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## From the President's Office



This year two of our very significant funding and academic relationships are in the process of renegotiation. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Colleges that comprise the Toronto School of Theology and the University of Toronto was completed and passed by the governing bodies of each College as well as the University of Toronto. Our Collegium reviewed and passed this agreement at our June meeting. This revised "MOA" incorporates not only financial obligations but also incorporates academic obligations many of which arose during the recent UTQAP review of the Toronto School of Theology.

The over arching principles of the Federation Framework Agreement "FFA" which govern the College Division are in place for a ten year period. However, a review of the financial package was mandated after 5 years. This review began earlier this

year and is now in process. As Federated Colleges, Trinity, Victoria and USMC work collaboratively on these negotiations. I expect that the details of this renewal of the FFA will be presented to the Collegium early in 2015.

We are also engaged in negotiating contract renewals with our three unions – UTFA, USW and CUPE. As of this writing, all of the negotiations remain "in process".

In keeping with our intentional focus on the "student experience", this summer we focused on Student Services and the re-shaping of Brennan Hall into a Student Services Hub. The second floor of Brennan now houses the Dean of Students, the Assistant Dean, Residence Life and the Residence Operations Co-ordinator. The Assistant Dean, Campus Life remains in her office on the first floor of Brennan adjacent to the Lounge and

SMCSU Offices. Many other aspects of the building were also refreshed.

As the two large condo buildings and 19 town houses take shape on what was once the USMC Tennis Court, we are reminded daily that we need to attend to our own destiny as it relates to the U of T "East Campus Plan". Tracy Greig, Director, Facilities, Project Management, & Procurement, has led the entire USMC community in developing (with our consultants) a Campus Plan for USMC. I look forward to bringing this vision to the Collegium later in the Fall, for your discussion, input and support. This type of planning will enable maximum return on the dollars that we have available to spend on maintenance and renewal.

Our Faculty of Theology moved in early June to its new home on the third floor of the Muzzo Family Alumni Hall. On September 17, 2014, the Faculty hosted a well attended open house and Blessing of their new home. You are most welcome to visit.

Congratulations are in order for Victor Dodig who was named President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of CIBC's Board of Directors in

September 2014. CIBC's gain is our loss. Victor's new responsibilities do not allow his continued Collegium, Investment Committee, and Golf Committee Membership. We are grateful to Victor for his great support of USMC.

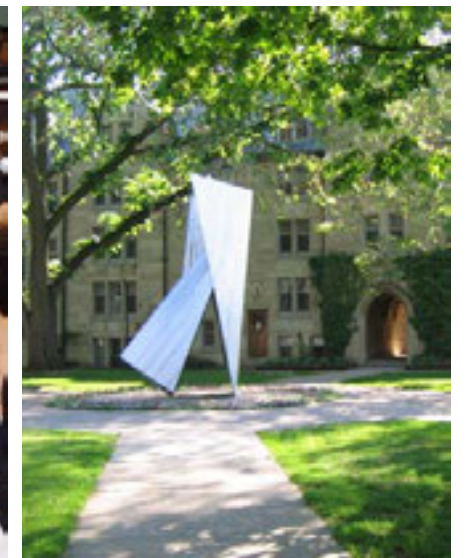
Congratulations are also in order for Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. Pope Francis has appointed Dr. McQueen as a new member of the International Theological Commission for its 2014-2019 term.

At our Annual General Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 we will welcome several new members to the Collegium. As we do so, we also express the great gratitude of the USMC community to our past Chair and Vice-Chair, Hugh MacKinnon and Cathie Brayley as well as Collegium Members, Gino Scapillati and Gino Soave for their commitment, support and dedication to USMC over the past several years.

This new academic year will undoubtedly bring its own graces and challenges to USMC. The Mission of USMC is our touchstone as we begin anew.

*Anne Anderson, csj*

Anne Anderson, csj  
President & Vice-Chancellor



Teach Me  
Goodness,  
Discipline  
&  
Knowledge



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## Faculty of Arts & Science



“Every year in my work as Principal I follow a set of priorities, which I frame for myself and the Provost of the University of Toronto at the end of the previous academic year.” *Prof. Domenico Pietropaolo*

The priorities of the Principal’s Office for 2013-14 fell into two categories: (i) academic priorities, which concern the teaching and research missions of the College and the advancement of the Academic Programs of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences programs directed by the Principal, and (ii) campus life priorities, which concern all undergraduate students registered at St. Michael’s as well as College fellows and members of the resident departments, graduate as well as undergraduate.

In both sets of priorities the Principal worked, and continues to work, closely with representatives from all the constituencies concerned, including the Provost’s and the Dean’s Offices at U of T, all

divisions of the USMC administration concerned directly with the undergraduate division, the Registrar, the Chief Librarian, the Dean of Students, and various undergraduate student associations.

### (i) *Academic Priorities:*

The programs are all doing well. Enrolment has either gone up or remained at a steady state. The youngest program, Book and Media Studies, is also the most popular, with a total enrolment count of over 1,000 FCE. The curriculum has been enriched with a number of courses, in such areas as Christian Latin, research and service learning in social justice, research and community partnership in book and media, and others. This year division operated with a full-time faculty complement reduced by two (one in Christianity and Culture, the other in Celtic Studies), and a sessional faculty complement of 27. Christianity and Culture was scheduled for a UTQAP review this spring, but the review will now take place in October. The other programs (except for Cornerstone and CTEP) will all be reviewed in the spring of 2015.

*Galileo: Faith,  
Science & the  
Arts  
October 3-4, 2013*



*Edith Stein:  
Between Judaism  
& Catholicism -  
March 13-14, 2014*

All programs are active, though unevenly so, in generating extra-curricular events, including guest speakers, concert-lectures, workshops, and conferences. Christianity and Culture sponsored two conferences (one on Science, Faith and the Arts in Galileo, the other on Edith Stein between Judaism and Catholicism) and three concerts (each preceded by a lecture) on music as an expression of piety inspired by the rosary. Medieval Studies sponsored an exhibit (with two talks) on the Cathedral of Milan and a public lecture on the dissemination of Petrarch’s Secretum

in medieval Europe. The Book and Media studies sponsored a series of guest lectures by academics and prominent media representatives. The Celtic studies program sponsored, as usual, the richest series of lectures, a commemorative celebration of Seamus Heaney, and other events.

Still on the academic front, a Centre of Enquiry on Liberal Education and Social Justice was established, in accordance with one of the action items in the Principal’s strategic plan. Its main purpose is to provide a forum for an ongoing examination of pedagogical issues

<i>Program</i>	<i>Enrolment</i>
Book and Media Studies	323
Celtic Studies	80
Christianity & Culture	75
Medieval Studies	65
Concurrent Teacher Education Program	84
Cornerstone in Social Justice	39

central to our curriculum and to our mandate. The inaugural symposium was held on February 28, with good participation from a variety of disciplines and faculties, including the Faculty of Theology at USMC. The symposium will be a yearly event.

(ii) **Campus Life Priorities:**

There is now an emerging undergraduate research culture at St. Michael's College, and it is generating some excitement. In the past, undergraduate research did not figure in the teaching mission of the College, but the idea has been welcomed by many students and a few faculty members and fellows of the College, with considerable enthusiasm. This year we organized, in collaboration with the Research and Academic Skills Centre, which reports to the Principal, a large Undergraduate Research Forum, with considerable success, with projects in the physical and social sciences as well as the humanities. Three student associations organized, with support and mentorship from the Principal's office, undergraduate conferences, well attended by faculty members and seasoned scholars alike.

As part of the effort to intensify the undergraduate research culture, the Principal established a Research Initiatives College Fund, modest but sufficient for a couple of years. Its purpose is to support research projects that engage undergraduate students as junior research assistants. The program will be launched in September, in the hope that faculty members and college fellows will co-operate.

The "Mentors and Academic Peers (MAPS)" is a student mentorship program structured like an organization of academic dons. Operating with the support of the Principal and under the supervision of the Campus Life Co-ordinator, MAPS are senior students committed to helping junior students navigate through the specialized support services available on the St. George campus. This project has the effect of creating a sense of community and fellowship among the students. The project will be expanded in 2014-15 with funds from the Step Forward program of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

This year the Principal met on a regular basis with representatives from program-related student organizations at the College. The main purpose was to engage them in generating co-curricular activities, valid enough to go onto student records. At the same time, he wanted to enhance their sense of fellowship in the pursuit of campus life initiatives coherent with our mission. The groups to which the most attention was dedicated were the Celtic Students Association, the Book and Media Studies Association, Italian Studies Student Association, the Rabanus Group in Christianity and Culture, the Saeculum editor and staff, and the CTEP Student Association.

Over the years, many College Fellows have become disengaged from the College. To remedy the situation we embarked on a series of events designed chiefly, but not exclusively, for their benefit, or designed to be offered by Fellows for the benefit of students. Thus we had lectures and performances to which fellows were warmly invited, and events in which fellows were themselves the providers of mentoring services and public lectures, including an excellent sample lecture in biochemistry at orientation. Engaging fellows in College life is becoming easier, but there is still much to be done in this regard.

(iii) **Principal's Priorities for 2014-15:**

In 2014-15 the Principal will have nine priorities. The first four concern the teaching mission, the next two are in the area of student experience, and the remaining three are designed to enhance the undergraduate research culture at the College.

*Concerning our Teaching Mission*

- a) Negotiate a Memorandum of Collaboration with the Centre for Medieval Studies designed

to facilitate the appointment of senior PhD candidates as TAs in College courses, as part of their FAS funding packages.

- b) Expand the SMC One Program (Cornerstone in Social Justice) to cover the physical and social sciences. At the moment it is restricted to the humanities.
- c) Secure the partial repurposing of available endowments to make an appointment, possibly two, in Christianity and Culture, subsequent to the program's UTQAP review.
- d) Oversee the preparation of self-study briefs for the UTQAP review of Medieval Studies, Celtic Studies, and Book and Media Studies, scheduled to take place in the spring of 2015.

*Concerning Student Experience*

- e) Work with the President and the Dean of Students of USMC to create an undergraduate Student Services Division designed to offer a variety of support services to resident and commuter students.

- f) Establish the category of Junior College Fellows, inviting applications from graduate students in the Faculty of Arts and Science, who share our sense of mission, and who are willing and able to take part in formative campus-life activities organized by undergraduate student associations.

*Concerning the Undergraduate Research Culture at the College*

- g) Organize a one-day symposium on research projects by students and faculty as joint authors.
- h) Organize an undergraduate research forum, involving research mentors from among the faculty and fellows of the College, in as many disciplines as possible.
- i) Finalize a Memorandum of Collaboration, drafted in March 2014, with the University of Padua in the area of Medieval Studies. Identify and make contact with a suitable international partner for collaboration in Book and Media Studies, possibly in Germany.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

In the year 2013-14, the Principal also served as Vice-President (Academic) of USMC. A summary of non-confidential activities are:

- Established the Michaelmas celebration - with lectures, student events, alumni events, receptions, a lecture-performance on Shakespeare, and a public concert in St. Basil's Church around the theme of the Gloria.
- Organized campus-wide end-of-term concerts, on the themes of the Magnificat and the Stabat Mater, to mark the end of the first and second terms of the academic year.
- Oversight of the Library until December 20, 2013, and of the searches for a Librarian and for the Chief Librarian. Prof. Pietropaolo received from alumni Caroline and Alberto Di Giovanni and the Centro Scuola an endowment for scholarships and a yearly lecture on Dante, as well as a precious collection of books and iconographic materials called Casa Dante, housed in the Kelly library. The Vice-President is the officer to whom the Chief Librarian reported until September 2014.
- Re-established and oversight of the position of University Archivist and Records Manager.



*Shakespeare's Music - Sept. 28, 2013*



*A Concert in Celebration of the Feast of St. Michael's Sept. 28, 2013*

# Faithful & Creative Theology, Today & Tomorrow



## Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology is a founding member of the Toronto School of Theology and an Accredited Member of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. The Faculty offers nine degree and two diploma programs. We commit ourselves to the faithful and creative interpretation and articulation of the biblical, liturgical, theological, ethical, pastoral, historical and cultural dimensions of our Catholic faith for the sake of the Church in our world of today.



### FACULTY NEWS

This year we have had the good fortune of having Fr. Dr. Claude Monge, O.P. and Fr. Dr. Peter A. Spichtig, O.P. as Aquinas Visiting Scholars in the Faculty of Theology.

Dr. Monge holds a PhD in Comparative Theology of Religions from Strasbourg Catholic University. He serves as Invited Professor Theology of Religions at Fribourg University (Switzerland) and Invited Professor to Bologna Theological Faculty (Italy). Among his many activities during his time at the Faculty, he presented a public lecture for us on “Hospitality to Difference as Reception of God’s Embrace” on February 7, 2014.



*Dr. Claude Monge, O.P.*

Dr. Spichtig’s primary area of research is theological aesthetics and liturgical space. He is the Secretary of the Swiss Bishops’ Liturgy Commission; Director of the Swiss German-speaking Liturgical Institute; Co-editor

of the journal “Gottesdienst un praxis Gottesdienst”; Officer of the St. Luke Society for Art and Church; Regular contributor, Swiss Radio and Television.

Rev. Mario D’Souza, C.S.B., Ph.D. completed his five-year term as Dean of Theology in April, 2014. Fr. D’Souza will commence a one-year sabbatical leave on July 1, 2014. He will return to the Faculty on July 1, 2015 to resume his teaching and research as the Basilian Chair in Religion and Education.

Dr. Colleen Shantz has completed her Research Fellowship at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton University and returned to the Faculty on June 1, 2014. Her research explored “Changing Minds: Consciousness, Conversion, and Religious Identity”.

On June 17, the Faculty completed its move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Muzzo Family Alumni Hall. The new location brings us closer to other academic departments on campus such as the Kelly Library, the Toronto School of Theology (TST) and other TST Colleges. There will be an Open House in the fall. Students, alumni, USMC staff and other TST friends will be invited.

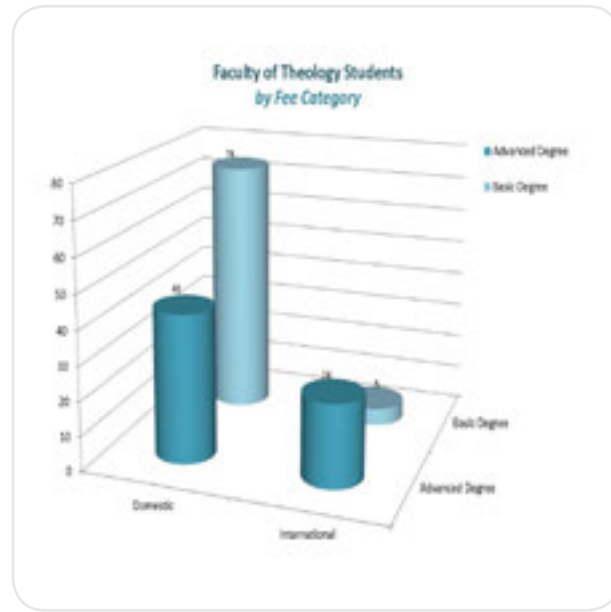
After rounds of meetings and discussion, the draft Memorandum of Agreement between the Toronto School of Theology, its seven member colleges, and the University of Toronto is now circulated for final approval by all parties. The formal signing of the new Memorandum of Agreement will occur in the fall.

### FACULTY ENROLMENT

The Faculty of Theology students come from all over the world, e.g., China, Ireland, Korea, Nigeria, Ukraine, United States of America, Vietnam, etc. with a total international student population of 25%. The Faculty has a 50/50 student gender ratio.

#### *2014-2015 Faculty New Admissions:*

Advanced Degree	Doctor of Theology	ThD	6
Advanced Degree	Master of Arts in Theology	MA	4
Advanced Degree	Master of Theology	ThM	3
Basic Degree	Master of Religious Education	MRE	7
Basic Degree	Master of Divinity	MDiv	1
Basic Degree	Master of Theological Education	MTS	2
Basic Degree	Diploma in Theological Education	DipTS	1



## OUR STUDENTS

Over the last academic year, our Student Life Committee remained active and planned different events to stay connected with one another. Events organized included:

- Day of Welcome BBQ
- Weekly Liturgies
- Epiphany Party
- Pancake Tuesday
- Pub Night
- Commissioning Mass
- Bowling

### Our Students continue to excel:

Mr. Michael Taylor Ross, a PhD candidate, was awarded the Toronto School of Theology’s “C. Douglas Jay Scholarship” this year. This scholarship was established by the Toronto School of Theology Board of Trustees in 1981 in honor of the founding Director of TST, Professor C. Douglas Jay. The Scholarship is

awarded to a TST advanced degree student who works in the area of Christian Social Ethics. Applications were judged on academic excellence and the quality of the research proposal.

Ms. Rachel Knight-Messenger, another PhD candidate, was awarded the Toronto School of Theology’s “Order



of St. Lazarus Bursary” this year. This bursary is awarded to an advanced degree TST student working in the area of ecumenism. Applications were judged on academic excellence and the significance of the student’s intended research.

Miss Sarah Trudell, a Master of Arts in Theology candidate, was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand

Bombardier Graduate Scholarship this year. The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate a high standard of scholarly achievement in their studies.

Two of our students will be receiving Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) this year, they are, Mr. Christopher Hrynkow and Mr. Brett Potter, both in the PhD program.

## FACULTY EVENTS

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Faculty presented:

September 19, 2013

A Public Lecture sponsored by the Faculty given by Dr. Amrutur Venkatachar Srinivasan with a response by Dr. Christian McConnell on the topic “Why Ritual? A Hindu Perspective”

November 2, 2013

The University of St. Michael’s College held their annual Convocation for the Faculty of Theology and the Continuing Education Division in the St. Basil’s Church. The degree of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* was conferred upon Dr. Robert M. Doran, S.J. and Dr. James K. McConica, C.S.B. Forty-three of the Faculty of Theology students received their degrees and diploma on this Convocation.

November 15, 2013

The Fourth Annual John Meagher Public Lecture was presented by Dr. John L. McLaughlin on the topic “You Have Been Told What the LORD Requires (Mic 6:8): The Biblical Demand for Justice”.

February 7, 2014

The Advanced Degree Student Association presented a Symposium titled “Dialogue: New Horizons for Embracing Difference”. The keynote address was made by our Aquinas Visiting Scholar, Dr. Claudio Monge, O.P.

Three of our PhD Candidates also presented papers.

Ms. Abigail Lofte – “Listening with the Ears of the Heart: Ecotheological Dialogue between Humans and the Rest of Creation”

Mr. Bishoy Dawood – “In the Image of God? Homosexuality, Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and Eastern Christian Theological Anthropology”

Mr. Brett Potter – “The Truth of Art as Dialogical Encounter: Theological Insights from Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu and Hans Urs von Balthasar”

March 13, 2014

Our Student Life Committee hosted a casual get together event titled “Sacred Spirits” whereby Professors Michael Attridge and Darren Dias spoke about the very eventful first year of Pope Francis’ papacy.

April 15, 2014

The 2014 Basilian Fathers Chair in Religion and Education Annual Seminar was held. Panelists included Professor Nam Soon Song, Rev. Dr. Darren Dias, O.P., Rev. Nicholas Obiero, C.P. and Rev. Dr. Mario D’Souza, C.S.B. Participants from several Boards of Education across Ontario were present.

May 26-27, 2014

Professor Michael Attridge through the Institute for Research on the Second Vatican Council in Canada presented a “Colloquium on Dialogue & Vatican II”. Presenters included: Dr. Thomas Reynolds of Emmanuel College; Dr. John Dadosky and Dr. J. Skira of Regis College; Dr. Angelo Cardita and Dr. Gilles Routhier of Laval University; Dr. Josephine Lombardi of St. Augustine’s Seminary; Dr. Catherine Clifford of St. Paul University; Dr. Stan Chu Ilo of Tangaza University College; Dr. Michael Attridge and Dr. Darren Dias of University of St. Michael’s College and Dr. Reid Locklin and Dr. Yiftach Fehige of University of Toronto.

June 25, 2014

The Faculty and the Dominican Institute of Toronto jointly presented a Public Lecture by Dr. P. Jacques Dupont, O. Cart on the topic “Être Chartreux Aujourd’hui”. His presentation brought the much needed insight of monastic life to our lives here in the city.

Quiet, Friendly,  
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Clean, Helpful,  
Convenient,  
Accessible,  
Welcoming, Safe,  
Resourceful



## John M. Kelly Library and USMC Archives

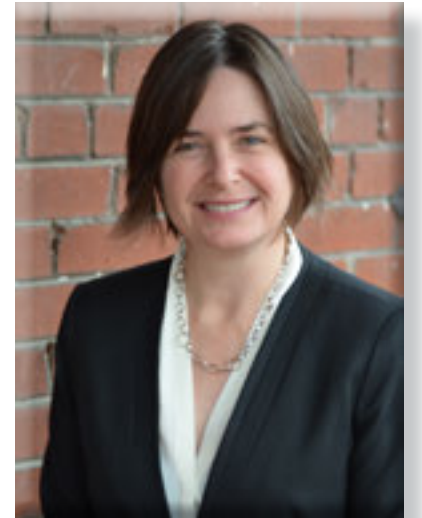


The John M. Kelly Library is the academic division that serves the curricular and extra-curricular learning and research needs of the University of St. Michael's College. It is an academic library of recognized distinction for the quality of its collections and its services, which have been at the cutting edge of the work of college libraries in Canada for a number of years. It is committed to building on its current level of excellence, operating as the learning commons of the University. It does this by judiciously and selectively augmenting its collections and by providing services that enable it to play roles of strategic significance in the teaching and research mission of the University. Operating within the context of the other academic libraries of the University of Toronto, the Kelly Library upholds the same principles of academic freedom that are endorsed by the University of Toronto. It primarily serves the students, faculty, and fellows of the University of St. Michael's College. The library, however, also serves the students and faculty of the Toronto School of Theology and of the resident language departments of the University of Toronto, and the larger scholarly community, particularly scholars with an interest in its unique collections.

On January 1, 2014, the University of St. Michael's College was pleased to welcome Ms. Sheril Hook to the position of Chief Librarian, J. M. Kelly Library. As Chief Librarian, Ms. Hook is Director of the Kelly Library and Archives.

Ms. Hook comes to St. Michael's from the UofT Mississauga Library and is active in the many leadership and administrative roles required of a member of the University of Toronto Library System. Ms. Hook's Library experience includes the University of Arizona, Main Library, the I.D. Weeks Library at the University of South Dakota and the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has teaching experience both in Canada and the United States.

In addition to her own active research and publication agenda, she serves as an Editorial Board Member for *Publications in Librarianship* and is in a second term as an Editorial Board Member of *College & Research Libraries*.



### OVERVIEW OF LIBRARY OPERATIONS

The Kelly Library is one of the busiest libraries on the St. George Campus. Each year the Library welcomes more than 400,000 visitors and circulates more than 125,000 items. Key services include book and DVD circulation, one-on-one research help for students, the *Personal Librarian* program, and the *Kelly InfoExpress* retrieval service for faculty. There are three departments in the library: Public Services, Technical Services, and Special Collections. The Public Services Department is staffed by five librarians and four library technicians. The Technical Services Department is staffed by one librarian, two library technicians, and one part-time processing clerk. The Special Collections Department is split into two areas—Rare Books Collection and Archival & Manuscript Collections. Rare Books is staffed by one librarian who splits his time between public services and rare books; Archives is staffed by one

archivist and one part-time archives assistant. Several part-time student assistants and work-study positions are used in all three departments.

### UPDATES

Over the past several months we have been working on developing a strategic plan to guide our fuller incorporation into the teaching mission of the College. We will continue with our ongoing strategy to build more intimate collaborations of librarians with the teaching faculty and to support student learning; we have begun to showcase our special collections on our website and through exhibits & lectures (find all future events listed on the USMC Calendar), develop our learning commons, manage our spaces for efficiency of use, and ensure that all of our librarians and full-time technicians have opportunities to learn in order to contribute new ideas for services that benefit our constituency.





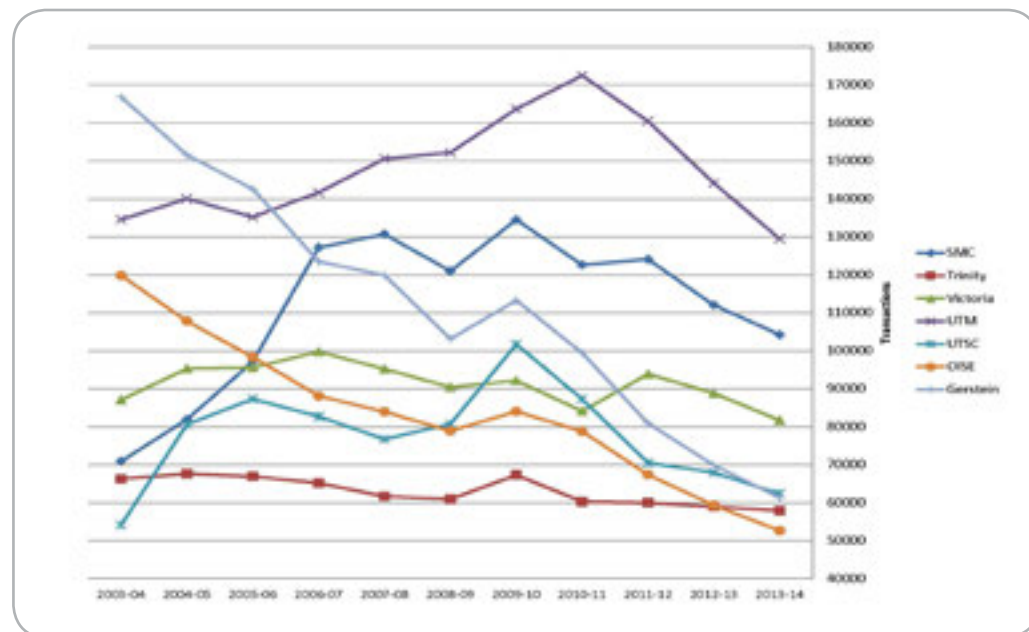
*Annual Circulation Transactions*

The Kelly Library carries out its mission through its *Circulating and Special Collections* and by means of its services, which define it as the *Learning Commons* for the University of St Michael's College. The art collection on the walls of the Kelly library continues to be enriched, as Father Daniel Donovan donates works on an ongoing basis.

The book collection continues to be heavily used. Though the overall decline in circulation at the Kelly

Library was the same as that of the overall University of Toronto library system (-7%), the circulation of our books dropped by a mere 1%. Our DVDs get far less use now, as compared to just a few years ago. This trend is in keeping with the decline of the DVD rental business (e.g. Blockbuster) as more and more users now get their video content online through services such as Netflix. We added more than 6,900 items to the catalogue this year.

*Annual Circulation by Transaction*



**MAJOR EVENTS**

Two of our significant events this year included:

*Kelly Library Fundraising Event (coordinated by Alumni Affairs & Development)*

Staff, students, faculty & librarians, and volunteers provided demonstrations and mini-exhibits for the fundraising event: *"Treasures of the Kelly Library."* Stations showcased early printed books, undergraduate

research in special collections, the Henri Nouwen Letter Project, rare book conservation in the Kelly Library, the printing press, and improvements to the library made with funds from Friends of the Library.

*Research Forum*

The St. Michael's College Undergraduate Research Forum was an opportunity for St. Michael's students and students in St. Michael's College (SMC) programs to share their research experiences, present research papers in the form of a poster presentation and develop presentation skills. The Kelly Library organized the event and provided workshops on the topic

of research culture and poster presentations for the participants. Over 50 students submitted proposals, 35 presented their research in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences and eight faculty members from SMC programs and Theology (including two SMC fellows) judged and provided valuable feedback to students.

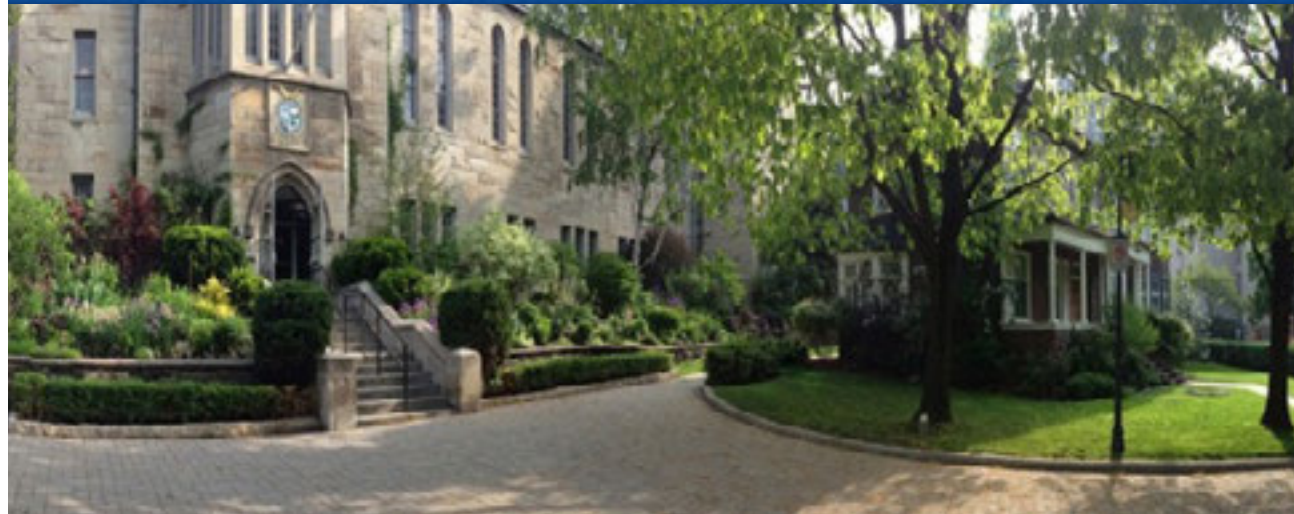


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# Expand Your Horizons

## Learning & Growing Since 1986



## Continuing Education Division



Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College provides ongoing education opportunities that support and enhance the mission statement of St. Michael's for alumni and members of the diverse communities that engage with the College. These communities are defined by their geographic location, their faith, their association through friends and alumni of the College, or through a unique interest in the offerings provided. Its mission is to actively engage alumni and friends in the life of the College and the job of learning.

The Continuing Education Division is pleased to report that the 2013 – 2014 General Interest Program saw a marked uptake in the number of enrolments this year. Some of this success can be attributed to the fact that the program undertook significant steps to improve the marketing of the Continuing Education offerings at St. Michael's, which some individuals fondly refer to as our best kept secret. Prior to courses starting, Continuing Education dropped a postcard invite and invitation to the local community, more than 5,100 pieces were dropped through Canada Post. The postcard advertised

the program and an Open House information session that was held on October 5. The Annual Catalogue was also redesigned to make it more user friendly and visually appealing. Program descriptions were also included in the eblasts sent out by the Alumni Affairs Department to all alumni and through Facebook and Twitter feeds. As a result Blue Card members actually increased over the previous years by more than 10%. As we approach our 30<sup>th</sup> year, it is heartening to know that people still value the humanities and continue to enrich their lives through life-long learning here at the College.

### 2013-2014 Continuing Education Stats

<b>Total course enrolments</b>	<b>1,011</b>
Blue Cards Sold	67
Offered 5 week courses	30
Offered Saturday workshops	16
Average class size 5 week courses	22
Average class size Saturday workshops	23

The course with the most visibility and popular appeal this year turned out to be our “Toronto’s Losing Sports Tradition” offered by SMC alum Larry Colle. As a change from his yearly “SMC Sports History” course, Larry decided to delve a little more deeply into the malaise that surrounds our beloved Maple Leafs, Toronto Football Club (TFC), and other teams who have set records for futility – often snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Not surprising, there were many like-minded sports fans prepared to give up their evenings to discuss the reasons why. Larry’s course caught on with the media as well - interviewed by Bob McCowan from *The Fan* and by the *Toronto Sun*, he was suddenly in demand. Given the upheaval at Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) and the recent

wholesale firing of the coaching staff of the TFC, Larry should have plenty of material for years to come.

Another popular series continues to be the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) exhibition preview courses offered by our resident art expert, Dawn Cunningham. Extremely successful Saturday workshops have been held on the “Revealing the Renaissance” and “The Great Upheaval” exhibitions. Students comment that they had a “wonderful day” and that “they can’t wait to go the exhibition – the experience will be richer now that they know what to look for”. We were also thrilled to have Professor Ann Dooley join our ranks. In addition to her duties in the Celtic Studies Department, she graciously offered to teach an extremely well-received course on Seamus Heaney. All-in-all, it was a good year.

We continue to offer Certificates in Youth Ministry, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Corporate Social Responsibility. Graduating at the November 2013 Convocation were seven individuals in the Certificate in Catholic School Governance, one individual from the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies, and sixteen individuals from the Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility.

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM (CSR)

“The St. Michael’s Certificate Program in CSR helped me build deep, meaningful and long-lasting connections: between the social, environmental and economic facets of CSR; between business, the community, and myself as an individual; and, most importantly, with the many like-minded individuals I met with a passion for CSR. I highly recommend it.” Mary Ann Kenney, Class of 2012, Manager, Corporate Responsibility Strategy & Reporting, Enbridge.

The CSR program at St. Michael’s was established at the University of St. Michael’s College in collaboration with the Conference Board of Canada in 2003, for more than a decade it has offered an average twelve registrants per cohort in an annual cycle of just over 12 months beginning in late October and concluding in early November of the following year. Actual contact time is divided into 3 modules for a total of 11 days of instruction and conversation on campus: 3 days in October; 5 days the following May; 3 days in early November.

During the 2013-14 year the program undertook an extensive external review, hiring the firm Sustainability Learning Centre. In this review Alumni, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Practitioners, Business Executives, Subject Matter Experts, Academics and Members of Civil Society were called upon to connect, listen and share their stories of the St. Michael’s College Corporate Social Responsibility Certificate program. Together we heard of the transformational nature of the current program and commenced a co-creation process for its future. Together we learned that St. Michael’s College CSR Certificate is unique. It is a step into a collective movement toward CSR/Sustainability, a way to see our challenges anew, and a set of practical tools we can use right now. A ‘refreshed’ program will be launched for the 2015-16 academic year.

# Distinguished Alumni: an Inspiring Example



## Alumni Affairs and Development



### DEVELOPMENT

The 2013-14 year was very successful in terms of fundraising, our Boundless Community Campaign surpassed \$30M (60% to goal). We also saw a 12.6 % increase in annual giving.

#### Major Gifts - \$25,000+:

This year we received a number of exceptional gifts at the \$25,000 and over level. The P. and L. Odette Charitable Foundation (2<sup>nd</sup> generation of the Odette Family), and an Anonymous Foundation both made special gifts to support the SMC One: Cornerstone program. We also received an important gift from Caroline and Roberto Di Giovanni and Centro Scuola Cultura Italiana-Toronto which will support three Centro Scuola Scholarships to be awarded annually to undergraduate students attending USMC who have achieved top marks in Italian Literature and Italian Language Studies, two for in-course and one for a graduating student. This gift will also support an annual Dante Lecture at USMC.

In addition to the alumni events organized by the Alumni Affairs team, fundraising-focused personal visits took place in New Jersey, New York, Baltimore, and the GTA. The team also held a series of one-on-one meetings with past volunteers to re-engage them in St. Michael's. The Development staff is working closely with Academic and Student Life Programs in cultivating relationships with donors/prospects.

#### Annual Fund - \$1 - \$24,999 (Direct mail, telemarketing, e-solicitation):

	Total Revenue (as of Apr 28)	Donor Count
<b>2013-2014</b>	\$913,000	1,542
<b>2012-2013</b>	\$884,297	1,571

This year U of T executed the direct mailing and telemarketing at the \$1-999 level for USMC while our team undertook the leadership mailings (\$1,000-\$24,999) in-house with personal follow-up. Although there was a net loss in the number of donors, it also showed an increase in revenue. Donors gave more when

they renewed their support due to improved donation forms. This year's program was focused on areas of greatest need.

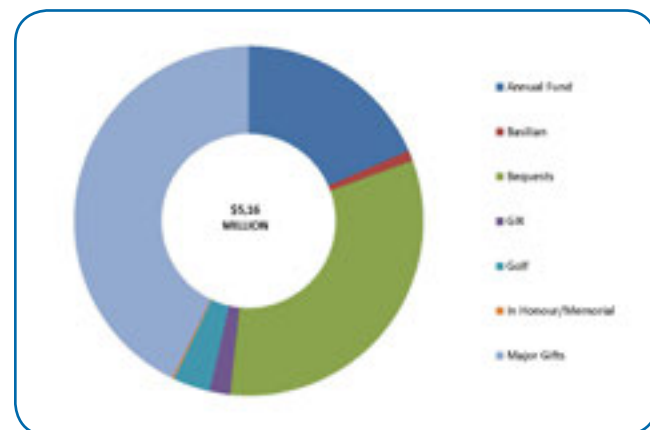
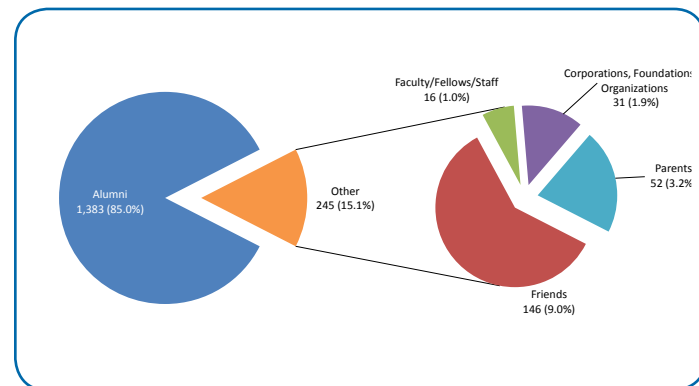
#### Planned Gifts:

The College realized some significant gifts through the Planned Giving program in 2013-14. Of note were gifts from the Estate of Ethelmay Sweeney which was designated to scholarships, the estate of Zella Josephine Leavey, which was designated to the Faculty of Theology, and the estate of Jean Vale, which was directed to improve accessibility on campus. The College also undertook to send out a planned giving awareness mailing that went out to all western years students in the U.S. and other prospects identified in partnership with U of T.

#### Stewardship:

The Development department undertook a number of significant projects to improve the stewardship of our donors including new donor recognition systems that were installed in Brennan Hall, the Historic Houses and the Kelly Library. The unveiling of the system in Brennan was part of the larger Feast of St. Michael celebration. Lawn signs were placed on campus to thank donors and to raise awareness among students. This year customized progress reports were developed for major donors who have given to specific programs. Formal recognition was made to planned gift donors, monthly donors and donors who have given for twenty or more years. Annual Stewardship activities included a thank-you call campaign by SMC students; and the Chancellor's Club and Vice-Chancellor's Club members thank-you event at BMO in June 2013. A student was invited to share the impact of donors' support on her life. The President's Report which included the Annual Donor Report, was made available in November.

USMC Designated Payments By 2013-2014 Fiscal Year	
USMC Divisional Department	Payments
Book and Media Studies	\$2,457
Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute	\$14,897
Celtic Studies	\$80,676
Campus Ministry	\$3,697
Christianity & Culture	\$141,457
Continuing Education	\$708
Facilities	\$16,665
Faculty of Theology	\$45,065
General *	\$798,258
Graduate (Theology) Student Aid	\$40,161
John M Kelly Library	\$28,022
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies	\$42,943
Presidential Initiatives	\$39,340
Cornerstone Initiative	\$416,120
SMC Medieval Studies	\$2,972
Undergraduate Student Aid	\$428,216
<b>Payment Total**</b>	<b>\$2,101,654</b>



USMC Programs	2013-2014
Annual Fund	\$952,306
Basilian	\$50,000
Bequests	\$1,666,279
GIK	\$99,217
Golf	\$175,861
In Honour/Memorial	\$8,925
Major Gifts	\$2,209,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,162,017</b>

## ALUMNI AFFAIRS

**Vision:** As lifelong members of the St. Michael's community, all our alumni are welcome and valued stakeholders, contributing to and benefiting from the College's achievements.

**Governing Objective:** Our objective is to double active alumni engagement over the next five years – using alumni volunteering, contact points and interactions as the metrics to measure our success.

### Three Strategic Priorities:

Addressing our first strategic priority to **enlarge opportunities for alumni to contribute to SMC** as volunteers, the Alumni team expanded its mentorship events, hosting the career round table twice a year and is exploring partnerships with the University of Toronto to work with its Briefcase to Backpack session. The Alumni Student Orientation brunch was launched. This new program invites Alumni and Young Alumni to meet with students and discuss their experiences at USMC. Developing an early awareness of Alumni and their key contributions to the College will engender a better understanding of the importance of remaining involved in the College. The Alumni also hosted an Alumni Student Convocation BBQ which was a huge success, again underscoring the importance of Alumni involvement in the College. This year the department also launched a Kelly's Korner Reunion Event, in conjunction with our Spring Reunion Celebration.

**Establishing a culture of engagement among students and young alumni** was identified as the second key priority of the Alumni Department. This year's activities included the launch of the newly formed Young Alumni Committee (YAC); this group

of young professionals is actively looking to increase engagement opportunities for alumni up to 15 years out. They have identified as their key area of focus: improving social media, developing a slate of events that will encourage youthful participation, and improving the information on the SMC data-base, especially our collection of email addresses for new graduates. The team is also looking at ways to improve coordination of events and outreach with SMCSU and the Campus Life Coordinator. This year has seen a marked increase in the level of co-operative events, hosted with the University of Toronto - including Young Alumni Shakers, Pub nights, ROM social events and mentorship appreciation events. Targeted partnerships with external organizations such as INSPIRE have also been identified as an area that can offer the department significant growth, and improve engagement opportunities for students and young alumni opportunities.

The third priority of the Alumni Department to **build positive regard for SMC through inspiring events, effective communications and outstanding services**, has been supported this year by the increased Facebook, Twitter presence and traffic – the Department is working to develop strategies with external stakeholders and experts to maximize benefits. The focus in the latter part of the year was on improving the number of people using the SMC LinkedIn group, a subset of UofT LinkedIn. Members of the team have been reaching out individually to people who have noted St. Michael's as their school to encourage them to join the St. Michael's site, changes to their status have been used to improve the data on our system. At the suggestion of the YAC, the Alumni Department has also been working to improve our presence on Twitter especially through the use of the Hashtag profile- #SMCGrad (see photo on inside front cover of this report).



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\*General Funds include Area of Greatest Need, and Funds Pending Allocation. Funds pending allocation will be moved as soon as the donor confirms their intent.

\*\* Payment Total does not include (OTSS) Matches from the government.

2013/2014 ALUMNI EVENT SCHEDULE			
Alumni Event	Date	Invited	Attendees
<b>2013</b>			
Perfect Pint – Annual Beer Event	May 8	Alumni and friends	Drop in
Spring Reunion (May 31-June 2)			170
Cl 63 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch & Mass	May 31	Alumni and guests	40
All Alumni Reception & Alway Award Presentation	May 31	All alumni, guests for Alway Award recipients	140
Celebration of Fr. R. Madden	June 1	Alumni and friends	60
Pre-dinner Cocktail Reception	June 1	Hon yrs & guests ends '3 and '8	120
Honoured Years' Dinner	June 1	Hon yrs & guests ends '3 and '8	120
Spring Reunion Mass	June 2	Alumni and guests	130
Spring Reunion Brunch	June 2	Alumni and guests	130
Spring Reunion Charles Foran Sunday Lecture			60
Presidents Circle Garden Party	June 24	CC & VCC members	
Parents' Orientation	Sept. 22	Parents of 1 <sup>st</sup> year students	550-600
A Taste of Continuing Education (CE open house sample courses)	Oct. 6	Alumni, friends, community members	Drop in
Spring Reunion Planning meeting	Oct. 23	Alumni (Year reps)	15
Boozer Brown – Alumni vs. Student Football Game	Oct. 26	Alumni, students & friends	30
Niagara Region Outreach, Winery tour	Oct. 27	Alumni & friends	35
Young Alumni Pub Night	Nov. 15	Recent grads, young alumni committee	Drop in
Santa Claus Parade Party	Nov. 17	Alumni and families	200
SMCU Career Mentorship Event	Nov. 19	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Students, Recent Alumni & Mentors	75
Fall Shaker Medieval Times (with UofT)	Nov. 20	Young alumni	
Friday Night Live at the ROM	Nov. 22	Alumni, friends, guests	Drop in
Annual Christmas Tea	Dec. 5	Alumni and guests	100
Alumni Association Meetings		10 a year	
Young Alumni Committee Meetings		10 a year	
<b>2014</b>			
SMCU Career Mentorship Event	Feb. 12	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Students, Recent Alumni & Mentors	50
Tour & Talk Series – Modern Masterpieces from the Guggenheim	Feb. 19	Alumni Association	11
Annual Lenten Twilight Retreat	Mar. 25	Alumni & Friends	73
Christianity & the Arts Lecture	Apr. 8	Alumni & Friends	200
Cressy Awards Celebration	Apr. 16	Award recipients, their families, faculty	
Perfect Pint	May 8	Alumni & Friends	Drop in
<b>Spring Reunion (May 30-June 1)</b>			200+
Cl 64 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch & Mass	May 30	50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Alumni and guests	40
All Alumni Reception	May 30	All alumni and their guests	160
Kelly Corner Reunion	May 30	All alumni and their guests	Drop in
David Mulrone Lecture	May 31	All alumni, friends and guests	75
Pre-dinner Cocktail Reception	May 31	Honoured years and guests	140
Honoured Years' Dinner	May 31	Honoured years and guests	140
Spring Reunion Mass	June 1	Alumni and guests	130
Spring Reunion Brunch & Alway Award Presentation	June 1	Alumni and guests	130
Convocation BBQ	June 4	Graduates and their families	
Presidents Circle Garden Party	June 24	CC & VCC members	



## Office of The Registrar and Student Services



The Registrar's Office is a central point of contact between the University of Toronto (U of T) and St. Michael's College (SMC) students in the Faculty of Arts and Science. It is often referred to as "friendly, one stop shopping" for the many questions and administrative issues which students have. This year the undergraduate student population (November 1, 2013) was 4801 and the 2013 summer count (June 30, 2013) was 1779 –a record!

The staff complement is eight full time assisted year round by a number of student assistants. Staff help bridge the gap between high school and university so that students may benefit as much as possible from the considerable services and opportunities available at the University of Toronto and at USMC. Advisors assist students in navigating the university and can be of particular help if students experience any difficulties (health, domestic or financial) which might have an adverse impact on their academic work. Students are assisted individually in person in the front office,

through scheduled appointments, through drop in appointments, by e-mail and over the phone. Students are also assisted in group sessions on topics of general interest.

### *Staff of the Registrar's Office are engaged in:*

- University and faculty recruitment events on and off campus
- New student information sessions
- Student and parent orientations
- Individual drop in advising

- Individual advising appointments
- Responding to thousands of inquiries - in person, by e-mail and over the phone
- Assisting students with the use of ROSI, Degree Explorer including the Planner function and Course Finder
- Course and program selection
- Degree audits
- Fees deferrals
- Grant applications and decisions
- Assessing admission, in-course and graduation scholarships
- Petitions and appeals
- Advising students who have been charged with an academic offense
- Addressing fees problems
- Referring students with complex problems to more specialized units within the university
- Providing letters and forms for external agencies
- Training and supervising student assistants

The Registrar serves as secretary of the Senate and staff serve on councils, committees and working groups within USMC, the Faculty of Arts and Science and the University of Toronto.

#### UPDATES

In February 2014, the Awards Officer went on an extended leave and the Registrar assumed related responsibilities of that position.

For the sixth year, SMC participated in the Social Work *Counselline* project. The project involved a practicum for five second year MSW students working under the supervision of a clinical psychologist. The MSW students met students from the seven colleges who were contending with issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, relationship problems, and substance abuse. We provided one office shared by two graduate students from the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work.

SMC continued its arrangement with the Centre for International Experience in which an international student advisor is provided office space in Alumni Hall in order to meet international students or citizens or permanent residents who were new to the country.

We continued to offer drop-in advising morning and afternoon, five days a week. St. Mikes is the only college to offer this service. Students appreciate being seen quickly and this has resulted in fewer missed or cancelled appointments.

We posted two completely new FAQ series on the USMC website – one for new students and one for continuing students. The questions are routinely asked by students and parents but either the answers are buried in the maze of information or, in some cases, the answers are actually not written down.

SMC SESSIONAL STUDENT COUNT														
	June 30 Count							November 1 Count						
	FT Degree	PT Degree	Total Degree	FT Non Degree	PT Non Degree	Total Non Degree	Total	FT Degree	PT Degree	Total Degree	FT Non Degree	PT Non Degree	Total Non Degree	Total
2006	505	927	1432	1	24	25	1457	3864	361	4225	29	51	80	4305
2007	493	903	1396	2	17	19	1415	3823	455	4278	44	70	114	4392
2008	493	913	1406	7	34	41	1447	3809	373	4182	46	54	100	4282
2009	522	982	1504	5	22	27	1531	4044	393	4437	20	52	72	4509
2010	590	1018	1608	6	27	33	1641	4052	418	4470	27	47	74	4544
2011	596	1032	1628	4	19	23	1651	4116	444	4560	45	61	106	4666
2012	601	1150	1751	5	28	33	1784	4260	426	4686	47	88	135	4821
2013	584	1125	1709	7	63	70	1779	4096	449	4545	66	190	256	4801

SMC ANNUAL CONVOCATION REPORT											
		BA 3	BA	BA 4	BA Hons	BSc 3	BSc	BSc 4	BSc Hons	B Comm	Total
2004 cycle	June	1	76	1	261	0	15	0	153	41	548
	Nov	0	28	2	53	1	13	0	22	7	126
	Total	1	104	3	314	1	28	0	175	48	674
2005 cycle	June	1	49	2	296	1	13	0	167	40	569
	Nov	0	18	2	69	0	7	0	39	9	144
	Total	1	67	4	365	1	20	0	206	49	713
2006 cycle	June	4	27	0	309	1	14	0	229	35	619
	Nov	1	19	1	75	0	7	0	57	7	167
	Total	5	46	1	384	1	21	0	286	42	786
2007 cycle	June	0	17	1	364	0	8	0	234	55	679
	Nov	0	17	0	87	0	6	0	53	14	177
	Total	0	34	1	451	0	14	0	287	69	856
2008 cycle	June	3	29	0	338	1	6	0	241	43	661
	Nov	2	10	0	96	0	9	0	52	8	177
	Total	5	39	0	434	1	15	0	293	51	838
2009 cycle	June	1	32	0	319	0	12	0	174	32	570
	Nov	2	9	0	67	0	8	0	43	8	137
	Total	3	41	0	386	0	20	0	217	40	707
2010 cycle	June	1	12	0	327	1	9	0	183	47	580
	Nov	1	11	0	88	0	6	0	40	7	153
	Total	2	23	0	415	1	15	0	223	54	733
2011 cycle	June	1	14	0	311	0	9	1	178	48	562
	Nov	0	14	0	91	0	4	1	47	9	166
	Total	1	28	0	402	0	13	2	225	57	728
2012 cycle	June	2	15	1	347	0	6	0	200	46	617
	Nov	0	9	0	77	0	3	0	42	7	138
	Total	2	24	1	424	0	9	0	242	53	755
2013 cycle	June	3	11	0	415	0	15	0	230	51	725
	Nov	1	13	0	101	0	6	0	57	6	184
	Total	4	24	0	516	0	21	0	287	57	909

\*Includes March degrees in the June count

# Community, Memories & Friendships



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## Campus Life & Student Residence



Although the ultimate goal of every student is to obtain a degree, universities are also committed to providing students with personal growth opportunities that take place *outside* of the classroom — or what is commonly known as ‘Student Life’. At SMC, student life initiatives are overseen by the office of the Dean of Students, whose staff includes 4 full-time employees, 16 residence dons, 4 commuter dons, and a small group of work-study students. The department strives to enhance the non-academic experience of the students by helping them transition to university life, meet and interact with their peers, develop leadership and other valuable skills, and provide opportunities for them to give back to the community. Whether providing guidance to student groups, helping coordinators plan Frosh Week, or organizing presentations on issues of importance to the University, our goal is to enrich the students’ academic experience and by so doing, create a lasting connection with St. Michael’s College that will translate into more involved and supportive alumni. At St. Mike’s, Student Life can be divided into two categories: ‘Campus Life’, which involves outreach and programming to commuter students, and ‘Residence Life’ which caters to the students who are living on campus.

### CAMPUS LIFE

#### *Orientation Week 2013*

St. Michael’s College (SMC) 2013 Orientation welcomed 812 new students to our campus and marked the first full year of collaboration between our Orientation Coordinators and the Campus Life Coordinator. New initiatives for that week included an Academic Breakfast where faculty and staff mingled with students while discussing their college programs; an Alumni Brunch where first year students were introduced to a number of notable SMC alumni; and an SMC Orientation App that allowed students to access everything they needed to know about Frosh Week from the convenience of their cell phones (e.g. daily schedules, emergency contacts, words to SMC songs and chants, etc.).

#### *Co-Curricular Record*

In 2013, the University of Toronto launched the Co-Curricular Record (CCR), a document that provides institutional recognition for the many extra curricular activities in which students are involved. During this inaugural year, SMC recognized over 30 leadership positions encompassing more than 200

students. These students will now be able to include their CCR along with their resume and academic transcript, to demonstrate their university involvement to potential employers.

#### *Mentor and Academic Peers (MAP Program)*

In 2014, the Mentor and Academic Peer program was granted funding from U of T’s STEP Forward initiative, allowing the program to expand significantly over last year. The MAP Program is now comprised of 10 Academic Mentors who hold regular office hours in the Kelly Library and conduct weekly academic skills seminars. The Mentors also oversee a team of 105 Academic Peers who offer e-mentorship and one-on-one academic support to first year students.

#### *Commuter Dons*

Based on the success of last year’s inaugural Commuter Don program, in 2013 the program was expanded from two dons to four. The goal of the Commuter Dons initiative is to offer the same type of guidance and support that our residence students receive, to our commuter students (e.g. resource referrals, social event programming; access to Student Service administrators, etc.). This year, our commuter dons plan to host

alternative, alcohol-free programming on SMCSU pub nights, hold weekly office hours, and enhance social programming for commuter students in Brennan Lounge.

### *Embedded Expert Program*

Last semester the Dean's Office piloted an Embedded Expert program that saw student life professionals set up shop in the Brennan Hall foyer to advertise their services. The goal of this initiative was to bring the people who work in student services, to where students are congregating, rather than simply advertising their services on-line. This year the program will include representatives from the Health & Wellness Centre, the Centre for International Experience, strategists from the Career Centre, as well as other U of T student life professionals.

### *Partnering with the Centre for Community Partnerships*

Through collaboration with U of T's Centre for Community Partnerships (CCP), SMC students now have the opportunity to volunteer to tutor students of Portuguese and Spanish descent within the Toronto Public and Toronto Catholic District School Boards. This program allows our students to serve as ambassadors for the College while helping GTA students to

achieve the marks they will need to access post secondary education.

### *SMC Lead Conference: "I Think, Therefore I Lead, 2014"*

This year the Campus Life Coordinator and a team of seven student leaders hosted the second annual SMC Lead Conference. Approximately 70 students attended the day long seminar which provided sessions on leadership and skills development, talks from community experts, and a networking session where alumni were invited to come back to campus and network with the generation of SMC student leaders.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

### *Moving Offices*

In an effort to rebrand Brennan Hall as the main student hub on campus, this fall the Office of the Dean of Students will be moving from its current location in Elmsley Hall, to the rooms above Campus Ministry on the second floor of Brennan Hall. This move is part of a broader initiative envisioned by the Principal of St. Michael's College to create an "SMC Division of Student Services" that parallels the Division of Student Life at central U of T. The new office location is expected to facilitate more interaction between the



Dean's Office and student groups, commuter students as well as the Campus Ministry office.

### *Increased Occupancy*

Thanks to fire code requirements on the 4th floor of PIMS, this year four more beds have been added to Fisher House, increasing our aggregate residence occupancy to 529. These new rooms will not only generate additional annual revenues, but will qualify for a U of T incentive program that pays \$15,000 for each new freshmen bed that colleges are able to create. A concomitant benefit is that there will now be another point of egress in the Queen's Park buildings, which was one of the recommendations stemming from the Campus Master Plan.

### *Alcohol Policy Changes*

To help accommodate U of T's 'Freshmen Residence Guarantee' over the past few years, SMC has significantly increased its number of first-year beds. As a result, many of our houses are now 100% freshmen and even our traditionally upper year floors all have at least some first-years living on them. One consequence of this change is that a much larger percentage of our residents are now under the legal drinking age than they were just a few years ago. To reflect these new demographics, the Dean's Office has enacted the following policy changes for the current academic year.

- **Alcohol-free Common Rooms:** To ensure our residence houses are a welcoming and inclusive place

for *all* students, alcohol will no longer be permitted in residence common rooms. Beginning this year, the only place alcohol may be consumed on campus is within the individual dorm rooms of students who are of-age. This new policy will apply to all common rooms, even those in upper year houses.

- **Alcohol Education Program:** Over the summer, the Dean of Students teamed up with a computer programmer to create an E-learning course on Alcohol Education that all incoming residents are now required to complete. The course is titled "Alcohol ABC's" (Always Be in Control) and covers a number of important topics designed to keep students safe should they decide to drink while at university. The seven chapters of the course include: Alcohol 101; Effects of Alcohol on the Body; Peer Pressure & Social Norming; Binge Drinking & Alcohol Poisoning; Sexual Assault & Alcohol; Harm Reduction Strategies; and a section on the Residence Alcohol policies. This year the program was piloted to the residence population only. However, next year it will be expanded to our commuter students as well.

- **Alcohol Ban during Frosh Week:** SMC Residence is following the lead of other Canadian Universities by banning alcohol in residence during Frosh Week, even for students who are of-age. Victoria College has joined St. Michael's College in this initiative and it is hoped that the change will not only keep students safer, but foster more interaction between first year and upper year residents.







## Campus Ministry

The theological operative of Campus Ministry is Open Doors, Open Hearts. This means that our team provides a safe place for students to bring their joys and concerns as they try to adjust to this new way of being called 'university students'. Our programs, retreats and events are open to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious diversity or orientation. The transition from high school to university can be a daunting prospect. Through our mentorship programs and ministry of presence, we are able to foster a sense of community, fellowship and spiritual growth.

The comprehensive model of Campus Ministry was developed by the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministers' national organization and identified twelve elements which are all pathways to Christ, manifest God's love and call forth specific gifts and charisms. The twelve elements include but are not limited to: prayer and sacraments, pastoral care, building faith through community events and extending hospitality in a spirit of generosity, fostering a culture of vocations, ecumenism and multifaith involvement, community involvement, campus presence and leadership development, catechesis, evangelization, retreats and lectures, and justice and peace activities. Through our liturgical life, we seek to preach the Gospel daily. In addition, the commitment to social justice is realized through various seminars, projects and discussion groups.

This summer Campus Ministry was fortunate to have four talented work-study students who assisted with preparations for Frosh Week, the annual Fall retreat and Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA) events. There were many defining moments for Campus Ministry this year. The T.A.P.E. (Talk Act Practice Empower) seminar was an event that increased awareness on difficult issues such as racism, discrimination and safety on campus. This September, T.A.P.E. topics will focus on mental health and well-being with speakers from the University of Toronto. Highlights of Fall 2013 semester included: the Mass of the Holy Spirit opening the school year. This year approximately 700 students gathered in the quad for this annual St. Michael's tradition. Twelve students attended the Fall retreat in Blue Mountain. This is an indispensable part of our programme as it allows students to bond and to get to know the campus ministers. The retreat allows students time to pray, reflect and rest before the hectic academic year begins.

Parent's Day was also an opportunity for students to showcase their many gifts and a chance for campus

ministers to meet and greet parents, assuring them that their children will be supported during their time in university.

Other highlights for the Fall semester included a Thanksgiving Dinner, All Saints' Day Party, and Stress Busters. Bishop Boissonneau celebrated mass and commissioned the liturgical ministers. In December, we said farewell to Fr. Francois Mifsud, O.P. who served the community as chaplain. The spring semester was dedicated to increasing the awareness of a culture of vocations. We were able to schedule priests from different religious orders to celebrate mass with us and have them join us at our community gatherings after Mass. In January, we welcomed Anne Komaniecki, BA, M.Div. to our team. With Anne on board, we were able to offer a fuller Lenten program which included Vespers in the Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Tradition, prayer walks, and "Rest in the presence of the Lord", quiet time in the chapel to pray. Catholic Students' week celebrated students across the campus with "Make Your Own Sundaes". A sandwich lunch, and hot chocolate and cookies were offered to students throughout the week.

Our Triduum is the highlight of the liturgical year and this year was no exception. We were fortunate to have Fr. David Purcell, CSsR with us for the three days. This year, students from the USMC Drama Society did a dramatic enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

This year's Fr. H.B. Gardner award winners were: Annemarie Sherlock, Anna Lubinsky, Catherine Bredin and Lucy Schmidt, four exceptional young women who have significantly contributed to the life of the college through their service and dedication to the community.

Two new discussion groups will be offered in the coming year: the Men's discussion group and Ecology and Theology. As always we are grateful to the many donors who support us financially and spiritually.





### COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Cradling the whole and keeping the vision, CCCM and CCSA invite you to join us on this path.

Together we build *One Body in Christ* on Campus.

12 Elements.  
All are pathways to Christ.  
All manifest God's love.  
All call forth specific gifts and charisms.



# Responsible, Transparent, Diligent



## Financials

### Revenue, Expenditures and Cash Flow

Donations and investment income increased due to strong investment returns, one-time gains from investment portfolio diversification, and receipt of a large bequest that will support academic programming and scholarships. Total expenses were similar to the prior year, absorbing the impact of significant flood damage in July 2013, the majority of which was covered by insurance.

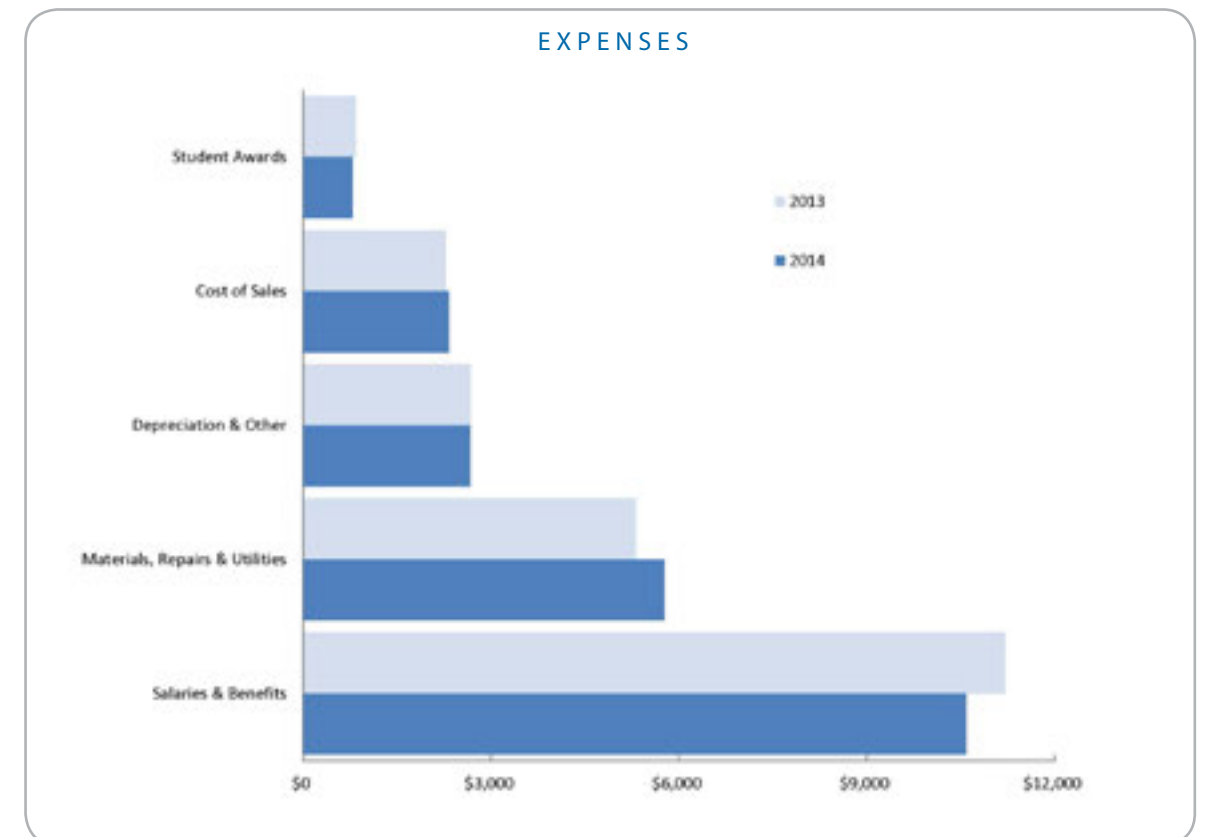
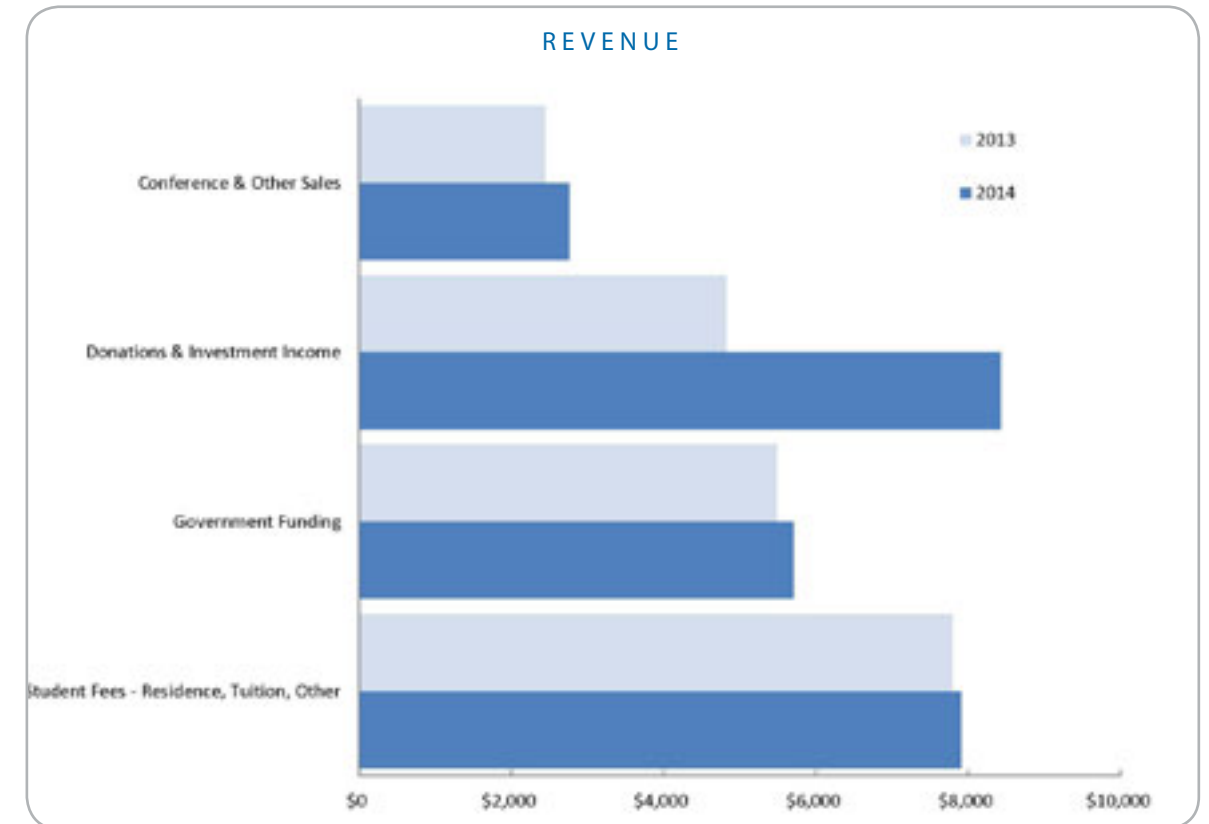
Operating bank indebtedness of \$8.4M increased by \$2.9M from 2013 reflecting the impact of increased capital activity. Additions to capital assets were \$3M in 2014 vs. \$1.2M in 2013.

Capital projects completed in 2014 addressed a range of significant deferred maintenance requirements essential to maintaining and upgrading core infrastructure and student residences. Wireless access was completed across the campus, food services and classroom

technology upgrades were delivered, and work on a Campus Master Plan commenced.

### Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

Total assets of \$134.5M increased by \$32.8M primarily as a result of strong investment returns, realized gains on the restructuring of the investment portfolio, and the gifting of \$20.1M in assets from the St. Michael's College Foundation. The Foundation endowments will continue to support USMC scholarships and academic activities and will be managed as USMC endowments. Investments increased to \$105.9M from \$74M in 2013. Total endowments including deferred contributions increased to \$118.4M from \$89.1M in 2013, the majority of which are externally restricted by donors. The largest component of liabilities is the post-employment benefit liability related to the retirement plan and it was marginally lower than 2013. The University carries a residence demand loan with a balance of \$7.9M at year end.



# Life to the Full Life Matters



## Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute (CCBI)

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute's mission is to promote the dignity of the human person through interdisciplinary ethics research and education in health care and the life sciences. CCBI is affiliated with the University of St. Michael's College, and USMC President Anne Anderson is an Executive Council member of its Board of Directors, with USMC Chancellor, Cardinal Collins, as chair. The following indicates some of the ways we fulfilled our mandate during the past year.

### LECTURES/SEMINARS

Father Mark Miller, CSsR, gave a wonderful presentation as guest lecturer for our Annual Lecture, speaking on *Can One Plan a Good Death? The Legal, Practical and Ethical Intent of Advance Directives* in November 2013.

We hosted two evening seminars together with the Order of Malta: *Transitions-in-Care Planning* and *Islamic Perspectives on End-of-Life Issues and Death*. The interest generated by the transitions-in-care planning seminar led us to hold a further symposium on the topic, in April 2014.

Dr Moira McQueen, Executive Director of CCBI addressed many groups, including the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Priests' Study Week; the Newman Centre Retreat (bioethics and Catholic teaching); Theology

on Tap: (Sexuality and God's Covenant of Love); St Bonaventure's Parish (Euthanasia); Archdiocese of Edmonton Clergy Seminar Week; an interfaith event on end-of-life issues organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto; marriage preparation leaders workshop (Theology of the Body) organized by Catholic Family Services, Archdiocese of Toronto; the Rabanus Project, USMC, (Euthanasia) and others.

### BIOETHICS EDUCATION

CCBI's parish program, *For People in the Pews*, was held at St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston in October 2013; at St Ignatius Loyola, Mississauga in January 2014, and at St Peter's, Toronto in January/February 2014.

### BIOETHICS PUBLICATIONS

This year CCBI staff wrote: *Gradual Shifts in Abortion Laws: Will they be effective?*; *Maternal-Fetal Attachment; Sacramental Principle*; and *The Joy of Bioethics*. We published three newsletters, a message for the Annual World Day of the Sick, and *Proceedings of "Our Lords the Sick, Our Lords the Poor": A Symposium in Honour of the 900th Anniversary Year of the Order of Malta*.

### MEDIA

Dr. Moira McQueen and Dr. Bridget Campion recorded monthly broadcasts, *Conversations in Catholic Bioethics*, for Radio Teopoli. This community venture allowed us to discuss topics such as: Saint John Paul II and His Contributions to the Culture of Life; Bioethics in the Headlines; Physician Assisted Death in Light of Catholic Social Teaching; Pope Francis's *Evangelii Gaudium*; Pope Francis' Message for the 2014 World Day of the Sick; Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide; Ethical Issues in Transitions-in-care Planning; Marriage, Family and Natural Law: A

Catholic Perspective, and Health Care Professionals and Conscience.

We replied to many calls from the media about the faith/science debate; Pope Francis's encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*; genetically modified embryos; end-of-life issues, including the Rasouli case and Dr Low's video promoting assisted suicide; the Vatican conference on trafficking, and so on.

### CONSULTS

Consultations with CCBI included reviews of documents for school boards, the Catholic Women's League and other organizations. We answered questions regarding gender/transgender matters, end-of-life issues, advance care directives, power of attorney, reproductive health, early induction, disposal of fertilized ova, release of fetal remains, sexuality, same-sex adoption, moral issues for pharmacists, politics and conscience, trafficking, and human rights concerns.

We look forward to another busy year!



Above: Dr. William Sullivan



Left: Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Annual Lecture - November 2013



Right: Dr. Shabbir Alibhai

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# Bringing Mediaeval Studies into the Twenty-first Century



## Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS)



Celebrating the 85th anniversary of its founding, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies is Canada's oldest research institute in the Humanities. Its mission remains constant: to undertake, at the highest level, research and study in the thought, writings, culture and institutions of medieval society and to disseminate the results of that research through teaching and scholarly publishing.

Many of the distinctive institutions and ideals of the modern West, such as parliaments, universities and the value of individual rights, due process of law and civic virtue trace their lineage to the medieval period. The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies is dedicated to the transmission of the inheritance of the Middle Ages in order to deepen today's understanding of the life and ideals of Western culture in the time of its early development. Fully autonomous but closely affiliated with the University of St. Michael's College and the University of Toronto, the Institute operates both under a papal charter granted by the Holy See in 1939 and an Act of the Ontario Legislature (2005).

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013-2014

In its fourteenth year of operation, the Institute's post-doctoral (licentiate) programme welcomed four new Mellon Fellows from Canada, the United States, Germany and Spain. This programme which was initiated and continued with funding from the Andrew

W. Mellon Foundation of New York in its first several years is now fully endowed. Major gifts from Canadian private donors matched by grants from the Mellon Foundation have resulted in a programme which each year draws dozens of applications from outstanding

young international scholars pursuing specialized research on medieval topics who hope to spend a year in residence at the Institute drawing on the world renowned resource of the library. The Institute has now secured private support for a fifth fellowship which will be offered for the first time in 2015-16.

Convocation on October 5, 2013 saw His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and Chancellor of the Institute confer the Licence in Mediaeval Studies on 19 candidates. The new Diploma in Manuscript Studies was awarded for the first time to two candidates. The Doctor of Letters in Mediaeval Studies was conferred on the Hon. Nicole C. Eaton, Senate of Canada and founding chair of the Institute's Board of Governors; Professor Eamon Duffy, professor of the History of Christianity at Cambridge and former president of Magdalen College, Oxford and the Rev. Norman Tanner, S.J., professor of Church History at the Gregorian University, Rome.

In June and July 2013, the second two-year summer cycle of the Institute's programme in Manuscript Studies took place at the American Academy in Rome led by Professor Michèle Mulchahey holder of the Boyle Chair at PIMS and Jeffrey Hamburger, professor in the History of Art at Harvard. Students once again represented a broad geography with participants coming from Finland, Argentina, Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Great Britain, as well as North America, again illustrating the Institute's international reach and the strong demand for the specialized training this programme is seen to provide. One of the graduates was able to quickly put his training to work teaching a graduate seminar in Latin Palaeography at the Harvard Divinity School. Another has been promised the first chair in Palaeography ever to be created in Poland, if his home institution, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, can secure

the necessary funding. This programme continues to be over-subscribed.

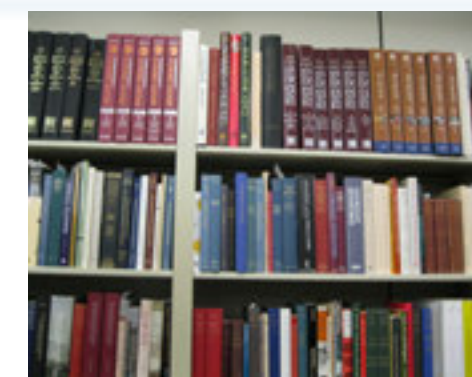
The W. John Bennett Distinguished Visiting Scholar programme started by the Institute and formally joined by the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto in 2013-14, welcomed two scholars of international renown. Christopher Martin of the University of Auckland, an historian of logic who has done groundbreaking work on Boethius and Abelard, was in residence during the fall term. Michael Ryan, former director of the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin participated widely in the programmes and activities of both PIMS and the Centre during the winter term as well as lecturing in the undergraduate Medieval Studies programme at St. Michael's College.

The Institute press experienced a banner year publishing 10 books and the journal *Mediaeval Studies*. The press now has 340 titles in print and in 2013-14 achieved record sales. A new digitization contract now ensures access to our books in Canada's smaller university libraries, and represented a modest revenue item. Our ability, through the generosity of private donors, to support the production costs of books by non-Canadian scholar/authors continues to enable us to remain highly competitive in seeking manuscripts internationally.

The Institute received a grant from the J.P. Bickell Foundation of Toronto which will act as seed money for a new programme initiative concentrating on the inter-relationships of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages, major points of contact, how the three faith traditions influenced each other, both positively and negatively and the similarities and differences in approach each had to the large questions of belief with which each was concerned from creation to life after death and personal salvation.

The Library remains the foundation for all Institute programmes. Several important additions were made to the collection by way of donations highlighted by two significant bequests from the libraries of the late Professors Andrew Hughes and John Munro.

New shelving has been purchased and installed to accommodate these extensive acquisitions.





THE ST. MICHAEL'S COAT OF ARMS reflects our history and traditions. The design of the shield is based upon that of Armand de Charbonnel, second Bishop of Toronto, who, with the Basilians, founded the college in 1852.

The three star-like objects are spurs, and the crescent indicates that one of Bishop Charbonnel's ancestors took part in the Crusades.

These symbols remind us that as Christian academics we must always be prepared to seek and defend the truth.

The tongues of fire around the edge of the shield allude to St. Basil, known as the "Pillar of Fire" for his learning and charity.

The supporters (which are heraldic recognition of our status as a university), are an eagle, taken from the arms of the Hon. John Elmsley, who gave land to the college, and a Lion with a cross in its paw, the crest of Sir William Mulock, who helped bring about our federation with the University of Toronto. The supporters stand upon a grassy hillock representing Clover Hill, the site of the first building erected to house St. Michael's.

The Greek words of the motto stand for goodness and the development of mind and body. The words are taken from *Psalms 118* and form the motto of the Basilian Fathers, **"Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge"**.