

# **St. Mike's 180** Rooted in the Future

Alumni Feedback



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Our alumni are an integral part of the St. Michael's community, and have been consulted in the St. Mike's 180 process from the very beginning. Here is a sample of what we have heard from our alumni through various events and engagements.



# Imagine it's 2032, St. Mike's 180th anniversary...

What do you want to be able to say about St. Mike's?





- "It's an empowering environment for students."
- "It's a hub for Catholic continuing education."
- "It facilitates intellectual curiosity."
- "It's a Catholic centre for rich and dynamic debate, research, and intellectual thought."
- "It takes in everyone that doesn't feel like they fit in elsewhere."
- "It's a community that cares about the wellbeing of its students and does everything it can to make them feel welcome, safe, and supported."
- "It provides students with the same transformative experience as it did when I was a student."
- "Resources to meet students' needs: excellent profs, up to date technology, relevant research."
- "A robust community where our spiritual tradition envelopes strong academic social and athletic programs."
- "St. Mike's offers students an expansive world view within a nurturing and supportive community."

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What are people seeing, thinking and feeling when they're on campus in 2032?





- "A community that's welcoming and reflective of society."
- "Inspiring academic leaders."
- "Academic excellence."
- "Proud."
- "Not just a train station taking students from A to B, but a community, a world."
- "A revived appreciation for a liberal arts education."
- "The qualities that I admired in 1960 would be the same qualities that I would hope to see in 2032. These would be a very welcoming spirit, a diverse student body and a Catholic atmosphere motivated by Vatican II."
- "A place to meditate and grow, be a focus of leadership and change."
- "The warm community it has always been."

### Today, what do you think are St. Mike's most important assets and strengths?

- "The air of institutional renewal."
- "Its institutional history, its history of success as a Catholic institution."
- "Institutional leadership."
- "Its large, strong, and underutilized alumni community."
- "It is not overly inward-looking."
- "The College system: St. Mike's offers a unique experience to students while being a part of UofT, one of the world's leading universities."
- "Its cultural and religious diversity."
- "The quality of the programs being taught, St. Mikes affiliation with U of T, the rich history in Catholic tradition evidenced in former staff and alumni."



# Where do we go from here?

What does St. Mike's need to do to live up to your vision for the University in 2032?





- "Don't lose sight of St. Mike's mission!"
- "Work with the large and strong group of alumni that are not utilized as well as they could be."
- "Catholicity was a distinctive 'glue' for us—find something that will work with today's students."
- "Continue building a student body not just on the basis of marks, but also on intangibles and on its potential to impact society."
- "Focus on the thought and personal development, not just training for a job or career."
- "Continue building on distinctive first-year programming."
- "Provide students a community, a home, that offsets the size and scale of UofT."
- "Develop leadership and a voice in current prominent issues such as climate change, Indigenous relations, and inter-faith dialogue."
- "Develop a greater connection with the Eastern Orthodox Church and institutions."
- "Revive the continuing education program."
- "Develop full-service support system for students (academic, peer, mental health, physical health, sexual health, nutrition, etc.)."
- "Continue moving away from sessional instructors and towards full-time faculty."

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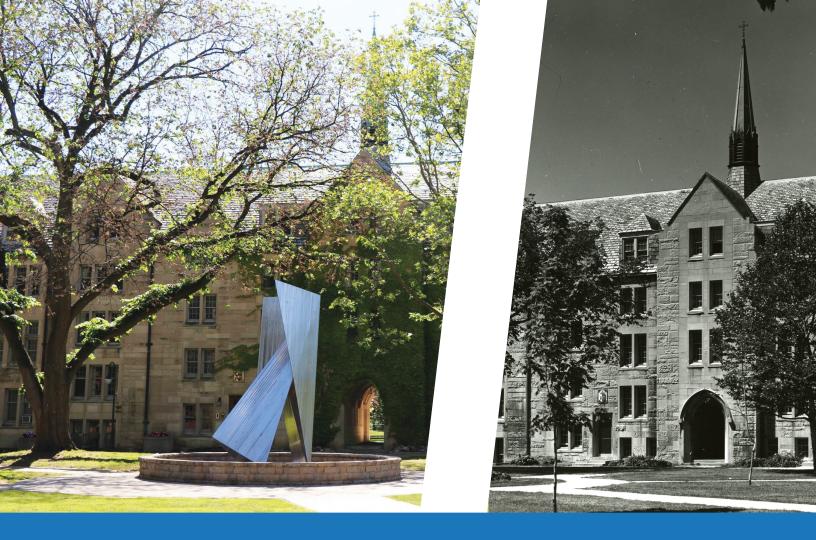
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- "Grow an open, diverse community."
- "Involve alumni and the greater Catholic community on an intellectual level with the life of St. Mike's and the debates and discussion in the Catholic world."
- "Bring Catholic sensibilities into societal conversations and partner with local institutions."
- \* "Don't be shy or afraid to tell the world the good things St. Mike's is doing!"
- "Utilize digital technologies and media to engage alumni and community members beyond in-person experiences."
- "Bring Catholic sensibilities into societal conversations."
- "Make sure students have a sense of purpose, know they have lots to offer, and provide opportunities for them to grow purpose through community service while on campus."
- "More profile of and pride in the areas of study that are unique."
- "Place emphasis on the provision/creation of effective student meeting places (both interior and exterior)."
- "Foster on-going opportunities (both on-site and virtual) for alumnae to stay engaged with the St. Mikes community."





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