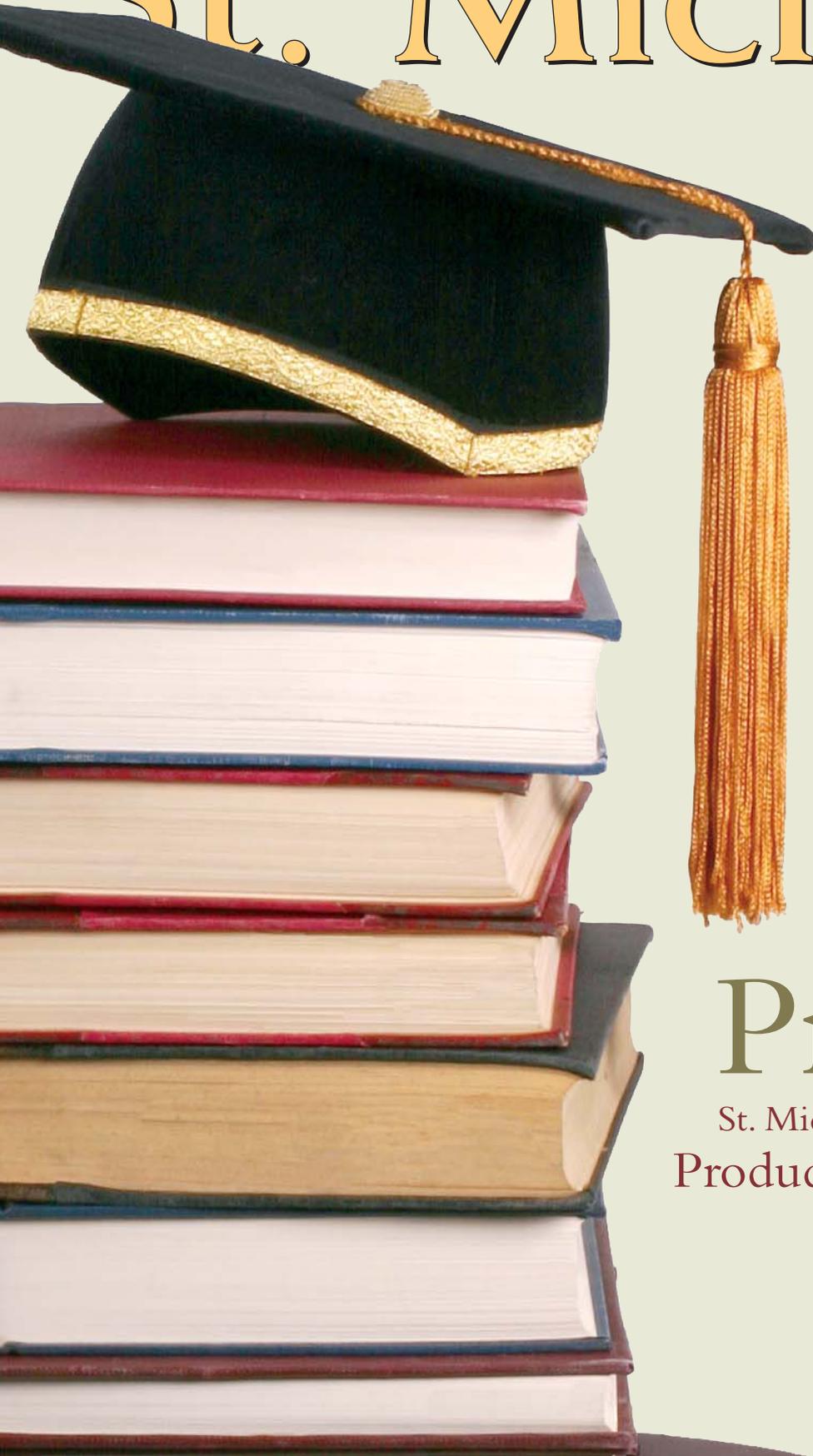


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In my first term the University of St. Michael's College Alumni Association has been busy. We had a retreat for the Board of Directors in September, which focused on revitalizing the board and developing the committee structures it needs to increase avenues for all alumni and friends of the College to become involved.

In October, the first Friends of the Library Book Sale raised more than \$22,000! The alumni committee did a great job.

The Annual *Faith, Hope and Charity* campaign has a goal of \$1.2 million this year! I want to thank all contributors for their generous support of the College.

A sincere welcome to new members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors—Marianna Korman '48 and Stanley Makuch '67.

I hope to see you all at Spring Reunion 2005.

KAREN CHAMBERS '88  
President USMC Alumni Association

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St. Michael's continues to count on its graduates and friends

# The view from Elmsley Place

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

Recently released, the final report of the Rae Review of postsecondary education in Ontario holds out real promise of positive change for a system of university funding in desperate need of an overhaul.

Authored by a respected former Premier, its major recommendations were pre-tested on the provincial government, giving this report a better chance than most of actually being implemented. What can we expect in coming months, and what effect will this have on universities and colleges in Ontario, including St. Michael's?

The short answer is likely to be more money for a cash-strapped system, starting as early as this spring's provincial budget. This is long overdue. For more than a decade, Ontario has ranked last among the provinces in per student support of higher education. The Rae Report calls for \$1.5 billion in additional funding over the next three years in order to bring Ontario's spending to the national average. While **per capita** spending on health care in Ontario has increased by more than 30 per cent in real terms since 1987, higher education spending has actually declined by 18 per cent.

Leaving specific numbers aside, it seems likely that more money will be injected into the post-secondary system, including the University of Toronto, in coming years. While St. Michael's does not receive direct provincial funding, our students will benefit from any initiatives taken by the U of T to improve the quality of education, by, for instance, hiring more faculty and decreasing class sizes. Constantly improving the quality of the undergraduate student experience is a priority for St. Michael's, and changes flowing from the Rae Report should help us achieve this objective.

In this column, I would also like to provide you with a quick update on a number of other good news items mentioned in the last issue of St. Michael's. Appropriately enough, the College received the first \$3 million instalment of what will eventually be our largest ever gift over the Christmas holidays. Needless to say, it was a happy

responsibility to come into the office during the break to receive the cheque. Toronto developer Marco Muzzo will bring his gift to a total of \$5 million within the next two years, a level of generosity that places him in the senior ranks of donors to Canadian

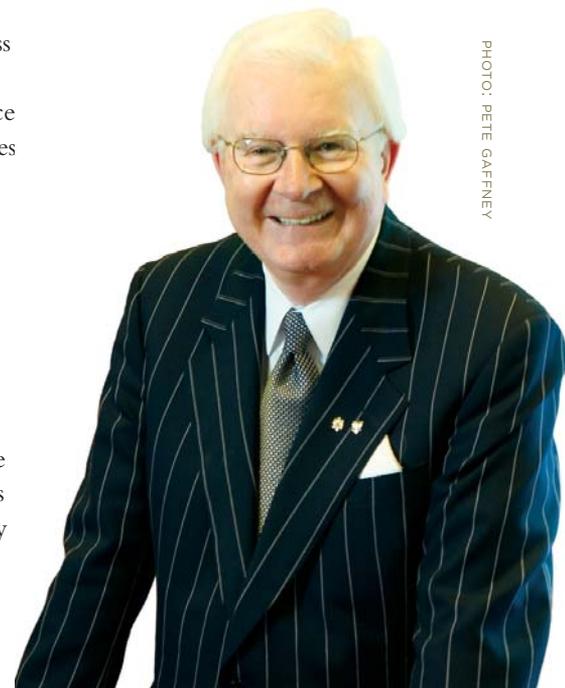


PHOTO: PETE GAFFNEY

universities. The gift is unrestricted in terms of the use to which it can be applied, and is unconditional on the land sale currently being transacted between St. Michael's and Mr. Muzzo. The College will express its official appreciation in an appropriate fashion at a future date, but at this time I would again like to convey our sincere thanks for this unprecedented measure of support of St. Michael's.

On the Bay Street land front, I am pleased to report that a sale document has now been signed between St. Michael's and the Muzzo group of companies. The agreement is conditional upon receiving planning approval from the City of Toronto which we are advised could take as long as two to three years. In the interim, the College will continue to collect revenue from its parking operation on the site. Initial cash flow projections indicate that if the sale proceeds as expected on this kind of timeline, our annual operating deficit can be eliminated within five to six years. Having the College operate on a break-even basis for the first time in living memory will establish a sound foundation for continued positive performance, both financially and academically, as we move into the second decade of a new century.

Careful readers of the *Globe and Mail* might have noticed the recent publication of St. Michael's application to the Ontario Legislature for new legislation to reform the governance structure of USMC. A private member, Mike Colle, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence, has agreed to sponsor the bill, and we expect that passage will occur during the spring session. At the same time, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS) will also be receiving its own act, and will become an autonomous institution affiliated with the University of St. Michael's College, rather than one of its four divisions. This change is being carried out to fulfil canon law

requirements that apply to PIMS as an ecclesiastical faculty, and will have little practical effect on the day to day working relationship between the two institutions.

As part of an ongoing renewal of its teaching staff, the Faculty of Theology is currently conducting searches to fill two vacant positions, the Patrick Keenan Chair in religious education, and the Basilian Fathers Chair in pastoral theology. The former opened up with the happy news last summer of the appointment of Rev. Mario D'Souza, CSB, Associate Professor of Religious Education, as the twentieth President of Assumption University in Windsor. The St. Michael's community congratulates Father D'Souza on his new appointment, and wishes him every success.

Finally, alumni and friends who have not already heard the news will read elsewhere in this issue of the decision of the Sisters of St. Joseph to close St. Joseph's College in May of 2006. This will mark a significant change for St. Michael's, which, with its students, has benefited so much from the contribution of the Sisters. Their generous service over the course of nearly a century has literally changed the lives of countless young women, and allowed many to receive a university education who otherwise would not have been able to do so. As most of you will know, St. Joseph's is an independent institution owned and operated by the Sisters, and the reasons for its closure are particular to the Congregation itself. This is part of a broader trend where religious congregations across North America, faced with declining personnel, are having to reduce their commitments and make the difficult decision to close some institutions. This, of course, makes it all the more important that alumni/ae come forward to support Catholic colleges and universities. In this spirit, St. Michael's continues to count on its graduates and friends. ~

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**As some of you have** already learned, St. Joseph's College will soon close. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, after much consideration, reflection and consultation, have decided they must close St. Joseph's College in May 2006. Sister Margaret Myatt, General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, in announcing the closure stated, "The Sisters have been reviewing all of their ministries and making decisions and choices for the future of the Congregation, moving away from their institutions into new ministries." Alumni, administration, faculty, students and staff of St. Michael's share the sentiment expressed in Sister Margaret's words, "It is not without considerable sadness that the Sisters have made this decision."

For over ninety-five years the Sisters of St. Joseph have made a major

# tribute to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto

RICHARD ALWAY '62

President, University of St. Michael's College



**Left** 1918 graduates of St. Joseph College with Sister Perpetua Whalen, CSJ and Sister St. John O'Malley CSJ  
**Middle** Sister Geraldine Thompson, CSJ **Right** Sr. St. John O'Malley and students of St. Joseph College, 1918  
Courtesy of Archive of Sisters of St. Joseph College

contribution to the history and life of St. Michael's. They have been influential, scholarly, talented teachers, and have created a strong residential community spirit, providing to generations of women students a supportive atmosphere that fostered life-long friendships, and an environment conducive to personal development and scholastic achievement within the context of a Catholic University.

Many other factors have influenced this decision, such as personnel needs, and the competitive nature of residence recruitment resulting from the addition within the University of Toronto of several more modernly equipped residential facilities. Sister Margaret Myatt has pointed out that the residential needs and preferences of today's students have changed, and the retrofitting needed to meet their expectations "is not an option due to the cost, structure, and the age of our buildings."

St. Michael's understands and accepts this decision and is committed to continue the residential spirit and atmosphere created in St. Joseph's College by the Sisters for almost a century. Our College's undergraduate enrolment is currently 60% women, and to ensure equity in campus accommodation to women requesting it, we are planning new residential arrangements. As is the situation at Notre Dame University in Indiana and at other universities, certain distinct portions of existing men's residences will be designated as residences for women students. As a way in which the tradition of the St. Joseph Sisters will be honoured, I will be asking the Collegium of St. Michael's to name one of these areas Fontbonne House, preserving the memory of St. Joseph's College and creating a continuing recognition of the role of the St. Joseph Sisters in the history and tradition of St. Michael's College.

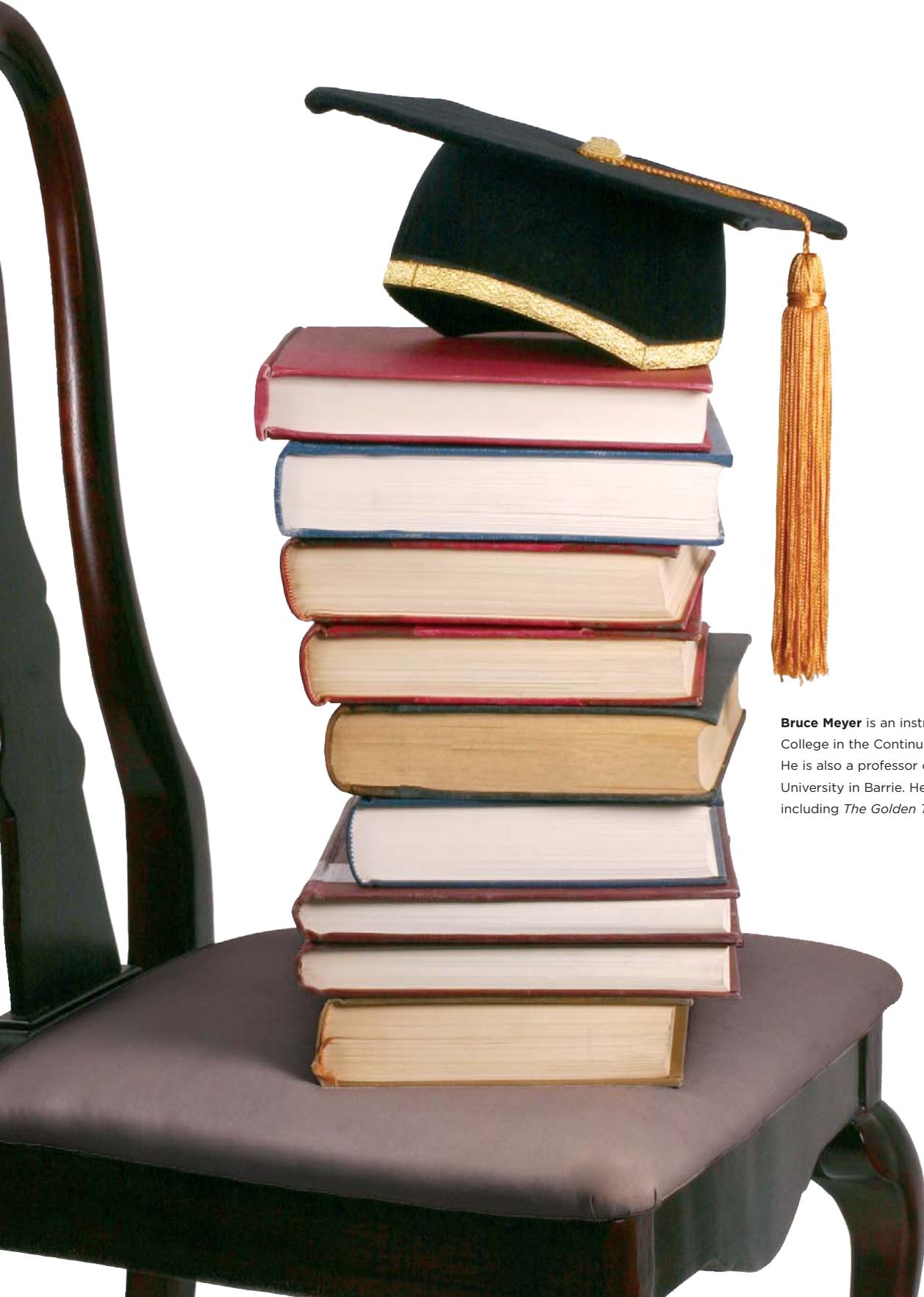
St. Michael's owes a great debt to the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is a debt for which we are all profoundly grateful and which we can never adequately repay. Along with our deep gratitude, the tribute we offer the Sisters is our commitment to continue the tradition of a caring, supportive residential community at St. Michael's. ~

*During the course of next year, there will be celebrations of our history, beginning with this year's Spring Reunion in June, 2005. We hope that you will be able to join us in some aspect of the celebration of our rich history, with some indulgence in nostalgia and wonderful memories, and in thanking God and St. Joseph for 95 years of care and blessings!*



SR. MARGARET MYATT, CSJ  
General Superior  
Sisters of Saint Joseph, Toronto

## St. Michael's



**Bruce Meyer** is an instructor at St. Michael's College in the Continuing Education Program. He is also a professor of English at Laurentian University in Barrie. He is author of 23 books including *The Golden Thread*.

Can a university prepare people for leadership?

While the debate continues, the University of St. Michael's College seems to have established an impressive record for producing leaders in higher education.

# Preparing Presidents

## St. Michael's Record in Producing University Leaders

By BRUCE MEYER

Some people are born leaders but for others,

it is a learned behavior. The University of St. Michael's College has helped to produce more than its fair share of leaders, from politicians, through captains of industry, to legions of bishops and religious leaders. Less well known is the fact that among more than 5,000 St. Michael's graduates involved in education, an unusually high number of alumni have gone on to become presidents of universities and colleges. For an institution whose enrollment never exceeded 1,000 students until the mid-1960's, the College has educated an impressively large number of North America's leaders in higher education.

Some experts maintain that modern universities are among the most challenging institutions to lead. Presidents require the management skills of a C.E.O., and many can identify with Henry Kissinger's quip that "university politics make me long for the simplicity of the Middle East!" Chronic underfunding of higher education has made fund-raising a central component of the job. Heads of Catholic universities bear the added responsibility of a prominent public profile in Church affairs. However, a passion for education remains the essential requirement of any university or college president. Perhaps this explains why so many St. Michael's graduates, including at least eleven at the present time, have been chosen to take on this role.

Dr. Robert Birgeneau '63, former President of the University of Toronto and now Chancellor of the prestigious University of California, Berkeley, knows the demands of the job. "Being a university president is not a job, it's a life. It is literally a twenty-four hour a day thing." Between courses of his American Thanksgiving Day dinner, Birgeneau explains in our telephone interview, "You are the C.E.O. of a major enterprise. One hour you are dealing with financial issues. The next, you are talking to a football coach who is worried his team isn't going to make the Rose Bowl. It is a test of one's humanity." He sums up the impact that St. Michael's College had in preparing him for his current role, "The most successful university presidents are those who have an essential humanity which they are able to communicate. That sense of humanity was something that they stressed at St. Michael's."

Just how does a liberal arts or science education help to form those who will eventually take the helm of higher education institutions? Dr. Peggy Williams '68, formerly President of Lyndon State College in Vermont, now President of Ithaca College in upstate New York, and also a teacher of rookie university presidents in a special summer Harvard University program, suggests there is no clear answer. She believes the process of learning how to lead is acquired by osmosis, by being part of a distinct community that



has a well-articulated vision of the kind of student it wants to create. “St. Michael’s had the focus on small classes, personal and individual attention, intellectual development and teaching excellence.”

Williams remembers fondly her time in the ‘Western Year’, the program for out-of-province students who lacked the prerequisite Grade Thirteen courses needed for admission to the University of Toronto. “There were only eighty of us. We were a tight group. I probably have forty close friends from that class. In that first year, Fr. John Kelly taught us theology; Fr. Bob Madden taught us English and eventually performed the marriages of most of us.”

For Williams, who received her Doctorate in Education from Harvard, there was no single event or person that set her on a course to become a university administrator. “St. Michael’s was clearly the place where I grew up. I loved going to school. I love the life of the mind. When I was at St. Mike’s I didn’t expect I would someday be working in higher education. You don’t know what leads to what, but if I look back, it all makes sense. I think the St. Mike’s environment fostered intellectual, emotional and social development. It was the right place at the right time for me.”

One of Dr. Williams’ classmates at St. Michael’s, Dr. Emöke Szathmáry ’68, has served as President of the 24,000 student University of Manitoba in Winnipeg since 1996. She returned to the College last November to receive an honorary Doctorate of Sacred Letters in recognition of her contributions to higher education administration and her distinguished record of teaching and research as an anthropologist. Dr. Szathmáry recalled her own undergraduate experience as a profound blend of the secular and the sacred. “It included thinking about the notion of God, one’s relationship to God, and one’s relationship

to other human beings. St. Mike’s opened the door to a complex set of intellectually meaningful delights.”

The link between secular and sacred is something that has had a significant impact on Basilian Father George Smith, MDiv ’88. First appointed President of St. Joseph’s College at the University of Alberta at the age of thirty-three, Father Smith has been President of St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan since 2000. In Smith’s view, St. Michael’s has the unique advantage of being active in both the spiritual and secular worlds, encouraging individuals to learn to live and think in two worlds at once. “At St. Michael’s we have this community of men and women who hold a particular faith tradition, who, while united through their faith, are also engaged in an ongoing dialogue with a secular university. That, in a nutshell, is the mission of Catholic education – it is a dialogue between faith and learning.” World-class physicist Robert Birgeneau concurs. “At St. Michael’s we had outstanding people in the humanities, but then if you went across campus you met outstanding people in the sciences. People like myself were very fortunate to be able to go back and forth between the worlds of the sciences and the humanities.”

Father Smith is one in a long line of Basilians educated at St. Michael’s who have gone on to head Catholic colleges and universities across North America. Like most religious congregations in Canada and the United States, the Basilians have seen their numbers decline in recent decades, and yet at least six of their members currently lead Catholic post-secondary institutions. One other, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, BA ’69, MDiv’74 was President of the University of St. Thomas in Houston before being appointed by Pope John Paul II to the position of Secretary of the Vatican’s Congregation for Catholic

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Education in 2003. In this role he has a special responsibility for more than 1,200 Catholic universities and colleges worldwide, thousands of secondary and primary schools, and the Church’s seminaries.

In the Basilian motto, ‘Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge’, Peggy Williams sees what should be the purpose of any university education, be it from a Catholic or a secular institution. “The work of us as educators is to help develop the hearts, minds and souls of the leaders of tomorrow, and to make the world a better place. I’m very conscious that is the kind of work I’m doing; that students are expected to share their knowledge and give service to the global community. I believe the notion of discipline is necessary to foster goodness.”

Dr. Szathmáry agrees. “I remain convinced to this day that one role played by a Catholic college is what Cardinal Newman said about the purpose of a university education. Such education helps bring a young person to intellectual maturity so they can learn to judge for themselves rather than accept other people’s judgement, and simultaneously, it develops one’s character. St. Mike’s legacy of rationality provided legitimacy to faith, and made me value reflection as a vehicle that brings about resolution. After that, the door is open to new horizons and new possibilities.”

Dr. Richard Alway ’62, President of the University of St. Michael’s College, believes that the College offers a unique mixture of opportunities that serve the growth of an individual. “The strength of St. Michael’s has always been that it combines education in a relatively small liberal arts college which maintains a Catholic tradition that reaches back to Medieval Western Europe, with membership in Canada’s greatest research institution, the University of Toronto. And all this is within the context of a city that has been declared by the United Nations the most

culturally diverse in the world.” It comes as no surprise to Alway that such an environment fosters leadership. “Leadership,” he stresses “is not the product of any one program. It starts with the ability to marshal facts, offer analysis, exercise judgement, and inspire others. It depends on general skills and the development of native intelligence which can take place in any program. And, if there is a diversity of programs, students have a greater chance of finding their niche as individuals. The key is to continue to provide both community and culture where individuals can grow into themselves.”

Although reluctant to discuss it, Alway’s own curriculum vitae exemplifies the kind of leadership that St. Michael’s encourages in its students. Warden of Hart House before becoming President of St. Michael’s in 1990, he has also held a variety of high level public service appointments including being Interim Director of the National Gallery of Canada, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. He leans back his chair and muses, “I don’t know whether any institution can consciously prepare people for leadership, but the best institutions try.” St. Michael’s impressive record in producing university and college leaders would seem to indicate it’s on the right track. Behind him, through spacious windows facing onto St. Joseph Street, undergraduate students can be seen hurrying in and out of the Kelly Library with armloads of books and notes. Perhaps one of them will one day occupy his chair, or one like it in some other university president’s office. ~

**Can you identify these academic caps? Who do they belong to?**

Reid Locklin 4. Dr. Richard Toporski Front Cover: Dr. Richard M. H. Alway '62 (L to R) 1. Fr. Robert J. Madden, CSB '52 2. Fr. John M. Kelly, CSB '32 3. Dr.

## Chaplaincy

# The Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes

By MARILYN ELPHICK '02  
Director of Chaplaincy Services



On the dusty, parched ground of Mt. Tabgha in the Galilee, the disciples said to Jesus, “*Send the crowd away so that they may go into the villages and buy food.*” Jesus told them, “*You give them something to eat.*” The disciples replied, “*We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish*” (Matthew 14:15–18). The miracle of feeding the crowd of hungry people appears in all four gospels, demonstrating the importance of compassion and giving with abundance to meet both spiritual and material needs.

I can't help but think of Chaplaincy's monthly “Dinner and a Movie”. Students choose the menu, shop for groceries, prepare the meal and serve dinner to the USMC community. We never know how many guests will arrive, so there is always the concern that we will run out of food. Yet, we always manage to feed those assembled and there are always leftovers. (Guests scurry to their dorms for containers to enjoy them later!)

Chaplaincy tries to embody a ministry of presence. Our priority is to evangelize, teach and

support the university community by offering opportunities for spiritual growth and development, leadership and liturgical training.

Throughout the term, Chaplaincy is busy with:

- ✝ *Bible Study*, providing weekly animated discussions and opportunities to seek deeper meaning and application of the Word in daily life;
- ✝ the *Out of the Cold* student team, serving a hot lunch to the poor and marginalized members of society, (November to March);
- ✝ *Liturgy Committee*, providing weekly scripture reflection and overseeing all ministerial aspects of the University Weekly Mass.

Through your generosity, prayers and support, we are able to ‘feed the five thousand’ with the kind of abundance that we find in the gospel story. May God bestow abundant blessings upon you today and always. ~



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MARIANNE SCIOLINO '73

## Make a gift to St. Mike's in your Will.

The University of St. Michael's College is the one institution that unequivocally has had the greatest impact on my life. St. Mike's gave me more than just a great education—it gave me a set of positive values that have served me well.

Make a difference that will live on after your life is over! Give to support a great college and a great university!

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# Upcoming Events

## Spring Reunion 2005

Dates and Honoured Years

2005 Spring Reunion June 3, 4, 5

Honoured Years

1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965,

1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000

Mark your calendars today for USMC Spring Reunion 2005 June 3rd, 4th & 5th!

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Join us for a very special celebration of the **Sisters of St. Joseph** at the University of St. Michael's College!

With sadness, the Sisters of St. Joseph have announced the closing of the St. Joseph's College Residence in May 2006.

On Saturday, June 4, 2005, join us at the Christie Mansion or "29" located at 90 Wellesley Street West between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m.

The current administration and many retired Sisters of St. Joe's will be there.

At 2 p.m., Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara, CSJ '56 will present, 'The History of the Sisters of St. Joseph.'

Don't miss this special opportunity!

# Student levy renovates Brennan Hall



by **Reza Ketabi**, President and **David Cramer**, Vice-President, St. Michael's College Student Union, shown in the reinvigorated COOP

"A few years ago, St. Michael's College Student Union [SMCSU] created a voluntary student levy to support student projects at USMC," Reza Ketabi, president of SMCSU explains. "In the summer of 2004, SMCSU decided to use \$95,000 to renovate Brennan Hall and the once infamous student hang-out, The COOP. Once again, Brennan has become the center of student activity, fostering new life in student organizations and student services."

Renovations include five new student offices for SMCSU, The Mike newspaper, UTICA and two shared clubs offices—all

with fully integrated wireless internet service—and the newly designed COOP Café, which includes an on campus convenience store. These renovations could not have been completed without the collaboration and determination of SMCSU and the College Administration, in particular, Principal Mark McGowan. Vice-President, David Cramer, wants alumni to visit the new Brennan Hall, "to witness the continued passion that we, the students, have for this great college of ours." ~

# “Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.”

THE HEART AND SOUL OF JOHN DREXEL '57

By MICHAEL SPILLANE '60



Father **John Drexel**, O.M.I. among his many kids from the *favela* (slums) of São Paulo.

Padre **João Drexel**, O.M.I. & street children.

Padre **João** offers a Memorial Mass for children killed on the streets of São Paulo.

Photos courtesy of Michael Spillane

During the course of life, very special people appear periodically and leave an indelible imprint on both the heart and soul, and in spirit remain with us forever. John Drexel '57 from Rochester, New York is such a person.

As a young St. Mike's student, a recent veteran from the U.S. Army where he served as a parachute instructor during the Korean War, John represented fully everything that is wonderfully remarkable about St. Michael's College: he embraced his academics in anticipation of what he thought would be a career in medicine (Our Lord, however, had a different plan); he pursued the spiritual through his daily participation in the Mass and garnered many warm friendships by his sincerity.

My most vivid memory of John is of a person who was in love with love and enamoured of life. Truly, he was a campus personality; full of fun, he drove a spanking new Pontiac convertible (very few students in residence owned a car in the 50's), was stylishly attired in the latest fashions, and attracted the interest of the many lovely girls on campus. Did we envy him!

In 1958, John Drexel entered the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Theological College in Washington, D.C. It was his plan to prepare for missionary service in Japan (Our Lord, however, had a different plan). A few months after his ordination on 31 May, 1962, John learned that he was going to Brazil, where he would serve the poorest of the poor, the innumerable abandoned street children of São Paulo.

It would be here in São Paulo, the third largest city in the world, that Padre João would live the Gospel message in loving, defending and educating these forgotten children, rejected by a society rich in material goods. It would be here that John Drexel would dedicate his time, talent and energy to create a more just and human future for many of the world's discarded children. It would be here that he would continue growing in knowledge and love of God in welcoming and helping those who have known little more than fear, hunger, rejection and early death.

There are over 600,000 street children living in deplorable conditions well under the poverty line in Brazil. Many are targets of death squads hired by storekeepers to systematically 'clean up'

and rid their areas of this 'nuisance' to their business and tourist trade. In Father John (a distant relative of Saint Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia), the vulnerable children of Brazil have a strong advocate. To this end, he uses his many skills in photography, writing, publishing, and radio/ television broadcasting.

John has been described by some as a 'rebel priest'. To this charge he has responded, 'I'm not a rebel priest, but a human being that has been profoundly overwhelmed and shocked by the fact 500,000 children die each year on this planet! A person cannot live the Word of God and be silent, face to face with children's inhuman and almost diabolical situation of injustice. I believe in man's transcendental dimension and that the Kingdom of God should begin here and now. This is our daily struggle and challenge.'

In 1973, with a group from São Paulo, John founded the Maria Helen Drexel

Association, named after his mother by founding board members, to care for and educate poor and abandoned children in foster homes. Today there are eight Drexel Association homes, whose goal is to prepare the children with the skills necessary to live productive and independent adult lives. To date, over three hundred infants, children and adolescents have received care from John's foster homes, and another one thousand in the slums have received day schooling.

In 1993, John opened a refuge for street children of São Paulo in a former coffin warehouse, where children can spend the night and receive a free meal. He and a staff of volunteers, including medical doctors, counselors, psychologists, and religious sisters care for the children and stay with them overnight.

For his work, Father John received the Good Samaritan Award from the National Catholic Development Conference (Mother Theresa was an

earlier recipient) as well as the Father Baker Service to Youth Award, and has been nominated for the Kellog's Hannah Neil World of Children Award. More recently he was honoured for his service to youth with the Citizen of São Paulo Award. ~

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# Witness to hope: George Weigel '75

GEORGE WEIGEL '75 COURTESY OF CATHOLIC REGISTER



*The Religious Commission of the St. Michael's College Student Union and the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development are pleased to invite you to a lecture by George Weigel*

***Twenty-Six Years with John Paul II***

*Monday, April 11, 2005, 7 p.m.*

*in Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall*

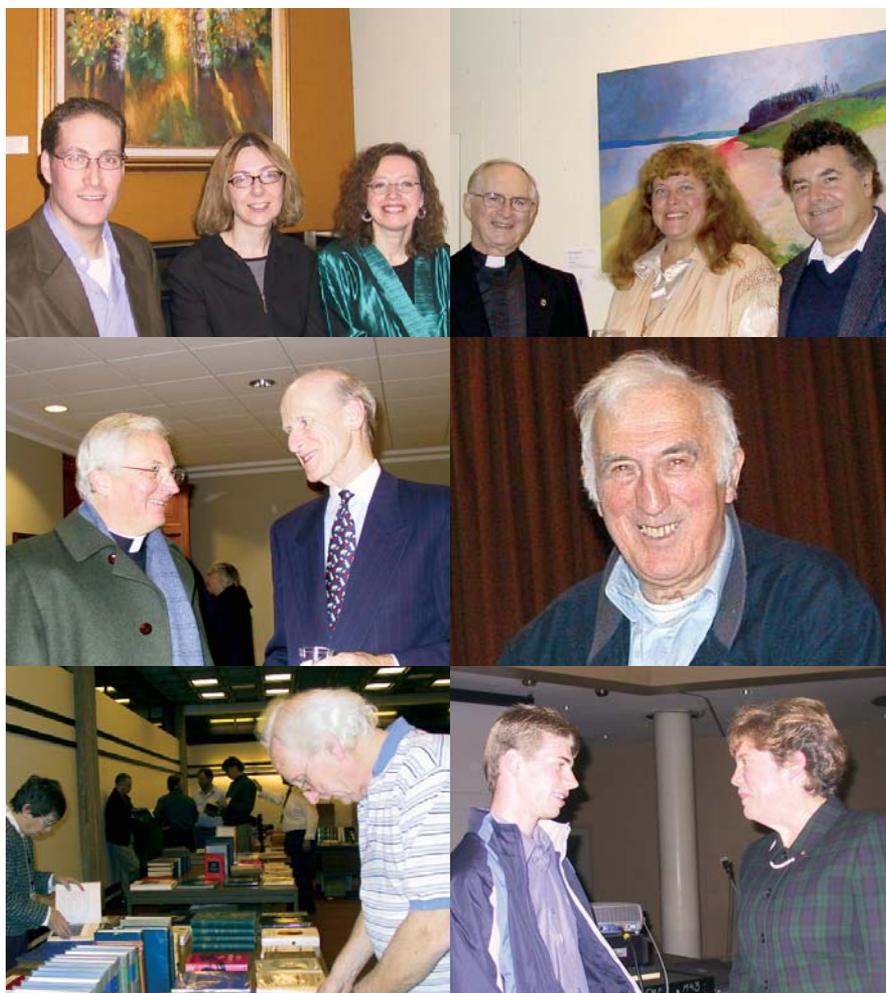
**George Weigel MTh'75 is a Catholic theologian and** an internationally celebrated writer, whose works include *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*, a major study of the life and thought of our current pontiff. ~

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In the Fall of 2004, the University of St. Michael's College Presidents' Circle was invited to attend some very special lectures and events

# The Presidents' Circle 2004

☞☞☞ 3rd Annual Frederick Furlong Lecture ☞ Reception and Preview of the 2004 Art Show ☞ 2004 Soulerin Memorial Lecture ☞ A Special Evening with Jean Vanier ☞ The Treasures of the Kelly Library Book Sale ☞ 22nd Annual Kelly Lecture ☞☞☞☞☞☞



**Top Left** Art Show L to R: Michael McCarthy '94, Alumni Board member; Karen Chambers '88, Alumni Association President with Kathleen Ancker, Director of Alumni Affairs

**Top Right** Art Show Fr. Charles Principe, CSB '52 with Joann Rositter '78 and John Minardi '71

**Middle Left** Soulerin Memorial Lecture Speaker Msgr. Roderick Strange, Rector of Beda College in Rome, Italy with Brian O'Malley, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Development.

**Middle Right** Jean Vanier

**Bottom Left** Going Through the Treasures of the Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale

**Bottom Right** Dr. Donna Markham with student Andrew Hume at the Kelly Lecture

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2005

# Homecoming

15 to 17 October

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- ☞ Classes Without Quizzes  
*“The Christian Imagination of J.R.R. Tolkien”*  
 FATHER GUY TRUDEL C.S.B.
- ☞ Campus Tours
- ☞ Boozer Brown Touch Football Game  
*and* ☞ Kids’ Kraft Korner

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**Top Left** United Again at 2004 Homecoming Reception! L to R: Mickey Spillane '60, Valiant Mah '59, Dave McIntyre '57, John McGrail '57, Curt Russell '57, Joe Geotz '57, Frank Kielty '58 with Brian O'Malley, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs & Development **Top Middle** Wendy Hulton '85 with daughter Kassidy Hulton-Meade busy at the Kraft Table at the Homecoming Kids' Korner **Top Right** St. Michael's Homecoming "Class Without Quizzes" lecturer Fr. Guy Trudel, CSB '70 (left), with Fr. James McConica, CSB *Præses*, PIMS and Kathleen Ancker, Director, Alumni Affairs **Bottom Left** A work of art! Sabrina Almeida at Kids' Kraft Korner **Bottom Middle** The annual Boozer Brown Football Game. The alumni squeaked a 7 to 6 victory over the students **Bottom Right** Alumni celebrated their victory! Back row, L to R: Philip Giroday '77 'our leader', John Novack '79, Tony Quinns, Mike Steiner '94 , Zee Power and Bill Balfe '95 with son Thomas Front row, L to R: Bryan Kaye '95, Derek Duffy '95, Mike Mezei '93

# 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.

FR. ROBERT MADDEN, CSB



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On 22 April '04 **Anne Charles '67**, the Canadian Consul General, USA, Chicago, hosted a reception for Chicago area UofT alumni. SMC was well represented by **Bob '63 and Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau '62, Jack Callahan '56, Frank McLaren '70, Tom and Kathy Brummel O'Regan '64, Margaret Sinclair '65 with her husband George Periclese, and Bill Walsh '56**. Mary Catherine reported, "We had a great time..."

**Dr. David Ager '89** has accepted a position in the Sociology Department at Harvard University, where he is teaching courses in Leadership and Organization. David received his PhD in Organizational Behaviour from Harvard in June '04 at its 353rd commencement ceremony. His mother, Catherine (Katie) Mutch Ager '58, with other members of his family, attended the ceremony. Katie is retired from teaching high school and lives in Ottawa with her husband, Barry. David writes, "I am really enjoying the challenges of my new position, although I am still getting used to being called 'Professor'.

**Rev. T. Barrett Armstrong, LCG//LCSC '50** retired in '04 from St. Michael's Choir School after sixty-two years of involvement in the school. Msgr. Armstrong, justly referred to as "an institution" at the Choir School, was honoured for his years of service at a Mass and reception in St. Michael's Cathedral on 22 November '04, the feast of St. Cecilia, the Church's patroness of music. In 1962 he succeeded the late Msgr. John Edward Ronan as Director of Music of St. Michael's Cathedral and became Head of the Choral Music Dept. at the Choir School.

Over the years he has been honoured for his work

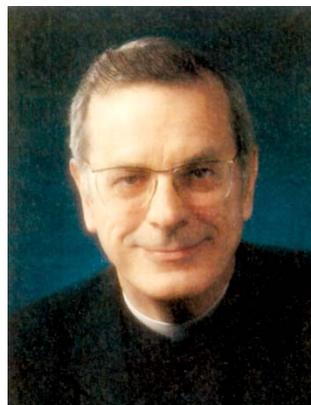


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as director, teacher, and composer by Vatican and the Toronto Catholic School Board, and in 2002 was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his contribution to music in Canada. To further recognize his significant contribution to the Choir School, a fund has been established in his honour to support students in the school's music program. Msgr. Armstrong celebrated his 75th birthday 29 November '04, and '05 marks the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. AD MULTOS ANNOS, BARRETT!

**Bob '63 and Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau '62**, after a series of late summer farewell events, departed from Toronto to take up residence in Berkley, CA, where Bob is the new Chancellor of the University of California at Berkley. Mary Catherine reports that they are settling in and have received a warm welcome from faculty and students. Bob's inauguration as Chancellor is scheduled for 15 April '05. Shortly before his departure from UofT, Bob was one of two Canadian scientists elected in 2004 as Foreign Associates of the National Academy of Science,

a prestigious organization that recognizes leading scientists for their achievements in original research. For his work in high-temperature conductors, liquid crystals, and ferroelectronics, Bob has also been honoured with the O. E. Buckley Prize, the J. E. Lilienfeld Prize from the American Physical Society, and has been appointed Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Fellow of the Royal Society of London.

**Shannon Smith Blanchfield '00** successfully wrote the Canadian Registered Nurses Licensing Exam in '04. She reports that with her "RN license in hand, the Blanchfield Family has relocated even further north than Kirkland Lake to Thompson, Manitoba. [Shannon] has accepted a full time position with the Thompson General Hospital in Psychiatry; husband Ian is an electrician with INCO Ltd. Children, Robert, 9, "Jack" John Shannon, 5, and Owen Michael, 4, are adapting well to their new home. David and Jack say that the three air flights involved in getting to Thompson 'rocked', and Owen is sad to report that junior kindergarten does not exist in Manitoba!" [Owen, your day will come! Ed.]

**Anthony Blasi '86** (MA Theol.), with J. F. Zimmerman, has recently published *Transition from Vowed to Lay Ministry in American Catholicism* through the Edwin Mellen Press. The book, based on a survey and interviews with current and former members of a number of religious communities, focuses on aspects of religious formation that carry over into lay life as an indication of what should go into the formation of lay ministers.

**Sr. Mary Alban Bouchard CSJ (Toronto) '62** writes: "You will be surprised to hear from this old grad. I thought folks might like to know that I have not disappeared entirely from the face of the earth. I have been nearly 16 years working in Haiti.... Since the Jubilee Year I have undertaken the UN initiative of *Building a Culture of Peace*, writing a series in Haitian Kreòl, called *Lapè Gaye*, spreading peace. [The series] is for animators of youth groups and has been distributed in all dioceses through the Religious Conference of Haiti. To date 13 booklets have been published here in Haiti with the help of Haitian collaborators. I am very happy to receive the Alumni Magazines from UofT, St. Michael's and St. Paul's to update me on people and happenings. Thank you."

**Margo Bourassa Barclay '90** and Steve Barclay were married 8 May '04 in St. Michael's Cathedral, Kelowna, B.C. Margot and Steve live in Rossland, B.C., where Margot is an obstetrician/gynecologist and Steve works as a metallurgical engineer.

Margo previously had a medical practice in Trail, B.C. after she completed her medical training at the University of British Columbia.

**Michael Burtniak '51**, retired from teaching Philosophy at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, has sponsored the building of seven chapels in areas ministered to by the Divine Word Missionaries. One of the most recently completed chapels, erected in Tagbac, Philippines, bears on its dedicatory plaque, "In Gratitude to the Basilian Fathers (CSB) of Toronto, Canada. Gift of Michael Burtniak. 2003-2004." Mike wished in this way to recognize his debt to the Basilians for the role they played in his high school and college/university education.

**Dana Cushing '95**, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2001 and was promoted to Lance Corporal 1 July 2003. Now in her second tour of duty in Iraq, she was interviewed by "McLean's Magazine" 12 July '04 for an article dealing with Canadians serving in the US military in Iraq. Dana is stationed at al Asad airbase, 200 km west of Baghdad. As one of the three people looking after the day-to-day operations of the base, she often deals directly with Iraqi citizens; she has also been involved in an outreach program for women in the local village, as well as other projects related to the civilian population. Dana spoke of the benefit her Toronto/Canadian background is to her work, pointing out that she was used to interfacing with peoples of other cultures. Dana commented,

"I graduated from one 'USMC' in 1995 and I'm enrolled in a very different 'USMC' now!"

**Michael Didonato '94** and Grace Desantis (UC '94) now live in San Diego, CA, where they welcomed their first child, Anthony Michael Desantis DiDonato, 20 June '04. Anthony was baptized 26 December '04 in St. Basil's Church (where his parents were married) while Michael and Grace were visiting their families for the Christmas holidays. Fr. Robert Madden, CSB '52 officiated at the ceremony.

**Michael Dugan '62** retired from his position of Chairman and CEO of Henredon Furniture Industries, Inc. in Morgantown, North Carolina, and has accepted the Alex Lee Professorship of Business in Lenoir-Rhyne College. This professorship is held by a seasoned management professional with a record of community involvement. The Lee professor acts as a resource to the business community and serves as a liaison between the college and business. Mike also serves on the Boards of Directors of the American Furniture Manufacturers, the Furniture Foundation, the Hickory Museum of Art, and the Frye Regional Center. Of his appointment the new Lee Professor stated, "Becoming part of the Lenoir-Rhyne organization represents the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. I have always admired the teachers and professors who shaped my education and look forward to having the opportunity to share some of my experience with students." The President of the College

said the "students will benefit from Dugan's professional knowledge, and the community will be better served." Mike and his family live in Hickory, NC.

**Alexandra Dunsmuir '92** and her husband, Peter Kukovica ('99 MBA Rotman School of Management, UofT) welcomed their first child, Madelaine Grace Duval Kukovica. Madelaine was baptized 14 Nov. '04 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto (where her parents were married) by Fr. Robert Madden, CSB '52. Madelaine, Peter, and Alexandra live in Toronto.

**Peggy Gosling '70** was awarded her PhD in the field of Behaviour Support by the London University Institute of Education, London, England, in February '02. She has been living in the UK since 1971 and heads a large multi-professional social inclusion team in London's East End.

**John Jacquemain '67** and his wife Nancy welcomed their first grandchild, Samuel John, born to their son Mark Jacquemain and Cathy Wood. From 10 September to 10 October the McLaren Georgian College Gallery in Barrie, ON featured an exhibition of John's photographs entitled "Passing Through: Close Encounters with Urban Art".

**Michael Henry '91** and Gerel Lopenen were married 12 June '04 in Blessed Sacrament Church, Toronto. Michael and Gerel live in Toronto, where Michael practices law with the firm Hauser, Henry and Syron. Gerel is the first daughter-in-law of Bob '52 and Beverley Henry.

### Patrick (D.Litt.S. '03) and Barbara Keenan

received the *2004 Outstanding Philanthropists Award* presented at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Toronto Chapter's 10th Annual Awards Luncheon on 30 November '04 in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Barbara and Patrick have given generous financial assistance to St. Michael's Hospital, the Yonge Street Mission, The Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Chinese Renal Association, and to the University of St. Michael's College, where their benefaction has resulted in launching a major graduate teaching initiative in religious education. They have also supported McGill University, the David Suzuki Foundation, and St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, BC. It has been said of them, "Not only are [they] generous, altruistic and committed philanthropists, they strive to ensure that their philanthropic leadership encourages and inspires others to act accordingly."

### Sister Ellen Leonard, CSJ '78 (PhD Theol),

was joined by members of her community and other friends and colleagues to witness



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the planting of a tree on the campus to honour her on her retirement after many years of service in St. Michael's Faculty of Theology and to recognize the granting of the Anne O'Hara Graff Award to her at the recent Catholic Theological Society of America's annual meeting for her scholarly work.

### Sister Donna Markham, OP (Cl '68)

was elected Prioress of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in February '04; the installation ceremony for Sister Donna and her four General



Dr. Donna Markham with Kathleen Ancker, Director of Alumni Affairs

Councilors took place 27 June '04 in Adrian, Michigan. Sister Donna had served on the Adrian Dominican General Council 1986-1992, was President of the U.S. Leadership Conference of Women Religious '90-'93, then served as the President of the Southdown ON treatment centre for religious for several years, and most recently was Special Assistant to the President for leadership initiatives at Georgetown University. The Adrian Dominicans number some fifteen hundred and have served in nine countries.

Sister Donna received the Doctor of Sacred Letters degree, *honoris causa*, from St. Michael's on 1 November '03 and was the 2004 Kelly Lecturer on 18 November, speaking to an appreciative audience in Sorbara Auditorium on 'The Leader's Mantle: Creating Connection, Community, and Continuity in the Midst of Chaotic Times'.

### Bishop Robert McManus, DD (MDiv '77),

ordained Bishop 22 February '99 and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, RI, was recently appointed Bishop of Worcester, MA.

### Metzler News: Susan Adam Metzler '74,

and her husband, Kurt Metzler, hosted a BBQ mini reunion of former SMCers who had been associated in the late '60's and early '70's with the "Western (later Freshman) Course" established at SMC to enable students from out of Ontario to obtain the equivalent admission requirement of Grade 13 ("Upper School"). It was held on campus and over 50 attended from Canada, USA, and beyond. Susan, a member of the law firm Miller Thomson in Toronto, was prevailed upon to give your Editor some recent information on the two Metzler heirs: **Erin '98**, after a few years traveling, teaching high school math, and serving as assistant to the Dean of the UofT's Faculty of Law, entered Law School at Queen's University, Kingston, ON, graduating in '04. She has moved back to Toronto and is

articling with the Justices of the Superior Court of Ontario.

**Adam '02** entered graduate school at the University of Waterloo. He received a Master's degree in Mathematics (Financial Statistics) in '04 and is enrolled in the University of Waterloo PhD program in Mathematics (Statistics). Needless to say, Susan and Kurt admit to a certain amount of pride in their two offspring.

**Mark O'Coin '94** reports that after living in Tokyo for a few years, he is on the heels of entrepreneurial successes since 1998 with his web design company, and has settled into marriage and home ownership with his wife, Sayuri Hayashi, in Toronto.

**Mike Pelino '83** has been named Assistant Coach of the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League. Mike served several years as men's hockey coach on the international stage and has been part of eleven Canadian Gold Medal Teams, including Assistant Coach positions on the Canadian gold-medal team of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and the world championship teams of 2003 and 2004. He was Head Coach of teams that won the 2002 Spengler Cup, the 2000 Father Bauer Cup, and the 1996 under-18 Pacific Cup. While at St. Michael's, Mike lived in residence and was a Hockey First Level T-Holder.

**Marisa Scigliano '80** and her husband, Mak Arvin (Queen's, PhD '86) welcomed their second child, Gemma Stella, 14 March '04, a sister for big brother Luciano.

**Shady Business: Ray '71** reports that he and **Sue (Flavin) '70** took a September trip to California to visit their daughter **Anna '01** and son Ray (Villanova U. grad). Anna lives in Santa Monica and works for a company that offers training programs for Real Estate agencies. Ray jr. is a Bio-Medical Engineer at St. Jude Medical Center in San Francisco, involved in implanting pacemakers. Ray sr. reports that Sue has taken leave from her Catholic chaplaincy work at Monroe Community Hospital in the Rochester, NY area to devote the year to more clinical training at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Ray also writes, "Along with trying to keep our software company afloat, I am content to apply my leisure hours to beating **Fr. Tim Horan ('71)** on the golf course!" [Ed.'s note: *Fr. Horan, please note.*]

**Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz '68** addressed the Empire Club of Canada luncheon in the Empire Room of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on 16 November '04. Georgina, formerly Chief Human Resources Officer for Bell Canada in Ottawa, has been named President of a new national charitable organization formed by the merger of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy and the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations. The new organ-

ization was launched on 1 January '05. Georgina's speech discussed the obstacles faced today in building more vibrant communities and outlined how her new organization will challenge Canadians and others to rediscover individual commitment, leadership and cooperation in order to build a better society.

**Emöke Szathmáry '68**, President of the University of Manitoba, received the University of St. Michael's College Doctor of Sacred Letters degree *honoris causa* at the 6 November Theology Convocation held in St. Basil's



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church and presided over by his Eminence Cardinal Aloisius Ambrozic, Chancellor of the University. Dr. Szathmáry, noted as an outstanding teacher, academic administrator, researcher, published scholar, and advocate of universities' playing a significant role in their local communities, was presented for the degree by Fr. James McConica, CSB, *Praeses* of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies.

**Fr. Rocco Volpe '52** was inducted by the Administration of St. Michael's College School, Toronto, into The Order of St. Michael 10 November '04 in a awards dinner ceremony in Toronto. The citation noted that his dedicated service to Catholic education as priest, teacher, counselor, and coach (especially at St. Michael's College School), and his active ministry in parishes have been significant characteristics of his Basilian life. Fr. Volpe lives in the Basilian residence in the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto.

**Elizabeth Henry Walford '89** and her husband Robert welcomed their second child, Patrick, born in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, 10 September '04, 9 lbs, 23", a baby brother for Matthew, 3. The Walfords live in Toronto. Patrick is grandchild #2 for **Bob '52** and Beverley Henry.

**Keira Wetherup '95** finished graduate work at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, UofT in '02 and is now with the Toronto Metro School Board teaching Grade 5 at George Webster Public School in East York; the school her mother attended. Keira lives in Scarborough, ON.

**Al and Claudette Picard Wingell '56** were happily taken aback on 5 August '04 when, expecting to have a quiet family dinner at the UofT Faculty Club, they found themselves the centre of a large grand surprise reception to mark their respective "significant" birthday—same year,

different dates. The reception was arranged by daughter, **Debora '83**, with the help of her husband, **Leslie Borbas '83**, other family members, and friends. **Many happy returns, Claudette and Al!**

**Paul Yocom '65** appeared in the 1 August '04 edition of *The Calgary Sunday Sun* column "Ties that Bind" by Paul Jackson. Mr. Jackson's column dealt with Prince Charles and recounted some of Paul's stories of the Prince's pleasant character. During his service in the Royal Canadian Navy, Paul had encountered His Royal Highness, who was serving in the Royal Navy, several times during naval operations and after. Paul lives in Calgary and is President of Paul Yocom and Associates, a company that raises corporate funds for private placements.

**Henrick '91 and Sarah Isherwood Zbogar '91** and their four children, Andreas, 8, Katja, 6, Nadia, 4, and Maja, 2, continue to reside in Brampton. Henrik reports, "We're all doing fine... I have recently taken on a new position with the City of Brampton to oversee Travel Demand Management initiatives and the implementation of a Rapid Transit program. Sarah will eventually go back to teaching high school English, Music, and Religion; she currently keeps herself busy with our four future St. Mike's students...!" [Ed.'s note: Sarah and Henrick, we have every intention of being here for them!]

# Cardinal Newman Project

## The Internet Archive Major digital library projects

By JONATHAN BENGSTON, Chief Librarian

The **John M. Kelly Library** is involved in two major digital library projects to expand access for our students and our alumni to the world's written heritage.

### Cardinal Newman Project

The Kelly Library has a unique collection of Cardinal Newman's works. Consequently, the library has become the centre of operations for a major microfilming and digitization project of the entire corpus of nineteenth century works by and about Cardinal Newman. Funding for the project is being provided by the Fathers of the Pittsburgh Oratory. ~

*\*For more information on the Newman Collection see <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/library/rare.htm>*

### The Internet Archive

The library is hosting a digitization project by the Internet Archive, a California-based non-profit organization, founded to build an 'Internet library.' The Internet library will offer permanent (and free!) access for researchers, historians, scholars and the general public to historical collections that exist in digital, audio, visual and printed formats, using a machine that can digitize books at a rate of hundreds of pages per hour. ~

*\*For more information about the Internet Library see <http://archive.org>.*



Jonathan Bengston  
Courtesy of Alexandra Zhang

## “To maintain its distinctive Catholic Mission”

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John McGrath '63 has supported the University of St. Michael's College for over 20 years: "I believe in the values of a Catholic liberal arts education and I am concerned about the need for funding to allow St. Michael's to maintain its distinctive Catholic mission."

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# The Leader's Mantle: Creating Connection in Chaotic Times

By DR. DONNA J. MARKHAM, OP PhD/ABPP

## In the midst of the deepening awareness

of the interconnectedness of human beings, we are being brought face to face with our sin, the reality of the extravagant ruptures in which we collude. We shatter connection and do violence to wonder when we devalue or dismiss or, worse yet, destroy another human being. We thumb our noses at the Creator when we withhold respect from the less powerful—from poor people, or gay persons, or women, or refugees. We shatter the connectedness of creation when we stand in silence in the face of injustice in our governments, or in our church. It is precisely in these places of rupture that the responsible leader stands.

I believe this emerging consciousness of our intrinsic relatedness, and our honest assessment of the ways in which we are complicit in destroying relationships, directs the work of leadership—in business, politics, society, church, or family. None of us is exonerated from the process of serious self-examination of our manner of exercising both formal and informal leadership.

Healthy leadership is central to global healing and survival. It is central to the process of restoring ruptured connections. Such leadership, of necessity, must

be grounded in the capacity to stand in relationship, to foster connections across differences, to engage in dialogue in service of building global communion. Leaders who squander resources, use bully tactics, refuse dialogue, devalue the vulnerable, and bask in narcissistic self-aggrandizement are not only dangerous; they are acting in reckless violation of an emergent global ethic, to relate with others as you would wish them to relate to you. Simply put, people who cannot relate should not be in leadership today. It is too dangerous to our survival. Our ability to engage and connect with others; our capacity to exhibit and

our commitment to promote an awareness of interdependence is at the core of healthy adult relationships. This is at the heart of what effective leadership behaviour *must* entail if we are to surface from our current, frightening geopolitical momentum toward disaster. ~

*\*Editor's note: On November 18, 2004, Dr. Donna J. Markham, OP, PhD/ABPP was the guest speaker for our 22nd Annual Kelly Lecture at the University of St. Michael's College. This is just a taste! To view the complete document, go to [www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/about/features/kelly.html](http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/about/features/kelly.html)*

Gerry '55 and Irene Devlin with Dr. Donna Markham



# The Heart of God

## Jean Vanier

By ANTHONY J. PALMA '94

The day-long visit of **Dr. John Vanier** to Saint Michael's College on October 26th will long be remembered by those who met him and listened to his words.

One of Canada's most respected Catholic thinkers returned to the College 40 years after his arrival in 1964 as a professor of philosophy. Over 400 people came to hear Dr. Vanier speak on *Finding Peace*. "There can be no peace unless we have that conviction that every person is important, that every person matters, that every person flows from and to the heart of God."

"Peace is not the absence of war. Peace is not living in the same city under the rule of law. There can be no peace unless we meet and relate to people who are different from us."

"If there are injustices, if there are inequalities, we must face them. If somebody is hungry, if somebody is suffering, don't imagine that a loaf of bread will suddenly appear. It's up to you and me. We must be prepared to work for peace. We ourselves are responsible."

Dr. Vanier linked his conception of peace to our relationships with the disabled. "There can be no peace unless we are convinced that every person is precious. We are all very vulnerable people, crying out for love

and meaning. The whole reality of L'Arche is to help people to discover that they are precious, that they are beautiful, that they have value."

How do we reveal to people that they are precious? "We must love people to freedom," affirmed Vanier. "We must love people to be themselves. We need to call forth the person, in all their brokenness and their pain, but more importantly, in their capacity to give life."

Dr. Vanier acknowledged that it is not easy to be truly human in our present culture, to find inner peace, rest, and happiness. "We're caught up in a culture of money and success. The big rejected one, I think, is God. Everybody is too busy. But God needs us. We must open the door for Him. We need a higher power to change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh." ~



**Cathie Massel Brayley '79** presents daughter, **Katie** 11 and son, **David** 13, to **Jean Vanier**. Cathie commented, "I was a Grade 9 student at St. Joseph's High School in Ottawa the first time I heard **Jean Vanier's** message of peace, hope and love. I remember being both moved and inspired. I am grateful that **David** and **Katie** had the opportunity to meet him and to hear him speak about his path of becoming human and how important it is that each one of us works for peace."

# The First of Many!

Friends of the  
John M. Kelly Library **Book Sale**

**In October 2004, a small group of** dedicated volunteers, the Friends of the John M. Kelly Library, held a book sale—the first of many, according to Caroline Di Giovanni '70, the President of the Friends. “We raised more than \$22,000. We want this to become an annual event like the other College sales. It was a great success!”

The Chief Librarian, Jonathan Bengtson, agreed: “Not only did the Friends raise much needed funds for the library, but we were able to add 2,000 books to our permanent collection.”

“It was work, but it was fun too” commented Rick Ficek '70. “We had a lot of fun working together in the sorting room this past summer.

Peter Rogers '68 is in charge of “pick ups.” Peter and his volunteers travel about the Greater Toronto Area in their cars, to pick up boxes of donated books. When asked how other alumni could get involved, Peter's face is transformed by a grin: “There are already

books to pick up.”

What makes the St. Mike's sale different from the others? Marley Carroll '70 says, “It's the books, and it's the people. On opening night, we had a special reception and preview of the ‘treasures’ we had found, including a first edition of the Lord of the Rings, signed by Tolkien himself!

David Hagelaar, the Associate Chief Librarian was more practical in his

assessment of the book sale success: “I think our pricing structure made our books a better deal than some of the other sales.”

If you would like to learn more about the *Friends of the Kelly Library*, please contact Ann Sullivan '77 at 416-601-3967 or at [usmc.booksale@utoronto.ca](mailto:usmc.booksale@utoronto.ca) ~



Volunteer **Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni '70** with **Jonathan Bengtson**, Chief Librarian; and **Philip Marchand '69**, Toronto Star Columnist, Lecturer before the Treasures of the Kelly Library Book Sale

# Father Francis Mallon, CSB '29

## Celebrating 70 years of Priestly Life



**Fr. Mallon, we give thanks for God's gift to** *you of 98 years and 10 months of vibrant life. We give thanks for your 70 years of exemplary priestly life, for your concern for us shown in so many ways. You keep us not only in your mind, but also in your heart, and in your prayers-prayers to which you continue to be faithful. When we gather in joy or in sorrow you are present to us as a priest, not just because of what you wear but because of the concern you have for our spiritual welfare, for our salvation. You remind us of our baptismal call and power; you encourage and help us to answer that call to be children of God, builders of God's Kingdom, heirs of Heaven, sharers in Christ's Priesthood, instruments of God's love wherever we are. Fr. Mallon, we thank you, we pray for you, and ask that you continue to pray for us that we may be a priestly people.\**

**\*Homily preached at the Mass of Thanksgiving offered 16 December 2004 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Fr. Robert Madden, CSB '52 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Frank Mallon, CSB.**

## Celtic Studies

# Doing a lot with a little



Back Row: **David Wilson, M. NicDhiarmada;**  
Front Row: **Ann Dooley, Jean Talman**

By **DAVID WILSON**  
Professor Co-ordinator, Celtic Arts Program

**The Celtic Studies Program** has been a major part of the intellectual life of St. Michael's College since the mid 1970s. If we were to choose a motto, it would probably be "doing a lot with a little." Celtic Studies has three full-time faculty members: Mairin Nic Dhiarmada, whose teaching focuses on the Irish language;

Ann Dooley, who specializes in Medieval Irish Literature and modern Irish and Scottish Literature; and David Wilson, whose background is in modern Irish history.

Holding everything together is the College Programs Assistant, Jean Talman, whose contributions to Celtic Studies are incalculable.

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# Faculty of Theology 2004 Convocation



By MICHAEL ATTRIDGE, PhD '04  
Winner of the 2004 Governor-General's Award  
Assistant Professor of Theology  
Director of Basic Degree Programs  
Faculty of Theology, USMC

## A Responsibility to our Abilities

On November 6, 2004, I received my Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College. This brought to completion a dream that had begun more than fifteen years before.

The dream began in the late 1980s while I was completing my undergraduate degree at the University of Windsor. I happened to take a Theology course from a Basilian priest named Joseph Culliton, who taught that we had "a responsibility to respond to our abilities."

I began my Master of Arts in theology at the University of St. Michael's College

in 1992. I wanted to study at the same Basilian school Father Culliton had attended in order to model myself after him. I discovered that the Faculty of Theology was an ideal place. After two years, I knew I wanted to teach theology at the university level and decided to stay at St. Michael's for doctoral studies. The College community, its faculty, staff and students and the Basilian Fathers had become a family for me.

Doctoral studies are not easy. One needs not only the intellectual capacity for this work, but also fortitude, resiliency and perseverance. During the first year of my program, I married my wife Isilda

and now we have two beautiful little daughters. With the support I received from my family and the USMC community I persevered, and was able to complete my doctoral degree, being honoured by the Governor General's Gold Medal at convocation.

I crossed a threshold on November 6, 2004. At the convocation ceremony, honorary doctoral degree recipient retired Lieutenant General Roméo Dallaire spoke to graduates about our responsibility as future leaders. He questioned us. How would we use our knowledge? What kind of leaders would we become? I was reminded again of Father Culliton.

I realized that this liminal moment was not an end at all, but merely a transition to new and greater responsibilities. I trust in God for assistance in responding to them appropriately. ~



Dr. **Anne Anderson**, CSJ, Dean, Faculty of Theology; Prof. **Safwat Zaky**, Vice-Provost, UofT; Dr. **Kenneth L. Schmitz**; His Eminence **Cardinal Ambrozic**, Chancellor, USMC; Dr. **Emöke J.E. Szathmáry** '68, President, University of Manitoba; Dr. **Richard M. Alway** '52, OC, O Ont., President, USMC; Lt. Gen. **Roméo Á. Dallaire** (retired); **Sheila Campbell** Junior Fellow, PIMS, and Dr. **James McConica**, CSB, *Praeses* PIMS. Photo: Steve Frost

# The **Arbor Awards** honour alumni and friends for outstanding volunteer service to the University of St. Michael's College!

## PHILIP ARMSTRONG

An interest in Irish, Scottish and Welsh traditions led Philip to volunteer to be a Director of St. Michael's College's Campaign for Celtic Studies, and the major supporter of the Visiting Professor Program in Celtic Studies. *(not shown)*

## ANN P. DELUCE '70

For more than seven years, Ann has chaired and served on various award selection committees, including the Joan E. Foley Award, the John H. Moss Scholarship, and the National Scholarship Selection.

## JOHN A. KEEFE '71

For twelve years, John has taken time out of his busy law practice to preside over discipline hearings at the University Tribunal, where he is co-chair.

## KENNETH LALONDE '80

As a member of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto Campaign board, Kenneth secured a \$300,000 gift to help create an education technology lab. His commitment to the Institute's Advisory Board, led to his appointment as chair in 2003. *(not shown)*

## ANN C. MARSHALL '54

Ann has been a member of the USMC Senate for many years, a board member of the Alumni Association for 12 years, and has been extremely active in helping with class reunions.

## RODNEY D. MCEWAN '95

Rodney was a don at St. Michael's Residence, and now volunteers on our Men's Residence Dons Selection Committee. Ron also assists our students by employing them part-time in his business, MCOR Logistics. *(not shown)*

## BRIAN O'RIORDAN '80

A diligent volunteer even as a student, Brian served as a member of the Governing Council Academic board (1978 to 1979), the University of Toronto Alumni Association (1984), the co-chair of the campaign for the School of Continuing Studies and is currently on the St. Michael's College Council.

## CONNIE I. ROVETO '71

Connie has enthusiastically served as a Class Representative since 1971, a volunteer on the USMC Senate since 1994, and as an assessor member on the USMC Collegium since 1998. Both the Senate and the Collegium have benefited from her financial wisdom.

## MICHAEL SPILLANE '60

Mickey has served on the USMC Continuing Education Division Council and helped organize its 10th anniversary Ethics Conference. Micky and his wife Annette '63 have established a residential bursary to assist St. Mike's students. 



L to R: Back Row **John A. Keefe** '71; **Dr. Richard Alway** '62, USMC President; **Michael Spillane** '60  
Front Row: **Connie Revoto** '71; **Anne C. DeLuce** '70;  
**Anne Marshall** '54 and **Brian O'Riordan** '80, with  
**Fr. Frank Mallon**, CSB '29 in the front



Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P.,  
Courtesy of Catholic Register

# Does truth still matter? Does truth still matter?

By ANTHONY J. PALMA '94

**To determine the truth of the matter,** the Social Justice Centre at USMC and the Dominican Family of Toronto sponsored a lecture in November 2004 by Father Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., on 'The Crisis of Truth Telling: A Christian Response to the Loss of Trust in the Truthfulness of Media and Public Leadership'.

"For most of the history of the West, telling the truth has been seen valuable in itself, belonging to our human dignity, and required by honour," explained Radcliffe. "Such a cherishing of truth for its own sake has largely been lost."

The crisis of truth is a

crisis of suspicion. "People do not trust that they are being told the truth. We are drowning in information but we do not know whom or what to believe."

The present climate of mistrust is rooted in the Enlightenment tradition of the West.

The Enlightenment rejected tradition, including the dogmas of the Catholic Church. It maintained that truth could only be determined by a detached scientific observer, who observed coldly and rationally, questioning the inherited assumptions and prejudices of the crowd. The mind, in its search for certainty, must doubt and mistrust everything.

"This is a wonderful and fertile tradition that has given us modern science and much freedom", maintains Radcliffe, "but if it becomes the primary way of seeking the truth, then we shall inevitably create a society which is mistrustful and suspicious, and whose social bonds crumble."

The Enlightenment has inspired a crisis of confidence, but Christianity offers "a spirituality of truthfulness...[and] a way of living that helps us to see things as they are." Radcliffe explains that "a spirituality of truthfulness" allows us to see each other's goodness, which is the deepest truth of our being. "For Christians, the great lie is to shut our eyes to the

goodness of people, and to weigh them down with the burden of their sins." We must view humanity and the world mercifully, accepting that good people do bad things. "To look at a human being is to see someone who is destined for God."

Only through prayer can we sustain another way of seeing the world. For this we need to learn to cherish truth again, for its own sake, as something beautiful and intrinsic to our human dignity." ~

*\*Father Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., is former Master of the Dominican Order, a best-selling author, chaplain, and Professor of Theology at Oxford University.*

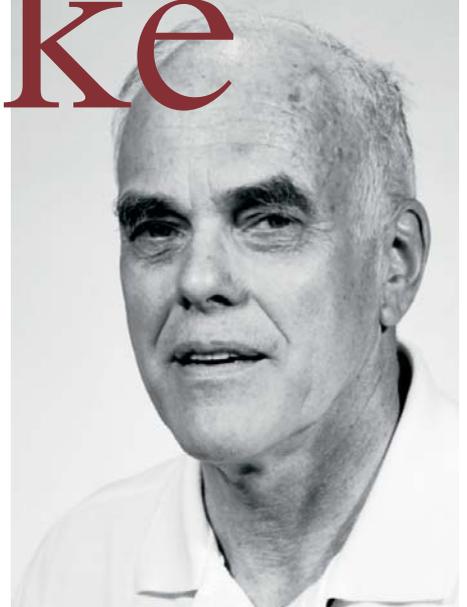
# Three faiths practicing **Peace** *for* Creation's **Sake**

By JANET SOMERVILLE '59

**Universities** wither if they stay aloof from the drama and struggles of the world as a whole. St. Michael's has no intention of withering. Through the Furlong Lecture series, USMC has joined the intense conversation among Jews, Christians and Muslims, one layer of the cultural and political challenges shaking today's world. On 3 October 2004, one of the world's most persistent students of the intertwined history of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Dr. David Burrell, CSC, was the third annual Furlong Lecturer.

Father Burrell began his teaching career at Notre Dame University in 1964. Being a gifted pastoral counselor as well as a Yale-trained scholar, Burrell has been drawn heart and soul into a search for peace. His academic work for Notre Dame at the Tantarum Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem allows him to meet face to face with Muslim and Jewish leaders who live in Jerusalem, the epicentre of confrontation between those two peoples. His track record at developing the interfaith dimension of theological education at Notre Dame is awesome.

The Furlong Committee asked David Burrell to speak on the theme of creation in the three Abrahamic traditions—a topic on which he has done much comparative work. Dr. Burrell took an exhilarating approach, centered on the issue of God's freedom in creation, and on the human response, which is that of "a servant's freedom" moving us towards God. He cruised through the history of philosophy, pointing out that you can divide it into "eras", depending on the approach each period has taken, to the concept of a free Creator. Hellenic philosophy was a "seamless garment" without any conceptual recourse to a free Creator. As Jewish, then Christian, then Islamic thinkers engaged Greek philosophy in the light of their own traditions, each had the task of re-thinking the Greek heritage in ways that make room for God as the deliberate, unconstrained Source of what exists. That intellectual work was done with each of the three great monotheistic faiths influencing each other, an interfaith achievement which Burrell seeks to understand and to recreate in our time. ~



Fr. David Burrell, CSC, Furlong Memorial Lecturer  
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\* Go to our website to read the complete lecture by Dr. David Burrell, CSC at: <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikies/about/features/burrell.html>.

\* Go to our website to read a description of the warmth and cordiality which ran strongly through the colloquium, which followed the day after the Furlong Lecture, at: <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikies/about/features/furlong.html>

The Furlong Lectures  
*A few years ago, Dr. William O'Hara gave St. Michael's a gift to endow a lecture series in memory of alumnus Fred Furlong '51. Through the generosity of Fred's sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Ray Bonnah, we continue to build the endowment.*



Courtesy of Philip Street

# Dr. Harvey Kerpneck

with wit and humanity

## A commemoration for the late

Dr. Harvey Kerpneck, Associate Professor of English and Fellow of Saint Michael's College, was read by Dr. Joaquin Kuhn, the English Department Discipline Representative, at St. Michael's College Council in September 2004. Perhaps the most moving tribute of all, was Professor Kuhn's conclusion with a quotation written in 1990 by a former student in praise of Professor Kerpneck, the man and his work:

*"Opposed to mediocrity and aware of the evil therein, Harvey Kerpneck is a devoted teacher, single-minded in his aim of transforming hesitant, grade-gathering students into clear-thinking, percipient, and intelligible writers ... Committed to the romantic yet democratic ideal of individualism, he reassures his students that it is acceptable, even delightful, for them to express themselves personally and honestly and yet he warns them prudently never to abandon the control and constraint which underlie real freedom.*

Professor Kerpneck will be greatly missed by his family, colleagues, and friends. ~

# Rest in Peace

AZZARELLO, Santo A J	1951
BEATTIE, Patricia (Wiley)	1958
BERNARDI, Raymond	1957
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CANNAN, William D	1944
CLANCY, Eileen (Lee)	1930
COCOMILE, Angela	1979
CROTHERS, Eileen (O'Hara)	1939
CULHANE, John PM	1945
CZERWINSKI, Danuta	1957
DENNIS, Anita (Meyer)	1937
DOYLE, Agnes (Costello)	1932
FAVA, Vincent A	1999
FITZGERALD, William A	1951
FITZGIBBONS, Robert	1949
GRACE, Reverend Michael G	1951
HOLLYER, Mary (McNeill)	1954
KEAST, Annabel (Macklin)	1941
KELLY, Mary R (Flynn)	1949
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MAHONEY, John D	1946
MARCK, Frances M (O'Brien)	1951
MAREK, Cecylia J (Lewandowski)	1957
MCISAAC, Reverend John FJ	1931
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MCQUILLAN, Peter E M	1962
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MOLONEY, Henry A	1949
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NEWLAND, Mary J (Allore)	1946
PHOENIX, Cmdr. Edward	1965
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RIPLEY, Anne Marie (Stevens)	1951
SEWALL, Barbara Ann (Kauth)	1966
SHAUNESSY, Gretchen AH (Wintermeyer)	1977
TRIMBLE, Sr. Mary Jane (Dorothy) CSJ	1941
WALSH, Ralph	1954

# After all these years **Back at** **Loretto**



**Angela Convertini '77, Dean of Loretto College**

**Sometimes I find it hard to believe** that I am back at Loretto College. It seems like yesterday that a bright-eyed, straight-haired teenager landed on the steps.

I was born and raised in Niagara Falls, and educated at Loretto Academy High School I was delighted to have been accepted at the University of St. Michael's College, to major in Modern Languages.

I moved into Loretto College Residence, missed my mother's Italian cooking, but was delighted about the fact that I had no curfew! I was actively involved in residence life, as the Social Rep on the House Council, and later as the Don of fifth floor.

I completed my double major in Italian and French at St. Mike's in 1977, having spent my third year studying in Florence, Italy as the recipient of the Chandler Scholarship. I graduated from the Faculty of Education at U of T in 1978, realizing my dream of being a teacher. That September, I was hired to teach French, Italian, Spanish and Religion at Loretto Abbey, in all grades from nine to thirteen.

I went on to complete my Master's degree in Education, and my Supervisory Officer's Qualifications. The past twenty-one years have been spent in administrative positions as Vice-principal and Principal in the Toronto Catholic District School Board [TCDSB].

The TCDSB approved a secondment requested by the Sisters of Loretto, and so it is that I am Dean of Loretto College. I would never have imagined it while I was living here!

I have a long history with the Loretto Sisters, and I am delighted to serve in this new role. I am thrilled to be reunited with the Saint Michael's community. I look forward to good work, good people, and good times! ~

## Scholarship: Opens A Window

*"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.*

*The University of St. Michael's College opened a window for me when it granted me my scholarship.*

*I am truly grateful."*



**CHRISTINA CASTELLVI**  
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# ‘Bound’

By ANTHONY J. PALMA '94 Book and Media Studies at USMC

## to Stay



Professor **Dorothy Speirs**  
Co-ordinator, Book and Media Studies Program

**Intellectual trends come and go**, but the latest academic fashion, ‘Book and Media Studies’, is ‘bound’ to stay. Now in its second year, the Book and Media Studies Program continues to attract a host of undergraduates interested in an interdisciplinary and historical investigation of the role of printing, books, and reading in cultures past and present.

“What we have here is the first undergraduate book history and print culture program in North America,” notes Dr. Mark McGowan, Principal of Saint Michael’s, and one of the co-founders of the program, which now joins Christianity and Culture, Celtic Studies, and Mediaeval Studies as one of four official College programs at USMC.

“We wanted to take full advantage of the vast resources of the University of Toronto, unite the college disciplines in a collaborative academic program, and expand our course offerings in the process” explains McGowan. “The McLuhan scholarly legacy also had a hand in establishing the program at Saint Michael’s.”

The program has grown beyond all expectation. “We can only admit so many students to the rare book collections at a time, so we have to limit class sizes,” explains McGowan. “If we didn’t, we estimate enrolments could easily reach 200. There is a great hunger for what this program is striving to offer— the study of print history and the development of media in a serious academic manner.” Though a financial endowment for Book and Media Studies at USMC has yet to be established, a sizable donation has recently been made by Marilyn Buckley Sutton ’65 and Tom Sutton ’65 from California.

A total of 38 course offerings were listed in the 2004–2005 Book and Media Studies program guide. The program’s curriculum is supervised by an advisory committee, including four specialists in Book and Media Studies based at Saint Michael’s: Professor Dorothy Speirs and Professor Yannick Portebois, both of the Department of French Studies; Professor Francesco Guardiani, of the Department of Italian Studies; and Principal McGowan, a Canadian Church historian.

The co-ordinator of the Book and Media Studies program is Professor Dorothy Speirs. “We like to start small,” she explains. “Book and Media Studies is a 2nd year entry level minor undergraduate program. We hope to offer the program as a major at some point in the near future.”

Professor Yannick Portebois teaches the core course for the Program, which includes visits to rare book collections as an integral part of the curriculum. “The students realise how privileged they are to be in a place like the U of T where they have access to all these extraordinary resources that make the program a unique experience for them,” adds Portebois.

This new arrangement makes the University of Toronto the first academic institution in North America to offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees in the study of the book, media, and print cultures. It’s a truly outstanding achievement. ~

*\*To read a recent article from the Canadian Printer on Book and Media Studies see <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/about/features/bookmedia.html>*

# A Step on the Journey to Catholic Leadership

By BLAINE MACDOUGALL

Catholic leaders from education and health professions took another step on their journey of faith when they gathered to participate in the Catholic Leadership Program at the University of St. Michael's College. We shared the anticipation of connecting with Catholic leaders from across Canada, the exchange of ideas and concerns about the future of our organizations, and the challenge of opening our minds to different points of view. We were embarking on a journey that involved our faith and it was a fantastic voyage.

As health care professionals and educators, we grappled with the issue of what makes our Catholic organizations distinct from other organizations that deliver the same service—or do they? As leaders, we struggled to define our role



Director of Continuing Education, **Mimi Marrocco '69** (centre) with Catholic Leadership recipients: **Janete Polowayfter**, **Mark Edmonds** and **Blaine MacDougall** after Convocation on 6 November 2004

in our organizations. Key questions emerged, including “How do I nurture myself, others and the soul of my organization?” Much discussion centered upon leadership demonstrating Catholic values.

At our graduation ceremony in St. Basil's Church, retired Lt. General Roméo Dallaire challenged us, as leaders of Catholic organizations, to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord and to stand firm in our convictions to ensure justice.

The exchange of ideas, and the recognition and appreciation of our Catholic heritage, were elements that made this journey a fantastic one; one that I would recommend to all Catholic leaders. ~

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# Poetry and the Divine:

## a priest as poet speaks

By JENNIFER HARRIS

Assistant Professor

Co-ordinator, Christianity and Culture Program

### Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco is a familiar face

at Saint Michael's College. Having taken classes at St. Mike's as an undergraduate student, he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1973 with a degree in English. In the midst of a flourishing career as a poet, Pier decided to pursue a monastic vocation, returning to the University of St. Michael's College to take classes in theology in the 1990s. He was ordained a priest in 1998 for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Father Di Cicco says: "Poetry led me to prayer, thence to priesthood."

Since 2001, Fr. Di Cicco has published four poetry collections, including the Trillium Award-nominated, *Dark Time of Angels* (2003). In 2004, he was named the second Poet Laureate of Toronto. He will hold this position for three years, while continuing to serve as a priest at St. Ambrose Parish, Etobicoke, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, thus combining his two great loves.

It is as a priest and a poet that Fr. Di Cicco will address the University



**Pier Giorgio Di Cicco**

Courtesy of City of Toronto website

of Saint Michael's College community in the 3rd Annual Christianity and the Arts Lecture, speaking of "Poetry and the Divine." Everyone is welcome to the lecture and the reception that will follow. ~

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# Mark Mid-term Update McGowan

At the mid-point of a five-year term as Principal of St Michael's College, Dr Mark McGowan seems to have been energised by his role as an academic administrator, and remains optimistic about the challenges that lie ahead.

The Principal's Office has had a hand in a whole series of initiatives over the course of the last twelve months. In academic matters, McGowan took part in a review of the Faculty of Arts and Science as part of the U of T's current academic planning exercise. He has initiated discussions between the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and the Christianity and Culture program to create a joint five-year Concurrent Teacher Education Program (CTEP) to prepare religion teachers for Ontario's Catholic secondary schools.

Concerning student life issues, the Principal has been chairing a Residence and Recruitment Committee which is developing strategies to attract more high school graduates, particularly from Catholic schools, to apply to the College. To this end, entrance scholarships of greater value were offered this past year, and, with the cooperation and involvement of St Joseph's and Loretto Colleges, the introduction of limited co-educational residence is being considered for next year. In close cooperation with student leaders, Brennan Hall is being converted into a multi-purpose student centre

with additional student club space and a renovated Coop Café. St Michael's is also working to increase student involvement with the broader community through programs like *Intercordia* and the Regent Park Learning Exchange, which links university student tutors with youth living in Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood.

In all this activity, what is the highlight of McGowan's term as Principal? "The day I spent with Jean Vanier." And from another perspective? The enrolment of his eldest daughter Erin as a first-year undergraduate major in Celtic Studies. "I was amazed when she told me she was planning to attend St Michael's," he beams ~



Mark McGowan and his daughter Erin

# A Family Affair

## The Western Contingent

By SUSAN A. METZLER '74

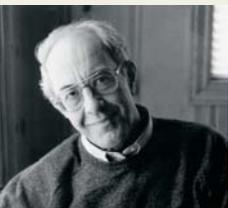
**A diverse group of people** were brought together over many years for their “Western Year” at St. Michael’s College. The Western Course began in the 1930s, as a result of the introduction of matriculation (Grade 13 or its equivalent) as an entrance requirement for the University of Toronto. Susan Adam Metzler '74, a ‘Westerner’ explains, “Only Ontario had Grade 13, so students from outside the province had to attend the Western course. It was a fabulous group of people! We lived together in St. Joe’s, Loretto, and Elmsley, and had all our courses together. We developed close relationships with one another that continue to this day.” ~

*\*Susan Adam Metzler '74 and her husband, Kurt Metzler, hosted a BBQ mini reunion of the Western contingent on September 5th, 2004.*

*\*Go to our website to view additional photographs at <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/about/features/western.html>*

**Top** Westerners who stayed at St. Joseph College. L to R: Emily Figueiredo '06, JoAnn Tierney Figueiredo '75, Nicole Mascarenhas '01, Elain Adam '72, Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara, CSJ '56, Marianne Sciolino '73, Kathy O'Hagan Richardsson '74, Phoebe Foley and Sheila Tierney Milway '74.

**Bottom** Westerners who stayed at Loretto College. Front Row, L to R: Sheila Burke Crummey, Barbara Burke, Patty Wood '75, Susan Murray '72, Caroline Tallmadge '78 Back Row: Trich Harper, Erin Metzler, Carol Adam Harper '80, Meg Dronney '76 and Susan Adam Metzler '74. Photos courtesy of Susan Metzler



## A Guide to our Gifts

# Fr. Henri Nouwen:

## and our Losses

By SEAN MULROONEY '82

**On a surprisingly** warm and sunny morning in November, a group of twenty-one adults met in Brennan Hall to take part in a workshop called “Henri Nouwen as a Guide to our Gifts and Losses”. Father Henri Nouwen was a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, who taught theology at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard. He was also a best-selling author of over 40 books on the spiritual life. While others would have been content with a career as a professor and successful author, Henri’s restless spirit led him

to leave his tenured position at Harvard to live with mentally handicapped adults at the L’Arche Daybreak community in Richmond Hill. He lived the last 10 years of his life there until he died in 1996. The workshop used passages from the writings of Fr. Nouwen to help participants become aware of the gifts and losses in their lives and to help them explore their spiritual significance

This workshop was offered through the Division of Continuing Education, by Dr. Sean Mulrooney, a philosophy

professor from St. Augustine’s Seminary and by Donna Little '56, a certified therapist and trainer for the Toronto Centre for Psychodrama.

*\*For more information on the library’s Nouwen Collection, see: <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/library/rare.htm>*

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