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USMC, a place to grow in faith and knowledge
Introducing **Karen Chambers**^{'88}

President of the Alumni Association



What is your USMC connection?

I was fortunate to be accepted at St. Mike's and to the Loretto College residence, where I formed many friendships that I still enjoy today. During my St. Mike years, I worked at the Registrar's Office, and I was a don at Loretto. In 1988, I graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Science degree and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Education and an LL.B. I was called to the Bar in 1997.

How did you become involved in the Alumni Association?

I was approached to join the Board and appointed Chair of the Membership Committee. Prior to becoming President I served a two-year term as Vice-president.

As President, what would you like to accomplish?

I am interested in recruiting members for the Alumni Board. Getting more of our 22,000 alumni involved with our fundraising activities, especially the Faith, Hope and Charity Annual Fund campaign, will be a great help to the College. As well, I would welcome volunteers to our committees, in particular the Friends of the Library, who are holding their first book sale in October 2004.

Challenges?

For USMC—to raise funds for the present and future of the College and its students. For the Alumni Board—to increase communication with our fellow grads.

My Vision?

Keep your roots in St. Mike's and build on them. ~~~~~

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ERRATA

In the Spring 2004 issue of DoubleBlue, we mixed up pictures and names in Combining Academics with Athletic Excellence. Our apologies to Paul-Micah Sullivan and Michael Falikowski, winners of the 2004 Sutton Residence Credits Award.

The view from Elmsley Place

By RICHARD ALWAY '62
President, University of St. Michael's College

I want to report on two developments that have made the summer of 2004 a particularly busy and important time at St. Michael's with great significance for our College's future.

St. Michael's turned a significant page in its history at the beginning of August with the announcement of the intended sale of the parking lot and attached land along Bay Street, and acceptance of the largest gift we have received in 152 years of operation. The Finance Committee and the Collegium (our board) voted by identical and unanimous margins (10 to 0) to enter into negotiations with Toronto developer, Marco Muzzo, for the sale, which combined with an unconditional gift of \$5 million from the developer, would have a value of more than \$42 million for St. Michael's. This was done with the sober realization that the sale, combined with the gift, an effective financial plan for the future, and most importantly, the continued support of all those loyal to the College, could secure the future of St. Michael's.

President Peter Swan, C.S.B. began the process in 1981 by preparing the College for the possible sale of this land when he realized that declining Basilian

vocations would make continued sponsorship by our founders less central to St. Michael's future, with significant negative long-term financial implications. This approach was continued by President James McConica, C.S.B. in the late 1980's when an actual sale transaction for the lands occurred, but was later abandoned by the developer in the face of deteriorating market conditions.

Since becoming President in 1990, I have made every effort to counter St. Michael's former reliance on its 'living endowment', the donated services of its priests and nuns (only one now remains teaching in the College division), by identifying efficiencies in our operation, and building up our financial endowment. We have made huge strides

toward these goals in the past decade. Our alumni participation rate in the Annual Fund and the average gift through this appeal are in the leading category at the University of Toronto. We have more than doubled our financial endowment, undertaken significant deferred maintenance projects, and built a widely admired new student residence (Sorbara Hall).

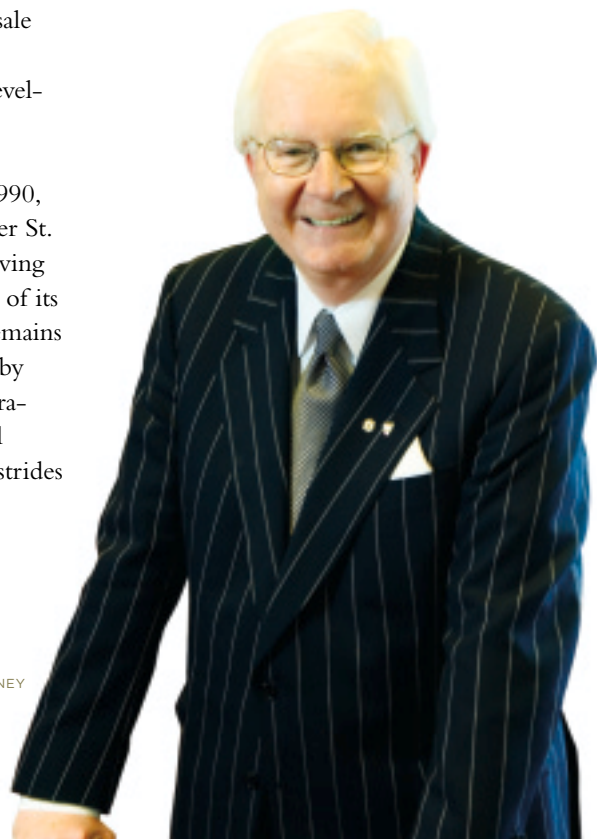


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However, despite the best efforts of our staff, students and especially alumni and friends, St. Michael's still finds itself facing a chronic annual operating deficit of \$1.2 million and a current cumulative debt of \$7.2 million. Faced by these financial realities, the College is now taking the required steps to achieve financial stability and build for a bright and secure future. I can report to you that the proposed transaction, with its many attendant benefits, far exceeds any offers which we have received during the last twelve years. I invite you to read the article on the UofT website to learn more about its details. (www.news.utoronto.ca/bin6/040806-335.asp).

Also in the past two months, after

intensive study and broad consultation over a number of years, St. Michael's has submitted a draft bill to the Ontario Legislature that will provide for basic reform of the governing structure of the College. A special task force which, as President, I set up in the mid-1990's consisting of William Broadhurst SMC '51, former Managing Partner for Canada of Price Waterhouse, first lay Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Toronto and Chair of the Ontario Taskforce on University Accountability, and Jack Dimond then Secretary of the Governing Council of the UofT., recommended that St. Michael's shift from a model of internal governance by College officers, based on principles of Basilian Congregational governance, to

one with a majority of external members.

This change will allow, for the first time, full voting membership for faculty, student and alumni/ae representatives as well as members of other constituencies including the Basilian Fathers, Sisters of St. Joseph and Loretto and the broader external community. We look forward to favourable consideration and action on this proposal by the Legislature during the coming academic year, resulting in a wide-ranging modernization of St. Michael's governance.

Please stay tuned for more in the future on both these important matters. And to think that some people may still labour under the misapprehension that the University in the summer is a place of quiet refuge and slowed activity! ~

Dear Fellow Alumni



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MARIANNE SCIOLINO

Pondering one's mortality is not what I typically do to entertain myself on rainy afternoons. On this particular rainy afternoon, however, I was preparing my rock climbing trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It suddenly occurred to me that maybe I needed a Will. While I didn't expect to fall off the mountain—my brother Tom, an expert mountain guide, was to be my instructor—the thought did occur to me that this was a high risk sport.

While deliberating potential beneficiaries, I knew that the University of St. Michael's College was the one institution that unequivocally had the greatest impact on my life.

Why? St. Mike's gave me more than just a great education—it gave me a set of positive values that have served me

well while navigating the sometimes ethically murky waters of Wall Street and Latin American finance. My strong humanities education—including the ability to write and think clearly—has been an invaluable asset throughout my life.

While no one likes to dwell on issues of mortality or death, it really doesn't take much time or effort to draw up a Will. And the payback is great—knowing that you'll be making a positive contribution that will live on after you're gone.

I urge you to consider seriously making a gift to St. Mike's in your Will.

—Marianne Sciolino '73

P.S. I didn't fall off the mountain in Jackson Hole, but I did witness the terrorist attacks in New York City on September 11th, 2001. Enough said. Please don't procrastinate. ~

**To find out more about giving a bequest in your Will to USMC, simply check the Legacy Giving box on your donor reply card.*

University Fellow:

Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau '62



A Worthy Honoree. **Dr. Richard Alway**, USMC President, with University Fellow **Mary Catherine Birgeneau '62** and **Dr. Robert Birgeneau**, U of T President

PHOTO: STEVE FROST

At the Baccalaureate Mass, celebrated in St. Basil's Church on 10 June 2004, Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic bestowed the honour of University Fellow upon alumna Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau, to recognize her outstanding contribution to the University of Saint Michael's College. The service was attended by friends and family of Mary Catherine, including her mother, Mary Ware, and her husband, Robert Birgeneau, President of the University of Toronto.

Father Robert Madden, CSB, presented the Senate's recommendation with these words:

"Mary Catherine Birgeneau's life shows how deserving she is of such an honour. It provides an example of strong, active Christian Faith; a model of dedication and faithfulness to her own family and her Church, and a respect for the importance of all family life. She continues to show practical concern for those in our society who are socially, financially or educationally deprived. By her loyal service she has made a significant contribution to the life of the University of St. Michael's College and the University of Toronto. She has brought honour to St. Michael's, and the Senate of St. Michael's now requests that you, Eminent Chancellor, bestow upon her the honour of University Fellow." ~

✠ We wish to offer our sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Robert Birgeneau '63 and Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau '62 on Robert's recent appointment as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley. This prestigious appointment adds to our pride in Dr. Birgeneau. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of our St. Michael's family!

By MICHAEL P. J. STASYNA '04

Convocation

Is convocation simply a long day of black robes, handshakes and applause before you receive an envelope—which holds either a \$25,000 piece of paper or a \$2.50 library fine?

Not if you experience a St. Michael's College convocation ceremony!

Convocation highlights? Beginning my day with Mass at St. Basil's Church, celebrated by His Eminence Aloysius

Cardinal Ambrozic, and ending my day with graduate awards at a school that has been my second home.

Looking around during Mass, I was amazed with the amount of support from family, faculty, administration and the Basilian Fathers. The Basilians might not know this, but their friendly conversation gave me a real relationship with the College and was good therapy for the soul.

I have shared so much with my fellow graduates—challenging academic times and unique personal development. From our impressive turnout at the convocation Mass, I am sure many will continue to grow spiritually. I look forward to participating in the future of St. Mike's and continuing my life education at this special place. ~

In Service of Civilization

By BILL TAYLOR

In an office so cluttered as to be almost a cliché of academia — “I’ve cleared a path to the chair” — Richard Toporoski wants to make one thing plain: “Please, don’t call me Professor”, or, if he was saying it in Latin, “*Si tibi placet noli me appellare Professore*”.

Toporoski has his doctorate and is a Fellow of St. Michael’s College at the U of T in the Department of Classics, where he teaches mainly Latin and some Greek. His office is in the farthest corner on the top floor of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, a dignified stone building on Queen’s Park Crescent.

On the outside, anyway, Toporoski, 62, seems constantly on the brink of being overwhelmed by the confusion around him. Every available surface, including the floor, is covered in papers “but the bookshelves, at least, are in some sort of order”. He talks quickly, as if his mouth were trying to keep up with his fast-moving and wide-ranging mind.

On his wall, Pietro Annigoni’s famous portrait of the Queen. “I’m a Canadian” says Toporoski, who was born and raised in Vancouver. “Therefore I’m a loyal subject. That’s part of our national identity. That’s what I’ve always believed anyway.”

A small notice on the door gives his office hours as 10:10 to 11am., Monday, Wednesday and Friday: “Please feel free to visit at any other time that you find me here... if I’m overwhelmed at the moment, I will certainly let you know...”

“English, Latin and Greek literatures are the greatest in the world, and to be able to read in the original is a superlative experience, allowing one to reflect on the human situation and to handle the English language with some sensitivity.”

There’s also a downside to the knowledge. Toporoski is a devout Ukrainian Catholic “and I’ve been complaining for the past 30 years about the terrible translation of the Latin liturgy, so faithless to the original.”

He took his bachelor’s degree at the University of British Columbia and came to Toronto in the early ’60s to do his masters. He’s been here ever since, “though I’m coming to the end of my career. I shall go back to B.C. when I’m 65 and read some of the books I’ve never read.”

“I’m not married. A friend, he was a religious, said some years ago that an academic career also calls for celibacy. You don’t have to clear time for a wife and family. On the other hand, wives do support you. Somebody else does the shopping.”

“Regrets? No. That I could devote myself to this fundamentally important part of civilization in a Christian, a Catholic context, which is important to me, that’s been the point of my life.”

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“Reflecting on the human situation”



On 28 April 2004, Richard Bradshaw, the General Director of the Canadian Opera Company, addressed a large and enthusiastic USMC audience on the topic of music and the longing for redemption.

The theme of redemption was discussed in reference to the operatic works of Richard Wagner and Benjamin Britten. Yet, the most striking example Bradshaw used was the little-known Czech opera, *Jenufa*, by Leoš Janáček. In this opera, a mother drowns her daughter's baby to ensure that the young woman can marry into better circumstances. The crime is discovered and the mother desperately begs for forgiveness. Miraculously, it is forgiveness that she receives. Mr. Bradshaw discussed the passion with which this story illustrates the issues that stand at the heart of the Christian experience today: the need for redemption.

Richard Bradshaw

By JENNIFER HARRIS,
Christianity and Culture Program Coordinator

Bradshaw also addressed the issue of belief: why believe anything? Quoting Friedrich Nietzsche, Bradshaw noted that "art makes the thinker's heart grow heavy;" that is, it inspires the question of belief. Yet art is itself a mode of believing. Referring to the great opera, *Fidelio*, by Beethoven, Bradshaw spoke of the knowledge that arises from the experience of great art: "I know truth when I hear it."

This was the second in an annual series of lectures entitled "Christianity and the Arts," sponsored by the Christianity and Culture Program, with the generous donations of Peter Warrien and Angela Jacobs. The series will continue in the spring of 2005 with a lecture by priest-poet Pier Giorgio DiCicco, author of *The Dark Time of Angels*, which was nominated for the Trillium Prize in 2004. ~

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Fr. Owen Lee, CSB with Richard Bradshaw:
A friend and mentor

His Operatic Mentor:

Fr. Owen Lee, CSB, Professor Emeritus of Classics at USMC.

"Father Lee is the most eloquent writer on German composer, Richard Wagner, of our time," noted Bradshaw. "He has written that Wagner created out of the abundance of his own need. Father Lee says that the *Ring* is the story of a soul in crisis. The great elemental world of gods and men is also the private world of man's inner struggle with his own destructive impulses, of his awareness of limitations and guilt; of the emergence in him of new ideas, and the dying in him of transforming deaths. The *Ring* teaches us that we must learn to die. The great deaths in myths are symbols of inner transformations in man, who makes the myths."

"Only a priest could have written this," observed Bradshaw. "We are deeply uncomfortable when we face ourselves. As Father Lee reminds us ... we must learn to live without greed." ~

A Book of Hours: Music, Literature, and Life—A Memoir written by Fr. Owen Lee has just been published by Continuum Press. "It's one-third opera, one-third classics, one-third religion," affirms Lee.



When struggling with the issues of life and death, we need moral guidance, not abstract reasoning.

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute: Speaking to the Whole World

By SHEILA DABU

It is Moira McQueen's first day on the job.

She stops to accept congratulatory greetings from one of her colleagues in the hallway of the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College [USMC]. Dr. McQueen appears relaxed but has a tone of excitement in her voice as she speaks of her new position as the Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute [CCBI] centered at St. Michael's College.

A mother of seven, McQueen practiced family law in Scotland. In 1975, she immigrated to Canada, where her involvement in the pro-life movement sparked her interest in graduate studies in theology at USMC. She has been a professor of moral theology at USMC for several years now, specializing in the areas of marriage and human sexuality. The interdisciplinary character of bioethics and the Institute is well suited to Dr. McQueen's own interdisciplinary background as a mother, a lawyer and a theologian.

Speaking on the impact of bioethics on families, McQueen points out, "Every day, families have to make medical decisions about their aging parents and their children. They are not seeking abstract reasoning. They are looking for moral guidance upon which to base decisions that will impact not only their daily lives, but the lives of those they love." She also points out, "Technology can be used in a positive way to promote human development. Unfortunately, there are also ways in which technology can be used for purposes inconsistent with this development. It's the Institute's job to highlight these benefits and dangers."

From Professor McQueen's comments, it is clear that by engaging in innovative, multidisciplinary research, the CCBI, the first national organization of its kind in Canada, has a lot to offer to the current bioethical discourse.

It was Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, Archbishop of Toronto and the Chancellor of USMC, who spearheaded

the creation of the CCBI. "There was a need for a Catholic bioethics centre" he said, "because the questions raised by scientific advancements are questions that go beyond science. They are not just Christian questions. They are questions that any human being ought to ask in connection with scientific progress." He mentioned the idea of a centre to President Richard Alway, realizing that the city of Toronto, with its unique combination of a Catholic university, three Catholic faculties of theology, three Catholic hospitals, and a wealth of secular scientific knowledge, provided an ideal location for such an institute in North America.

The Cardinal asked President Alway to draw together prominent Catholic ethicists to discuss these issues. There followed three years of intense discussions amongst doctors, lawyers, ethicists, academics, and members of concerned lay organizations. The result was a consensus that there was indeed the need for a pro-active Catholic approach to developments in bioethics and for a university-based, national centre in Canada to contribute to Catholic discussion, research and communications regarding these issues, and to be a resource to church and civic leaders. In 2001, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute was born, affiliated with the USMC at the University of Toronto. It officially opened its doors on November 16, 2001, with William Sullivan, a medical doctor and a philosopher, as the Institute's founding Director. Dr. Sullivan is finishing his three-year term, and is considering a new position as the founding director of what is hoped to be the first international association of Catholic bioethicists aimed at providing a communications link among Catholic bioethicists around the world. A meeting is scheduled in June 2005 in Melbourne, Australia, to work out details of this plan.

The Cardinal and President Alway are in agreement that the work of the CCBI is intended to speak to and benefit all peoples. "Up to now," Alway commented, "the work of the CCBI has been supported by the Bishops and Catholic lay organizations. To ensure its future, it must expand its presence and be recognized as making a valuable contribution to all of Canadian society, meeting a need that will generate a broad base of support."

Cardinal Ambrozic, among others is gratified by the Institute's beginnings and fast growing international reputation. "The Institute has far exceeded my expectations. My hope is that it will keep up its work and be more engaged in public policy to protect the dignity of the human person."


"My experience of our secular culture, hospitals and even bioethics centres, leads me to conclude that a faith perspective is alien to their reason for being," says Dr.

Sullivan, who is finishing his three-year term as Director. "The challenge is to show what great hope arises when science and society take seriously the full dignity of all humans." The Institute aims, through its interdisciplinary research and educational outreach, to humanize health care by promoting the dignity of the human person.

With the University of St. Michael's College as its base, the CCBI has solid academic credentials as it draws upon top-notch researchers and rich resources at the U of T with its affiliated hospitals. The Institute is a resource for clergy and laity, providing a vital link to Catholic researchers, pastoral care workers, and health care professionals throughout Canada and internationally.

The CCBI's third international think tank on the "Ethical Care of the Elderly and the Dying," is one example of its practical engagement in current health care issues. The conference focussed on the recent papal statement on artificial nutrition and hydration, discussing when a decision to withdraw such nutrition from a patient can ever be morally justified. The participants applied the papal statement to such common medical conditions affecting the elderly as Alzheimer's disease, where an individual lacks the cognitive ability to make a decision—a topic that has raised many challenging questions within the Catholic community and beyond. The participants agreed on certain principles based upon the Catholic conviction of the intrinsic value of each human life.

Dr. McQueen, describes these key principles as "part of the ongoing process of evaluating the ethics of dying", in particular that "the use of technology to prolong life must always respect the inherent dignity and value of the individual. Life is precious, but the obligation to preserve life is not an absolute—sometimes, withholding treatment may be morally justified."

John McGrath '63, the Chancellor of Temporal Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto and a CCBI Board Member, says, "My vision as a lay person is to see it as the 'go-to source' for serious people seeking the Catholic ethical position on the major questions of the day." Dr. McQueen agrees whole-heartedly. "It's the Institute's job to highlight the positive contributions of medical technology in promoting human life in a way that is consistent with Catholic teaching." 

The Institute communicates the results of its research to the public and other Catholic bioethics centres through its publications *Bioethics Update*, *Bioethics Matters*, and *A Propos*. For more information, visit the CCBI's website at www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics.

Art Show 2004

The University of St. Michael's College will be hosting an Art Show & Sale during Homecoming Weekend to be held on 15 to 17 October 2004. Last year, the Art Show was a showcase for the talent of USMC alumni and friends, and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. This year promises to be a similar success. Whether established or an amateur artist, you are invited to submit your work.

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The Passion of the Christ:

Pandering to a Culture of Violence



By JENNIFER HARRIS

Mel Gibson's blockbuster movie retelling of the death of Jesus is out on video, rekindling the debates that arose at its theatrical release on Ash Wednesday 2004. Home viewing will offer a more muted film-going experience, drawing on the film's strengths and its weaknesses.

I am not a fan of Gibson's directorial work, which I find overblown and cheaply epic. In this regard, I was not disappointed. The beauty of some scenes, such as the opening in Gethsemane, was cheapened by his use of slow-motion photography and other tired Hollywood techniques.

I was also nervous about Gibson's adherence to a traditionalist form of Catholicism, which rejects the positions on interfaith relations developed since the Second Vatican Council. Here too, I was not disappointed. The portrayal of Jews was destructively judgmental: in the pivotal scene of the Crucifixion, a teardrop from heaven at the moment of Jesus' death results in an earthquake that destroys the Temple. This scene, without biblical warrant, lays heavy blame for Christ's death on the Jewish community.

On the positive side, the film is striking in its effort to recreate the look

and feel of a time long passed. From the creak of the leather sandals to the dust on every face, the film exudes an authenticity absent even from recent biblical epics. The use of Aramaic and Latin (which should have been Greek) avoids the inevitable accents among English speakers. Some of the actors are wonderful—especially Hristo Shopov as an eerily sympathetic Pontius Pilate.

Where the film ultimately failed for me was in its excessive literalism. If one is to present the Passion anew—something needed in each generation—one needs to place the message within the cultural language of its audience, without pandering to that culture. In its use of ultra-violence, this film only connects to the basest element of our popular culture. ~

Jennifer Harris, Christianity and Culture Program Coordinator does not recommend this movie, she does recommend "more subtle expositions of the scandal of the Cross" such as Lars von Trier's "Dancer in the Dark" (2000), "Donnie Darko" (2001), or "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (2001 season finale).



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Notes from the Kelly Library

By JONATHAN BENGSTON, Chief Librarian

A Hidden Treasure:

A J.R.R. Tolkien First Edition

On 8 August 1954, J.R.R. Tolkien picked up a copy of *The Fellowship of The Ring* that had been published barely a week previously. On the flyleaf he wrote the names of his friends, Peter and Virginia, the date, and a quote from *The Hobbit*: “If ever you are passing my way,” said Bilbo, “don’t wait to knock! Tea is at four; but you are welcome any time!” Then he signed the volume in his unmistakable style.

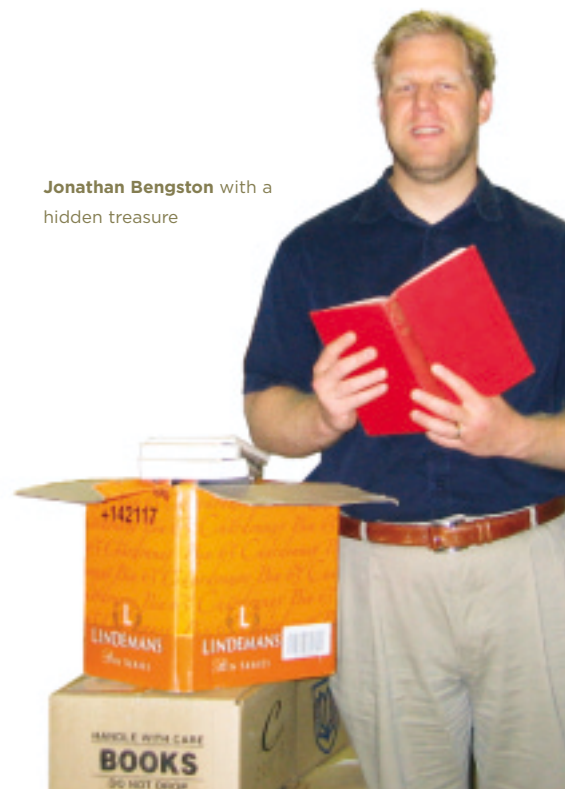
The volume somehow entered the collection of Basilian Fr. Frederick Black, who studied at Oxford in the 1950s pursuing graduate studies in English. Returning to Toronto after completing his studies in Oxford, Fr. Black had a distinguished career, which included teaching, serving as Chief Librarian and Archivist of USMC. When he passed away in 2000, some of his books were placed in boxes to be considered for a book sale to benefit the Kelly Library.

Nearly 50 years to the day that Tolkien signed the copy of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, the volume was discovered while sorting through

material for the upcoming Friends of the Kelly Library book sale to be held 28 to 31 October 2004 at USMC.

Is the book for sale? No. The book will be kept in the Special Collections Room of the Kelly Library in memory of Fr. Black and his service to St. Michael’s College. Be sure to come and see it! ~

Jonathan Bengston with a
hidden treasure



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KAREN AZAVEDO

worked hard to “give back” to St. Michael’s College, to her faith and to her fellow students: founding member of the Social Justice Centre, organized Dinner & Movie Nights, liturgical minister.

CAROLINE BROOKS

combined passion for the environment with commitment to USMC: Students Environment Committee, organized *Stop Pesticide Use* campaign, coordinated *Save Orientation Field* campaign.

JOSEPH FIGUEIREDO

a history major with a history of his own: president of Student Union (SMCSU), coordinated *Out of the Cold* program for homeless, volunteer soccer coach, orientation leader, tutor for underprivileged children.

JEROME MCGRATH

involved with *Out of The Cold* program (4 years) and founded *Into the Cold* program to deliver food to homeless: SMCSU treasurer, SMCSU Sports Commissioner, Frosh Orientation volunteer, Chaplaincy team.

CHRISTINA PICONE

was a don at St. Josephs, President of Residence House Council, mentored, sang in liturgical choir and played on the field hockey team.

ALEXANDER SOARE

involved with *Out of The Cold* program (4 years), tutor, Varsity swim team, Frosh Orientation Leader, student campus minister for the Newman Centre.

MICHAEL STASYNA

was a don at St. Michael’s Residence, and a volunteer on *Out of The Cold*, *Into the Cold*, a student rep on the U of T Work Group on Internalization Activities Advisory Board, and writer for the student newspaper *The Mike*. ~

The Perils of Canada's Under-Investment in Education

By ROGER MARTIN AND JAMES MILWAY '73

ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF COMPETITIVENESS AND PROSPERITY

THE NEWS IS LARGELY GOOD FOR

for Canada these days. Our economy is strong, and we enjoy a stable and secure environment, with a society that is diverse but socially cohesive, sharing fundamental values from coast to coast. But this is not enough to ensure our future prosperity.

Over the past two decades, our standard of living has failed to keep pace with the U.S.—indeed, it has deteriorated significantly. Also, our performance with respect to innovation, productivity and regulatory efficiency—all key indicators of competitive ranking—has been disappointing, to say the least.

For Canada's standard of living to rise, our economy must grow—and for that to happen, we must be competitive with other jurisdictions, particularly our most significant trading partner, the United States. Currently, this is not the case. We at the *Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity* have identified a worrisome 15% prosperity gap between the U.S. and Canada—a difference in GDP per capita of \$6,800 that translates into a yearly difference in after-tax disposable income of just over \$10,000 per Canadian family.

The prosperity gap is not the result of some mysterious, fundamental weakness in Canada's economy. Our research indicates that it is the result of Canadians' failure to derive as much strength from our available human, physical, and natural resources as we could. Without targeted action, we will witness ever-growing disparities in our economic well-being with our neighbours to the south.



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The recent tuition freeze will reduce the funds available to universities to create spaces and provide resources for students. We need to have our alumni take a more active, more responsible role in fundraising. We can't wait for the government to do the job for us. JAMES MILWAY '73

Canada's Under-Investment Challenge

Productivity is the only element of GDP per capita that can improve in the short-run and grow indefinitely. The first step in tackling it is to address Canada's under-investment problem. Our work indicates that Canadian individuals, firms, and governments are under-investing in physical and human capital. By the former, we mean investments in productivity enhancing machinery, equipment, and software. By the latter, we mean investments in education and training.

Most economists agree that the level of education attained across the workforce is an important determinant of the quality of an economy's human capital—and our analyses reinforce the positive correlation between productivity and wages. Economic studies prove that the best single predictor of personal income is level of educational attainment. Canada's underperformance in educational attainment, mainly at secondary levels, translates into a negative impact on GDP *per capita* of \$1,100 *per capita*. In this article, we will focus on lower educational achievement as a significant factor in the prosperity gap.

The Perils of Under-Investment in Education

Canada's under-investment in education is more pronounced as we move through the educational system. On a *per capita* basis, Canadians invest competitively in public primary and secondary schools (85% of U.S. rates) and in colleges (90%). But university spending is at a much lower rate—50% of U.S. spending *per capita*. On a per student basis, the spending disparities widen in public primary and secondary schools (81% of U.S. rates) and colleges (86%), since Canada has proportionately more of its population enrolled at these levels. At the university level, because of our lower participation rate, the spending gap narrows on a per student basis, but is still only 63% of the U.S. rate.

While the results achieved by students in Canada's primary and secondary school systems exceed those of their U.S. counterparts, we are concerned about whether post-secondary students' aspirations are competitive with those in the U.S. Our concern is highlighted in findings from a recent report by the *Canada Millennium*

Scholarship Foundation reporting that 50% of Canadian students who score in the top 40% on standard achievement tests do not attend post-secondary programs. This reinforces our belief that Canadians need to do more to encourage high school graduates to pursue post-secondary degrees—the report revealed it was students’ attitudes, not financial barriers, that dissuaded them from higher education.

The fact is, tuition fees are not a major deterrent for students considering post-secondary education. A recent *Statistics Canada* study shows that over the past decade, the post-secondary participation-rate gap between students from low- and high-income families has actually narrowed, and when high school graduates were asked the main reason for their decision not to go to college or university, 77% listed a non-financial reason.

A major difference between the educational strategy of Canada and the U.S. is the diversity of public and private universities and colleges there, which creates the opportunity for higher levels of private funding and has led to

substantially higher levels of investment on a per student basis, as well as a proportion of GDP. While Canada may be investing at close to competitive levels when only public institutions are considered, our lack of private universities has constrained investment in this critical prosperity driver.

All told, a smaller percentage of Canadians have university degrees than Americans, and the most recent data for the 1990s indicates we are not closing this gap. In ‘degrees conferred per 1,000 population’, Canada trailed the U.S. — 5.02 versus 6.20 in the 1997-98 academic year. The gap is most prominent at the Master’s degree level: in Canada, 0.73 Master’s degrees were granted per 1,000 population, less than half the 1.61 rate achieved in the U.S.

Partnering for Investment All stakeholders in Canada’s economic future need to examine our strategies and actions to ensure that we are making appropriate investments for future prosperity. We recommend

St. Mike’s needs to build a strong endowment for the future. Our endowment is miniscule compared to some American colleges and universities — both public and private. Building an endowment will take many years and hard work. It’s the greatest challenge we have at the present time. We need to educate our alumni about it. JAMES MILWAY ’73

St. Mike's should keep its focus on programs and subjects in the liberal arts. We need our graduates to be flexible, and those with well-rounded undergraduate degrees are likely to be highly productive. JAMES MILWAY '73

that individual Canadians raise their aspirations for personal upgrading of their skills and capabilities through increased formal education and life-long training. Canadian firms must raise their aspirations from competing locally, provincially, or nationally to competing globally against the best in the world. Governments at all levels must also raise their aspirations to achieve an invigorating environment that encourages citizens and firms to upgrade and innovate—similar to the environment in the U.S. We need to reverse the negative impact of Canadian market structures on productivity and prosperity.

We recommend that a long term strategy be developed to raise Canadian investment in post-secondary education. We encourage provincial governments to recognize that, by historically maintaining a government monopoly on university education and strictly regulating most tuition levels, they have been primarily responsible for producing an investment level in higher education that is half that in the U.S. A long-term strategy for higher education should explore a sustainable approach to provincial funding, consider the role of tuition deregulation, and continue to foster the development of a diversity of post-secondary institutions. Alumni and corporations need to step up their support of universities; a major funding advantage for U.S. universities compared to Ontario universities is the size of their endowments. On average, Ontario

universities have endowment assets of \$7 thousand per student, less than half the \$15 thousand per student level at U.S. public universities and well under the \$126 thousand per student level at U.S. private universities.

To continue to prosper, Canadians everywhere must participate in a partnership to invest more than ever before to raise our competitiveness in the global arena. This is the only way to close the prosperity gap and continue to enjoy the economic well-being that comes from our place as one of the leading economies in the world. Our efforts today represent our investment for future generations. ~

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‘Lord, make a Better Leader out of Me’



*This I would like to be—braver and bolder,
Just a bit wiser because I am older,
Just a bit kinder with those I meet
Just a bit more humble taking defeat;
This is for this year my wish and my plea—
Lord, make a better leader out of me.*

So began the prayer, which led 19 participants into this summer's course on Legal Issues for Catholic Leadership, one of the first four courses offered as part of the new Master of Arts degree in Catholic Leadership. Using a variety of technologies, including the tried and true "excellent lecture followed by good questions" methodology, the new program seeks to address both the theoretical and the applied learning needs of the Catholic institutional leaders of tomorrow. Continuing Education and the Faculty of Theology have been collaborating on the design and delivery of a number of new courses, including a May/June internet based seminar on "Foundational Issues for Leadership" which began and ended with classes on two Saturdays on campus.

Whether for degree credit or to attain a Certificate, participation in Leadership courses at St. Michael's is growing.

In keeping with the goals of the newly established Institute for Catholic Leadership, a revised version of the Certificate program will be introduced in October, 2004.

Growing too, is an interest in Holiness and its Tensions as evidenced by the overwhelmingly positive response to a course on this subject offered in June by our newest instructor, Rabbi Dow Marmur. Both Rabbi Marmur and Religious Studies Professor Emeritus Sol Nigosian joined Continuing Education in the spring. We are delighted that by popular demand, both have agreed to offer not just one, but two courses next year. ~

This year, Continuing Education said goodbye to **Brother Tom Maddix**, CSC, core instructor in the Certificate program since 1995. Pictured here with Tom are students attending last August's session on *Ethics and Canon Law*. Having completed the program in May, most will be eligible to attend convocation in November, 2004.

From left to right

Front row

Rosanne Reech, Dianne Doyle, Karen Galenzoski, Claire Budziak, Blaine MacDougall, Greg Hadubiak, Mark Edmonds, Janete Poloway.

Middle row

Alison Morin, Santina Marasco, Barton Downey, Neil MacConnell.

Back row

Fr. Frank Morrissey, Eva Gillanders, Jo-Anne Palkovits, Br. Tom Maddix, Richard Abell, Mark Joly

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3rd Annual Frederick Furlong Lecture

Prof. David Burrell, CSC

Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 15—17 OCTOBER

FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Art & Sales Show

Odette Student Lounge, Brennan Hall

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 8:00 P.M.

Homecoming All Alumni Reception

Odette Student Lounge, Brennan Hall

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 10:00 A.M.

Homecoming Classes Without Quizzes

Fr. Guy Trudel

The Christian Imagination of J.R.R. Tolkien

in *The Lord of the Rings*

Alumni Hall, Room 100

121 St. Joseph Street

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Discovery Day's Campus Tour of St. Michael's College

Leaving from the Uof T Discovery Day SMC Booth

King's College Circle, every hour

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 12:30 P.M.

Homecoming Boozer Brown Touch Football Game

St. Michel's Back Campus

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 1:00 P.M.

Homecoming Kids' Kraft Korner (All Ages!)

Charbonnel Lounge

81 St. Mary Street

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 7:30 P.M.

2004 Soulerin Memorial Lecture

Msgr. Roderick Strange

Rector of the Beda College in Rome

Fr. Robert Madden Hall, Carr Hall

100 St. Joseph Street

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY 28—31 OCTOBER

Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale

Fr. Madden Hall, Carr Hall

100 St. Joseph Street

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 8:00 P.M.

22nd Annual Kelly Lecture

Dr. Donna J. Markham

Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 12 NOON TO 3:30 P.M.

Visit with Santa Claus before the parade for fun, games and hot chocolate.

COOP, Brennan Hall

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

Festive Tea

Charbonnel Lounge

81 St. Mary Street

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 6:00 P.M.

Twilight Retreat

COOP, Brennan Hall

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FR. ROBERT MADDEN, CSB

Bulletin Board

publishes information updates and bravos received about developments in the lives of St. Michael's alumni.

Thank you for the contributions you have made and, please, keep the 'newsbits' coming.

Sister Josephine Akua Anto MRE '00 has been appointed the Assistant Headmistress (Academic) of Holy Child School, Cape Coast, Ghana. Holy Child School is one of the top schools in Ghana. Sister Josephine reports, "My Masters programme in St. Mike's put me at a better advantage than any other contestant."

Michael '93 and Carla Campoli Alonzi '97 welcomed their second child, Vanessa, 3 November '03, a sister for Sarah, born 28 June '98. The Alonzi's live in Woodbridge, ON; Michael and Carla are teachers with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Secondary School Board.

Mary Elizabeth Bennett '89 and her husband, Dr. Gino Sturino, welcomed their second child, Joseph James Sturino, 8lbs 3oz, 28 May '04, a brother for David Bennett Sturino, almost 3.

Stephen '87 and Maureen Hart Biason '89 on 13 June '04 presented daughter Anne Elizabeth, 3, and son Ernie Joseph, almost 2, with twin brothers, Michael Thomas, 6lb, and Stephen Paul, 6lb 1oz.

Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau '62 was invested as an Honorary Fellow of the University of St. Michael's College at the 10 June '04 Convocation Baccalaureate Mass. His Eminence Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, Chancellor of the University, presided at the ceremony and was

Principal Celebrant at the Mass. The citation presenting Mary Catherine for this honor noted, among other accomplishments, her devotion to family life, her faith-based social work with young people at risk and those financially and educationally deprived, and her continuing active involvement in the life of St. Michael's, particularly her chairing of the Planning Committee for the College's celebrations of its Sesqui-centennial in '02.

Wendy Brown '89 and Daniel Caravaggio '89 welcomed their third child, Julia Elizabeth on 30 September '03. Big brothers, Alexander, 6, and Andrew, 4, were also excited to meet their new sister "despite their aversion to all things girly."

R. Philip Buckley '81 continues as Chair of McGill's Department of Philosophy, following a term away as visiting professor at the State Islamic University in Jakarta. He has academic oversight of a large bilateral (Canada-Indonesia) cooperation between McGill and the state-funded Islamic University System in Indonesia. As a result, his on-going research in phenomenology (especially Husserl) now includes an interest in intercultural and interreligious dialogue. Phil enjoys provoking his colleague and interlocutor George di Giovanni '59 with Heideggerian-inspired interpretations of Hegel, and together they ensure that McGill students continue to access the riches of the German philosophical tradition.

Rose Capdevila '84 and her husband, David Swapp, welcomed their second child, Julia, on 18 April '04, a sister for Jessica. The family currently lives in Hertfordshire, England.

Paul Carson '67 is one of the first two Canadians to receive a prestigious 25-Year Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Building on an interest developed during his student days at St. Michael's, Paul began in the UofT's Sports Information Office in 1970 and was the University's Sports Information Director from '76 through '98. He was a member of the organizing committee and a panelist at CoSIDA's 2004 Workshop in Calgary, where he received his award on 28 June. Since June '98, Paul has been Executive Assistant to Bruce Kidd, Dean of the UofT's Faculty of Physical Education and Health, commuting weekdays from his home in London, ON.

Mark Cekuta '96 and Carmelina Simone (B.Ed, York U) were married in August '03. They are expecting their first child in September '04. Carmelina is a Grade One teacher and Mark works as a technical specialist for a multi-national company in Toronto. They currently live in Vaughan, ON,

Donald Coulter '92, his wife, Anna Marie, and their two sons, Evan, 4, and Nicholas, 2, live in Aurora, ON. Don is a chartered accountant and received his MBA degree from the University of British Columbia.

Hillary Cunningham '83, Professor of Anthropology at the UofT, and her husband, Stephen Scharper '82 of the UofT's Department of Religion, were among the UofT volunteer Professors involved last term in an innovative educational project called "The Regent Park Learning Exchange Program." Established by the University of Toronto, the Regent Park Resident Council, and Toronto Community Housing, the program is designed to assist residents of Regent Park, one of Canada's oldest not-for-profit housing communities, in building their self confidence and empowering them to further their education in a classroom setting. Stephen also appeared on the Easter Monday edition of the CBC's Radio One program *Tapestry* that examined the connection between gardens and spirituality.

Peter Devlin '91 reports from Singapore that he attended a 26 June '04 breakfast/reception to welcome Singaporean students who will be attending the UofT this fall. The event was organized by Krista Slade '93 who is with the UofT's Alumni/Development Office with special responsibility for programs in Asia and the Far East. Also in attendance at

the reception were Er Kwong Wah (Engineering '70, former SMC resident), and Mark Slade '96, now working in Singapore as Airfreight Manager with a division of DHL, a global logistics and airfreight integrator.

Katie Marshall Flaherty '86 recently received "The Word Magazine Award" for her poetry. Katie, along with her homemaking, teaching, and writing, has been an instructor in the St. Michael's Continuing Education Division. Among her offerings has been a workshop entitled "Conflict Evolution".

Michael Fullen '63, former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/UofT and UofT Professor of Education, has been appointed as a special advisor to the Province of Ontario's Minister of Education, Gerard Kennedy. The government will draw on Michael's expertise in its efforts to improve numeracy and literacy rates for children under 12. Between 1997 and 2002 education in the UK benefited from reforms recommended to the British government by Michael.

Colleen Oleson Hanycz '89 and her husband Peter welcomed their third child, Claire Marie, 17 November '03, a baby sister for Erik, 6, and Emily, 4.

Judy Hynes Harpur '71 and her husband Bill were married in '74. Judy writes, "We live in San Diego, CA, and have two wonderful girls (both born at home!) ages 15 and 20. The elder is at Sonoma State University in Northern California, near Santa Rosa. The younger is at Francis Parker Upper School here in San Diego. Bill & I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary! I have been a full-time Mom, but taught elementary and middle school for several years before we had children. Bill, a Doctor of Optometry, received his degree from the University of California at Berkeley. I love reading the "Info Update Bravo" section of the newsletter. It's always fun to read what some of my classmates from '70 and '71 are doing."

Brendan Hemens '95 and his wife Kelly welcomed their second child, Paul Duncan, 26 October '03. Brendan reports that Paul's older sister Chloe, almost 3, "is tentatively pleased." Brendan accepted the position of Ecosystem Modeling Specialist with Saskatchewan Environment in September '03, and lives in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Don '68 and Joyce Kury Healy were completely taken off guard on 16 May '04 by the special surprise garden party arranged by their children, Donall Brian and Mary Caitlin, to celebrate the 35th anniversary of their wedding.

Fr. George Hosko, CSB STB '68 is a Librarian at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, and is also responsible for the University's Archives.

Marian O'Loane Ivan '77 made her way to San Francisco, CA immediately after graduation. Her work took her to Paris for a time before returning to San Francisco where she is at present Director of Risk Management with RREEF, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank, which manages investments for investor clients. Her son Damien is completing his education in digital design and computer imaging this year.

Sister Ellen Leonard, CSJ, PhD (Theol) '78, St. Michael's Professor Emeritus of Theology, received the 2004 Ann O'Hara Graff Award in a 10 June '04 ceremony at the Catholic Theological Society of America's annual meeting in Reston, VA. The award, granted by the "Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology", recognizes the contribution of a female academic in both her scholarship in feminism and in her "liberating action on behalf of women in the Church" and community. As one of her colleagues has noted, this award recognizes Sister Ellen's lifetime of generous work in these areas.

Scott Loomis '96 graduated from Boston University Dental School in 2000; he and Anna Mochol were married in June '03. Scott owns a dental practice in Cayuga, ON. He and Anna live in St. Catharines, ON.

Dan Mack '70 continues his career as Furniture Designer/Craftsman. Dan and his artistry in furniture were recently featured in the TV program *Woodwrights Shop* on PBS. The sequence was filmed in his workshop/studio in Warwick, NY, north of New York City. Dan's unique furniture creations are crafted, for the most part, from pieces of wood in their original, natural shapes. Dan and his wife, Terry Husted '71, live in Warwick, NY. They have three children, Kendra, 25, Jessica, 21, and Eliza, 18. Terry is a high school counselor with the Monroe-Woodbury School District. Dan occasionally teaches woodcraft at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY, and organizes *Woodlanders' Gatherings*, periodic three-day picnic/workshops in various parts of the North East and Mid West US that enable those working with natural materials to celebrate their crafts and to network.

Emily Mandy '66 had a showing of her paintings, "Reflections of Vancouver Island", in April at the UofT Faculty Club. Sales of her work secured a contribution in memory of her sister, Josephine Demers, who

passed away in September '03, to the Muki Baum Centre for children's rehab. As a "charter member" of last year's sensational SMC Homecoming Art Show, she encourages other SMC alumni artists to participate this Fall. Contact the coordinator of the show, Mary Catherine O'Brien '54, at 416 769-6109.

Tracy Manna '8T9 and her husband, Andy Fisher, welcomed Madeline Ann 17 July '03, a baby sister for big brother Lucas, 2.

John '51 and Vivian Mulhall McDonough '51 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding with a reception at their home in Toronto on 31 July '04 and by renewing their vows at the noon Mass in St. Gabriel's Church the next day, Sunday 1 August.

Lauretta Santarossa '81 makes time in her busy schedule as Director of Sales and Marketing for English Periodicals at Novalis Publishing to offer courses in St. Michael's Continuing Education Division. Most recently she has shared her passion for gardening in a three-part workshop series entitled "Gardening and Spirituality — Creating Paradise." For Lauretta, gardens are a celebration of creation.

Rufina M. Selvanayagam '95 and Fred Gonsalves were married in '99. They are the proud parents of Mary Elysa, 4, and Joseph Christopher, almost 2. Rufina is employed in the Occupational Health and Safety field in Toronto. The family currently resides in Etobicoke, ON.

Jim Splinter '94 reports, "After an aggressive tour of Japan and Australia, Jim has settled in Toronto where he teaches history and coaches hockey at Marshall McLuhan High School. Jim remains a larger than life figure and continues to go hard."

Fr. Thomas Stabile MDiv '86 became Associate Pastor of St. Andrew Church, Ft. Worth, TX, on 15 July '04. Fr. Stabile had previously been stationed in Arlington, TX.

Alphonse Valenti '94 is living in Albany, NY, where he is Product Manager for a financial publishing company.

Celia Viggo Wexler '70 has been named Vice-President for Advocacy for Common Cause, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest group with nearly 300,000 members across the United States. Her husband, Richard Wexler, heads his own nonprofit firm, the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform. They have one daughter, Valerie, 16. The Wexler's live in Alexandria, VA. ~~~~~



Ed Nelligan^{'45} oversaw expansion of Catholic Education in Toronto

Ed Nelligan: First priority, the children

PHOTO: COURTESY OF NELLIGAN FAMILY

One of Ontario's leaders in Catholic education died on 8 March 2004 after a brief illness with cancer. B. Edmund (Ed) Nelligan was 80 years old.

For 30 years, Nelligan was a key player in the development of Ontario's separate school system. He was the Director of Education of the Metropolitan Separate [Toronto Catholic District] School Board from '65 to '83, during a period of rapid expansion when student population grew from 61,000 to 94,000.

"He will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of working with him", said Tom Donovan, Director of Education for the Toronto Board. "He was renowned for his calm confidence and generosity, and his collaborative leadership...[his] first priority was always the children in our schools."

For his dedication to Catholic education, Pope John Paul II made him a Knight of St. Gregory and a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre. Nelligan received an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Letters from the USMC.

He is survived by his wife Bernadine, nine children, 28 grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. ~

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BOWERS, John David	1964
CROTHERS, Eileen M.T. O'Hara	1939
DUFFY, Edward Paul M.	1953
FINLEY, Donald J.	1947
GLOVER, Sr. Adelaide M.	1973
HAWKSHAW, William J.	1941
HAYDEN, Salter A.E.	1947
HERRING, Patricia M.	1977
KNOX, Barbara M.T. Mociak	1939
KOSTOWSKI, Orysia V.	1973
LIPSKI, George A.	1970
OATWAY, Gordon J.E.	1947
PETRAUSKAS, Vaita M. Kuprevicius	1972
PRICE, Reginald S.	1951
REGAN, Sheila H. Hogan	1951
ROVAS, Eugene J.	1973
STOCKER, Karen E. Long	1969
TEMPLE, Joseph W.P.	1949
TIERNEY, Hugh Gregory	1950
TRIMBLE, CSJ, Sr. Mary Jane	1941



Mary Dobell '24

At 102 years of age, Mary Dobell '24 is the oldest living alumna on USMC record: "I thank God every day for what He has given me."

Raised in Toronto, faith has always been important to Mary. "I attended schools run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph so it was only natural for me to do the same for university.... Father Carr was the Superior and Father McCorkell was the Registrar at the time."

"We took most of our classes with the nuns, but we went to University College for Math. We looked forward to these lectures because the professors were all men. I had always been taught by the nuns, so this was something new and I enjoyed it."

"How did the girls get to meet the boys? At the Newman Club—at church services, debates, and tea dances. Two rising young men at Saint Mike's in the early 20's were Morley Callaghan [author], and Paul Martin [politician]. And yes, I met brash Morley at a tea dance, and yes, I enjoyed a dance with him." ~



Mary Dobell & Dr. Richard Alway, USMC President

Spring 2004 Reunion



Helen Patterson '34

"Saint Michael's College? I loved it there," Helen Patterson '34 recalls. "The Sisters of Saint Joseph were very good to me. I was a bit younger than many of the girls, so I tended to get a lot of care and attention."

Helen chose to study Latin, was a member of the French club, swam, and played intramural tennis. "There were strict rules, of course. Curfew was 11:45 p.m. You had to work pretty hard to maintain your grades. And there wasn't a lot of mingling between the sexes."

"I really admired the sacrifices the sisters made for us," she said. "They taught for free, you know."

Helen's simple apartment is richly decorated with family photographs. "My husband was a sweetie. I've had a wonderful time. God has looked after me. My only regret in life," she muses, "I didn't have a burning desire for any particular career." ~



Father Mallon '29

Father James Francis Mallon, CSB '29, is the oldest professed religious in the history of the Congregation of St. Basil. In December he will celebrate his 70th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. "I'm looking forward to it," he notes, sitting peacefully in his modest room in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre, Toronto.

After graduation in 1929 with a B.A. in Modern Languages (and 4 years of Mulock Cup football), he studied French for a year in Paris. In 1934, Mallon, along with his brother Hugh and 12 other seminarians, was ordained a priest.

Fr. Mallon's spiritual life is intense. Hours are filled with daily mass, meditation, prayer, sacred texts, and an interlude or two of classical music. While he worries about the "paucity of vocations" in the Church today, he points out that the lack of priests "was true in our Lord's day" too.

"The Lord has been good to me," he smiles, in that affable, folksy, warm-hearted manner for which he is well-known. "I've had a rich life—so many friendships." ~



Sr. Marion Norman IBVM^{'39}

"I believe that the way to a happy and healthy life is to continually learn and expand your horizons." Professed a Sister of Loretto in '36, Sr. Marion graduated in '39 with an Honours Degree in Philosophy, English, and History, earning the Governor General's Medal in the process.

After completing her Ph.D., she began teaching at USMC in 1940, where she was profoundly influenced by educators Jacques Maritain, Etienne Gilson, Marshall McLuhan, and Gerald Phelan. "They were scholars to their fingertips. They stimulated you to be the best you could be and were an inspiration to all of us."

Books have long nourished Sister Marion, who derives her motto from Milton: "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit." After retiring in '79, Sister Marion taught courses with USMC's Continuing Education, including 'Books that helped to change the world' and 'Books I have always intended to read.'

Sister Marion was invested as an Honourary Fellow of USMC in '98. "I've had a wonderful life as a religious, as a teacher, and as a person." ~

To view Spring Reunion 2004's Funniest Memories go to: <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/about/features/reunion04.html>

USMC Alumni Reunion Scholarship 2004

At Spring Reunion 2004, "the generous hearts of the Alumni" of the Honoured Years '4 and '9 gave over \$10,000 to establish a scholarship for an undergraduate student in financial need at USMC. Through the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund, these funds will be matched to increase the scholarship to over \$20,000. ~



My scholarship opened a window for me

By CHRISTINA CASTELLVI

From a very young age, I have been aware that a university degree is costly, but I also knew that to achieve some measure of success in life, I had to obtain one.

While my parents have always been supportive of my goals, they are not financially equipped to see me through this journey. The University of St. Michael's College opened a window for me when it granted me my scholarship. I am truly grateful. ~

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Sister Mechtilde O'Mara CSJ '56,
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Roger Carron

Back with Belyea: **Fr. David Belyea**, CSB '49 surrounded by his students from the Class of '64, L to R: **Cynthia Kappus Benson**, **Anne Moore Luyat** from France, **Ann Schrand Fernandez** from Miami, **Bernadette Sulgit**.

In the back row is **Betty Dwyer**, **Ed Sorbara**, **Katharine Walsh Kelly** from England, **John Taylor**, and **Maria Anne Greeney Taylor**.



Good Times — 94ers and friends! L to R:
Rob Contway, **Mike McCarthy**, **Andrew Dundass** '95,
Paula Jones, **Melissa Gibson**, **Jean Paul Arbour** '92,
Nicolina Scanga '96, **Bruno Scanga**



Class of '79 Celebrating
25 Silver Years! L to R:
Anna Convertini,
Loretta Scagnetto Antonacci '81,
Natalie Lidano, **Jane Wilson**,
Maureen McGrann '80,
Sarah Christie Prospero,
Susan Longo-Santia,
Sarah Widmeyer '90,
Marisa Mauriello Gambin '81,
Charles Gambin '81, **Kevin Giffin**,
Andy Lubinsky



Class of '54 celebrating 50 Golden Years! Back Row LtoR:
John Campion, **Barbara-Anne Hawken Johnson**, **Neil Mahoney**,
Roy Foss, **Moyra Donnelly Campion**, **Greg Byrne**, **Harold Beaudry**,
Justine O'Brien, **Arden Spence Broadhurst**, **Sr. Janet Fraser**, CSJ,
Eileen Dupuch Carron, **Mary Catherine O'Brien** '66 and **Pat**
Johnston Bolger
Front Row, L to R: **Paul Kehoe**, **Patricia Potochniak Loughran**,
Michael Fitzpatrick and **Ann Dillon Marshall**



L: **Michael Gyokery** '59 and
Rosemary Sheldon Prevec '62,
R: **Jenny Gyokery** and
Ludvik Prevec '59



49ers with friends: **Hugh Donnelly '50, Mary O'Brien Donnelly**, an alumna, **Don Schmidt '63, Virginia Hauseman, Mary Agnes Garvey Murphy '51, Harold Murphy, Jerry Matthews** with his wife **Angela** sitting in front, **Gerry MacLean, Carol MacLean**, an alumni, **James Foy, Sr. Helen Harber**, rc '48, **Mary Sherlock Dool** and **Doreen Cullen**



Sr. Marion Norman, IBVM '39, **Helen Egan Patterson '34** and **Kathleen Ancker**, Director of Alumni Affairs



Together Again!: Class of '84 Back row, L to R: **Jim Phoenix, Christopher Kelly, Mark Quail, Patrick Murphy, Vincent Lepore, Rita Marie Hadley, Steve Taborek** Front row: **Brenda Sweeney, Bruce Fitzpatrick**, and **Katherine Cashman**



L to R: **Ed Sorbara '64, Cynthia Kappus Benson '64, Cas Herold '64, Harry Hodson '77, Carol Hodson '69, Mimi Bucek Marrocco '69**



Moyra Patricia Donnelly Campion '54, Frank Addario '44



Eulie Davis '49 & Marjorie Davis '49



L to R: **Helen Dunn Fitzpatrick '56, Maureen Hart Biason '89** and **Steve Biason '87**



Lillian Powell '74, Lisa Stevens '74, Dan Helsberg



Paul Kehoe '54, Roy Foss '54, President Alway, USMC President

Chaplaincy

On 1 July

2004, Marilyn Elphick became Director of Chaplaincy Services at USMC. Marilyn, who has been Lay Campus Pastoral Minister since 2002, succeeds Father Terry Kersch, CSB, who was appointed Pastor of Saint Basil's Church. Father Doug Hilmer, CSB will be assuming the position of Chaplain at USMC, as well as Associate Pastor of Saint Basil's Church.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting challenge," affirms Marilyn. "I am grateful to continue in my role of service to the College community."

Marilyn's journey to the Chaplaincy began at the Faculty of Theology in 1997. "I enrolled with the intention of completing one year of theological studies," she explains, "but ended up with a Master of Divinity." Marilyn graduated in 2002, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree at the Faculty.

Marilyn's many activities in 2004 include planning and fundraising for a two-week journey to World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany. ~



Continuing the journey:

Marilyn Elphick '02, Director of Chaplaincy

En route to World Youth Day 2005

By PEARL VAS



USMC WYD Team: (left to right) **Pearl Vas, Rod Orellana, Jenefer Stanley, Erica Gismondi, Stephanie Chiu, Cataldo Caprara, Josephine Stanley, Kevin Devotta, Gisell Castillo, Ian Kim, Fabio Bonanno, Carlo Silverio, David Lee, Alistair Vaz, Marilyn Elphick**

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World Youth Day 2002

in Toronto was the most amazing week of my life. I've never felt so many people come together with so much love in their hearts. At the final Mass, we could feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit. We left filled with hope that we could make the world a better place.

At USMC, a team of students, led by Marilyn Elphick and student, David Lee, is preparing for WYD 2005. Our group is a miniature WYD, with people from different parts of the world coming together to celebrate and strengthen our faith.

WYD 2002 more than validated my faith – it strengthened it to limits I couldn't even imagine possible. WYD 2005 will be another chance to experience this beautiful feeling. Please help us to achieve our goal! ~

✿ We are currently selling cookbooks for \$15 to raise enough money to send our group to WYD 2005. It's full of great recipes contributed by students, staff and alumni of St. Mike's.

To purchase contact Marilyn at (416) 926-7278 or marilyn.elphick@utoronto.ca

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Lectures

The Third Annual Frederick Furlong Memorial Lecture

Creation in Judaism, Christianity and Islam
PROFESSOR DAVID BURRELL, CSC

Sunday, 3 October 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall

The 22nd Annual Kelly Lecture

The Leader's Mantle: Creating Connection, Community, and Continuity in the Midst of Chaotic Times.

DR. DONNA J. MARKHAM, OP, PHD/ABPP

Thursday 18 November 2004, 8:00 p.m.
Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall

Soulerin Memorial Lecture

Trust and the Recovery of Confidence: Being Catholic Today

MSGR. RODERICK STRANGE
Rector of the Beda College in Rome

Thursday, 21 October 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Robert Madden Hall, 100 St. Joseph's Street

Theology Convocation

6 November 2004

The Senate of the University of St. Michael's College voted to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters (D.Litt.S.) on three distinguished Canadians at Theology Convocation.

Lieutenant General (Retired) Roméo Dallaire
Dr. Kenneth Schmitz
Dr. Emöke Szathmáry



A chat before the game: L to R:
**Bill Buba '73, Ed Cattana, Senator
Con Di Nino and Tom DiGiacomo '64**



Waiting to start: L to R:
**Red Kelly, John McCormick '49,
Harold Murphy '49 and
Gerry MacLean '49**



This year's tournament winners: L to R:
**Howard Atkinson, Bill Chinery, David
Service '77 and Steve Bonnar**
(missing from the picture) with
Victor Dodig '88 and Ken Shaw in the
back row

Golf Tournament

**In July
2004**, the Fifth New Millennium
Golf Classic was held at King's Riding
Golf Club, King City, with 140 golfers
and guests in attendance. Joseph Sorbara
'63 and Victor Dodig '88, co-chairs of the
tournament, proudly announce that
\$128,000 was raised to support the President's
Fund for Excellence in Research and

Scholarship. A sincere thanks and congratu-
lations to all sponsors and participants for
their generosity and good spirits — despite
the wet weather! ~

For more information regarding our next
golf tournament in 2005, contact
Christina Attard at:
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World Youth Day Dinner Dance & Silent Auction

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Survey Winner



Thanks for responding to my
email survey in June!

Congratulations to the winner
of the Summer Holiday
Package, **Debbie Havill '98**.

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NEW EDITION

Susan and Jonathan Bengtson, Chief Librarian, are the proud parents of their first-born daughter, Seren Dorothy, born on 28 July 2004 at St. Michael's Hospital, weighing 7lbs. 7oz. ~

PRESERVING OUR SOCIAL HERITAGE

A newly formed Catholic Archivist Group (CAG), formerly the Catholic Religious Conference-Ontario, is a voluntary organization of English-speaking archivists working in Catholic institutions across Canada. Members of CAG are committed to the preservation of the social heritage of all its members.

In June 2004, a successful conference was held on the USMC campus. "We will provide educational programs, underlining the importance of our archives, exchange information and allow a forum where issues can be addressed," says Evelyn Collins, USMC Archivist. Assisting in promotion of the CAG vision will be Henri Nouwen Archivist, Gabrielle Earnshaw. ~

USMC ARCHIVES RECEIVES PAPERS OF FATHER JOSEPH OWENS, CSSR

Father Joseph Owens, CSSR, taught many of our own professors when he lectured in Philosophy for 40 years at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. Participating in international conferences and societies, he published extensively. After his retirement, the Redemptorist Fathers of Toronto engaged Archivist M.C. Havey '71 to prepare his papers for preservation, place them in their historical context, and make them available for research through *Finding Aids*.

Due to the foresight of the Redemptorists, Father Owens' original investigations into Thomas Aquinas and the Doctrine of Being, Ancient Western Philosophy, and the History of Christian Philosophy, to name but a few, are accessible to qualified researchers. ~

REID LOCKLIN

"When we engage the question of faith, we're really engaging in a great mystery," observes Dr. Reid Locklin, the newest assistant professor joining USMC in the Christianity and Culture Program.

The road to Saint Michael's was a journey merging academic and spiritual sensibilities. "I was once a committed secular humanist," remarks Locklin with a laugh. "The door to reconsidering Christianity opened when I began to study Hindu culture at the University of Tennessee."

Locklin became a Catholic after graduation in 1991. While

working at a mission work at the Lakota Indian Reservation, he discerned a call to educational ministry in the Church. Locklin completed his Ph.D. in Theological Studies at Boston College in 2003 with a dissertation in comparative ecclesiology: *"A First Course in Salvation: Sankara, Augustine, and the Ongoing Creation of Religious Community"*.

"The events of 9/11 have heightened sensitivities to the kinds of theological issues I'm interested in. The work I do focuses on how Catholic theology might be enriched by engagement with other traditions." ~



"The door opened for me", Dr. Reid Locklin, St. Michael's new assistant professor of Christianity and Culture

Rector of BEDA to Lecture at St. Mike's

Msgr Roderick Strange

, Rector of the Beda College in Rome, will give the Basilian-sponsored Soulerin Memorial Lecture on 21 October 2004 in Robert Madden Hall at St Michael's College. His topic will be: "Trust and the Recovery of Confidence: Being Catholic Today". The Lecture will be at 7:30 pm, followed by a reception for all of those in attendance.

Better known to his many friends as "Father Rod", his academic and pastoral ministry has born fruit in:

✠ The Catholic Faith (1986) a widely admired contemporary account of the church's teaching "shot through with living theology";

✠ Living Catholicism (2001) a portrait of belief and practice encompassing holiness and discipleship, and further drawing upon his experience as pastor, teacher and counsellor;

✠ The Risk of Discipleship (2004) addresses the scandals of sexual abuse, the decline in vocations, obligatory celibacy and the debates over the ordination of married men and women, which, "without avoiding any of the challenges, renews the sense of privilege of our calling."

Msgr Strange's Soulerin Lecture will focus on the wider Catholic community, lay and clerical, taking on questions of power and the abuse of power in the Church, and of responsibility at all levels. We may look forward to an informed and forthright Lecture. ~



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EDITOR'S NOTE

We hope you like the new name—
ST. MICHAEL'S—and enjoy the
new look of our alumni magazine.

I would be happy to hear
your comments!

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