



St. Mike's 180

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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. Mike's 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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- “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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