; Manitoba School for the Deaf; and Manitoba Association of Visual Language Interpreters. The Deaf Program also included an American Sign Language Interpreter Workshop led by Noah Buchholz titled "How to Lose a Client in 10 Days" as well as deaf storytelling workshops and performances at the Manitoba School for the Deaf as part of the school's Networking Day festivities.

On May 8, WISF was kicked off with the 1st Annual Dr. Philip Weiss Award Dinner for Storytelling for Peace and Human Rights. To honour the late Dr. Philip Weiss, this event was held at the Qualico Centre in Assiniboine Park. Dr. Weiss was an untiring human rights educator and author of *Humanity in Doubt* (2006). For over two decades, he shared his compelling personal story as a survivor of the Holocaust to tens of thousands of youths.

The first recipient of the Dr. Philip Weiss Award was Monique Saigal, who is a Professor Emeritus at Pomona College and author of *Héroïnes françaises 1940-1945. Courage, force et ingéniosité* (editions du Rocher, 2008). We would like to thank the Jesuits of Manitoba, SPC, Asper Foundation, Aikins MacAulay and Thorvaldson, LLP, and Murray Palay whose support made the inaugural dinner a reality.

Storytelling programming occurred at several locations throughout the city: Living Prairie Museum, Millennium Library, SPC, St. John's College, Investor's Group Athletic Centre, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Aqua Books, and Deaf Centre Manitoba. Storytellers also visited different schools throughout the festival.

Several public events were held, including a Spoken Word Concert at Aqua Books, Stone Soup Café at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Chiga Biga: A Storytelling Workshop for Children, and a Saturday Night Storytelling Concert at Fr. Vince Jensen Theatre, SPC.

WISF is grateful to the leadership of the following organizations for their support: The Winnipeg Foundation, Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, Marjorie and Morley Blankstein Fund, Assiniboine Credit Union, Albert El Tassi, Sargent Blue Jeans, International Center, Centre for Oral Communication and Culture, Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies, and St. Andrew's College.

WISF seeks to nurture the art of storytelling in Winnipeg, explore the role of storytelling for peacemaking, and promote student voice as critical for creating and maintaining a culture of social justice and human rights. Storytelling is at the heart of peace because it is through understanding others' stories and personal experiences that we can find mutual understanding across chasms of culture and difference in order to envision a shared future, and move together to create it.

Making the Difference

BY Lisa I. McCausland

THROUGHOUT THIS PUBLICATION ARE PICTURES AND STORIES of students, alumni, volunteers, faculty, and staff actively engaged. Some are pursuing academic goals, while others may have already completed those theoretical aims. There are those who are involved in the college because of their Catholic faith eagerly participating in interreligious dialogue, and are motivated to building peace.

St. Paul's College is a place they call "home." A home is more than a building or a place; it is a refuge where a healthy environment for mental, emotional, and spiritual security, well being and comfort is created. The college provides this atmosphere critical for students, who during their formative adult years, need that important stability.

As the Catholic college in Manitoba, St. Paul's College is deeply rooted in the Ignatian tradition. Based on that ideology, its leaders have created an environment that has special meaning to individuals and cohorts. It may be Christ the King Chapel, Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies, the common area near Belltower Café, Hanley Hall, benches by the front garden with St. Francis looking on, Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library, and for newer members, the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. These places are a source of ease and strength for its patrons.

In spite of market instability in recent years, the St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. has been able to support student members and its core program. The Foundation is a source of confidence for the college's future. Gifts are given to the Foundation because of its community members. Friends and neighbours are those who have also made a strong commitment to be active caretakers. In 2011-12, the following grants were gifted to the college:

General Fund (student aid and program funds) - \$127,395

Endowment Fund (student aid and program funds) - \$103,515

Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice Fund (program funds) - \$150,000

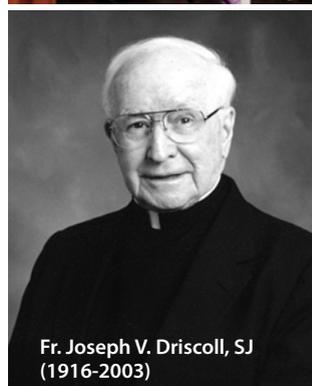
Total Gifts: \$380,910

Scholarships, prizes and bursaries are highly valued awards for student members. Not only do academic awards augment a student's portfolio, they also help offset the cost of their education. Members who received scholarships in 2011-12 were treated to a reception at Government House hosted by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba Philip S. Lee and Her Honour Anita Lee. In 2010 His Honour established "The Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M. and Family Scholarship" and its first recipient was international student Grace Kankindi.

We Build Brighter Futures



The Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M.
with 2011-12 Senior Stick Richard Jung



Fr. Joseph V. Driscoll, SJ
(1916-2003)



College members Grace Kankindi
and Claudia Müller Morán in front
of Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library

Several student members are participants in the Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Laboratory (NEBAL). The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba assisted one of these students with their learning experience on a recent excavation in Israel. Located near the common area, NEBAL is managed by associate member and professor Haskel J. Greenfield and research member Tina Jongsma-Greenfield. Updates on their progress can be found on: facebook.com/stpaulscollegfoundationinc.

Foundation members are grateful for support from Audrey Hemmons (1913-2011) to the Driscoll Legacy Society, who left a planned gift for the Foundation. Her demonstration of faith and generosity will continue as a lasting legacy for students involved in campus ministry. Fr. Driscoll, SJ believed planned giving was a way to ensure future students would benefit from their alumni's generosity. Membership into the Driscoll Legacy Society is inclusive to donors who have made a commitment in their estate plans to the Foundation.

The Foundation is grateful to all those who support our efforts to create new opportunities and experiences for our students. Thank you for helping to build brighter futures!



Locate our Lost Alumni & Friends

Do you know where we can find:

Janice G. Richardson 1972 BA, 1975 Cert. Ed.

Andrea E. Labelle 1983 BMus (Perf.), 1996 BEd

Chad T. Anderson 1999 BComm (Honours)

Dr. Leah Dettman 2002 BSc, 2006 MD

If you have information about our lost alumni and friends,
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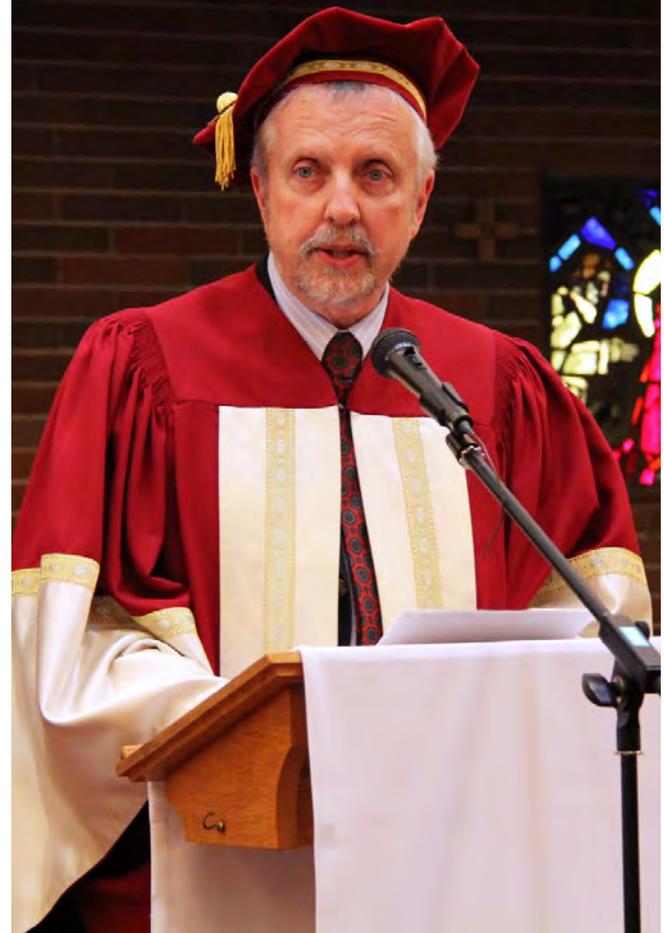
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Thank You, Denis C. Bracken!



St. Paul's College Foundation Inc.
wishes to thank

Denis C. Bracken for his service as
Rector from **2005-2012**.

We look forward to hearing about life
in Dublin, Ireland.

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Congratulations on your appointment

St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. congratulates **Christopher J. Adams, PhD** on his appointment as **Rector of St. Paul's College.**

We look forward to working with him to build a brighter future for the college's community here in Manitoba and around the world.

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Building Projects 2012

BY Randall Kinley



Institutional Infrastructure Transformation

In the past year we have made considerable progress in developing and renovating the college. The following is a list of those projects:

Belltower Café Renewal

- In consultation with students and the SPCSA, plans for a major cafeteria renewal are underway. We expect this project to be completed by August 2013.

Building Improvement and Safety Upgrades

- Preliminary planning is underway for a major college window replacement project.
- Flooring was replaced in room 228.
- Various lighting and light fixture improvements have been achieved throughout the college.
- Fire door magnets were installed throughout the college.
- The exterior door to the cafeteria courtyard was replaced.
- Beam repairs were completed in the Kelly Wing.
- Metal grates at the southeast entrance were replaced as the previous material was quite slippery in winter.
- Repairs to roofing material were made.
- Most corridors and stairwells were patched and painted.
- Ceiling tiles in room 127 were installed.
- Window caulking and frame repair to some windows was done.
- The furniture in the Larry Desmond Lounge was repaired and recovered.

Chapel Upgrades and Repairs

- Miscellaneous roof repairs including repairs to three leaking skylights were completed.
- The interior of the chapel was painted.
- The interior lighting of the chapel was upgraded to energy efficient CFL bulbs for better, more consistent and energy efficient lighting.

Classroom Upgrades

- The Fr. Vince Jensen Theatre flood damage repair work (carpeting, replacement of podium) was completed.
- Rooms 225 and 229 were patched and painted, and existing curtains and rods were repaired. New desks were installed in room 229.
- Room 305 was patched and painted, and new whiteboards were installed.
- Room 316 was patched and painted, light fixture covers were upgraded, new whiteboards and window coverings were installed, and new furniture was installed.
- Rooms 322, 325 and 329 was patched and painted including an accent feature wall for consistent aesthetics between each room, and new whiteboards and window coverings were installed.



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Siri Kousonsavath

SPC staff Mariann Rodriguez
lends a hand during Campus
Beautification Day

Exterior Enhancements

College faculty, staff and students were involved with planning and coordination of Campus Beautification Day (May 24, 2012) initiatives to enhance the aesthetics of college property.

Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library Improvements

- Lighting throughout the entire library was replaced.
- An upgraded security exit was installed.

Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Laboratory (NEBAL)

Rooms 144 and 144B

- Phase 1 development was completed.
- Phase 2 development is underway.
- Phase 3 is now being planned.
- Funding of this project was provided by the University of Manitoba.

Other Improvements to College Services

- Vending services were reviewed. A contract with Aramark to supply snack and coffee vending services in the cafeteria commenced as of September 1, 2011.
- The information technology (IT) container capacity was doubled for college staff.
- A centralized "shared services" IT support model was implemented for college faculty and staff.
- Centralized classroom scheduling was implemented by the Registrar's Office in consultation with the Rector's Office.
- The food services contract for management of the Belltower Café was reviewed and renewed.
- The facilities use contract and room rental rates were reviewed and updated.

These projects were accomplished with support from the student members, SPCSA, SPC Alumni and Friends, and University of Manitoba.

Cheers to your achievements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rennie and Allison Zegalski are happy to share the arrival of their daughter Charlotte Zegalski, 7 lbs 11 ounces, who was born in November, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

Maureen Flaherty, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies
Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace & Justice*

Heidi Malazdrewich

Assistant to Artistic Director of Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival

Rev. Luis M. Melo, SM

Full-time position at Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican (effective October 1, 2012)

Hamdesa Tusso, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies
Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace & Justice*

AWARDS & GRANTS

Jeremy Beller

Received \$500 grant for a SPC student member to participate in an archaeological excavation with Professor Greenfield (see below).

Haskel J. Greenfield

In association with Bar-Ilan University in Israel, he received a \$2.7 million grant from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to conduct research on the "Nature of Early Urban Neighbourhoods in Southern Levant: Early Bronze Age Excavations at Tell es-Safi."

Moti Shojania

Outstanding Achievement Award:
Chair of Winnipeg Arts Council (2011-2012)
Arts Celebrating Arts - recognizes achievements of Faculty of Arts students, faculty members, support staff and alumni (September 14, 2012)

Bob Smith

Excellence in Teaching Award from University 1 students

BOOKS

Loleen Berdahl, Christopher Adams, and Greg Poelzer
First Nations Candidacy and On-Reserve Voting in Manitoba was published online in 2011 by the Manitoba Institute for Policy Research.

Mary Louise Chown

Now I Know the World Is Round: Stories at the End of Life. Art Bookbindery. 2011.

Maureen Flaherty

Peacebuilding with Women in Ukraine. Using Narrative to Envision a Common Future. Lexington Books. 2012.

Klaus Klostermaier

Hinduism, Audio-Book, Bolinda, 2012:
Der modern hinduismus und die soziale Neurdmung Indiens im 19. And 20. Jahrhundert, Akademiker Verlag, Saarbrücken 2012.

Jessica Senehi and Sean Byrne

VIOLENCE: Analysis, Intervention and Prevention. Ohio University Press. Paperback. Spring 2012.

Khalida Syed

Through White Noise. Autonarrative Exploration of Racism, Discrimination, and the Doorways to Academic Citizenship in Canada. Sense Publishers. 2012.

CERTIFICATION

Sr. Elaine Baete

Certificate of Recognition, Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (May 2011)

DOCTORATE

Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ

PhD in Educational Administration (fall 2012)

RETIREEES

Shirley Bibeau

Administrative Assistant

Don McCarthy

Philosophy Professor

Desmond Walton

Computer Science Professor

Congrats grads

144 SPC Members Graduated from U of M
2012 Convocation: May 29, 30 and 31

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA GOLD MEDAL

Leo Jerome Cortens – Engineering

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM MEDALS

Caroline Anne Dubois

Arts General Degree

Stephanie Lynn Berrington

Arts Honours Degree

Matthew Alexander Kulasza

Electrical Engineering

Leo Jerome Cortens

Mechanical Engineering

Cheryl Veronica Sobie

Honours Degree, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth & Resources

OTHER MEDALS

Mark Andrew Hearson

Doupe Memorial Gold Medal

[second highest standing in fourth year course in Civil Engineering]

PRIZES

Katherine Elizabeth Anne Davidson

Certificate of Merit AAPD Predoctoral Student Award
[outstanding student in field of Dentistry for Children]

Samara Christine Preun

Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba Award
[high standing and an interest in pursuing a career in professional financial management]

Mark Andrew Hearson

Colonel Edward Churchill Prize
(scholarship in core subjects and electives related to engineering management, fourth year Civil Engineering)

Caroline Anne Dubois

Jean and Joseph McCombe Prize
[highest cumulative GPA in Bachelor of Arts (General) program]

Stephanie Marie Zirino

Alexander McIntyre Prize in Education
[scholastic achievement and leadership in final year of Bachelor of Education program]

Katherine Elizabeth Anne Davidson

Martin Nevile Award

[high academic standing in pediatric dentistry and a demonstrated high level of care and judgment in treatment of pediatric patients]

Matthew Alexander Kulasza

J.J. Schumacher Memorial Prize

[highest standing in power option subjects in fourth year engineering]

Stephan Joel Kosowski

Dr. Alvin Shinoff Award

[a graduating student in dentistry who has developed outstanding treatment plans in General Practice Clinic]

Alix Michele Kendall

Minor Keith Wilson Award

[good academic standing and active participation in faculty and/or university community by a student graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree]

Master of Arts (Joint Master Program)

Jordan Leslie Bass
Jennifer Florence Rutkair

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Matthew James Bengier
Matthew Regan Carvell
Kyle Matthew Daniel Derkson
Daniel John Guezen (*1st Class Honours*)
Emma Margaret Joan Hughes
Michael Kontzamanis
Duncan James Marguire (*1st Class Honours*)
Shauna Gerry Zinnick

Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)

Stefania Alexandra Campanelli
Chantal Meghan Jacques
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Kristina Danielle Peters
Zbigniew Strycharz

Bachelor of Arts

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Angelina Maria Cristina Constantine
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Keaton Andrew Thomas

Master of Natural Resources Management

Lubna Yeasmin

Bachelor of Arts in Geography

Julia Cristina Martin

Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences

Erik Andre Rowson

Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

Eric Raymond Phillip Mellick

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Inder Partap Singh Ghuman
Jeffrey John Havixbeck (*1st Class Honours*)
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Maambo Pwaatu Mujala (*1st Class Honours*)
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Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical)

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