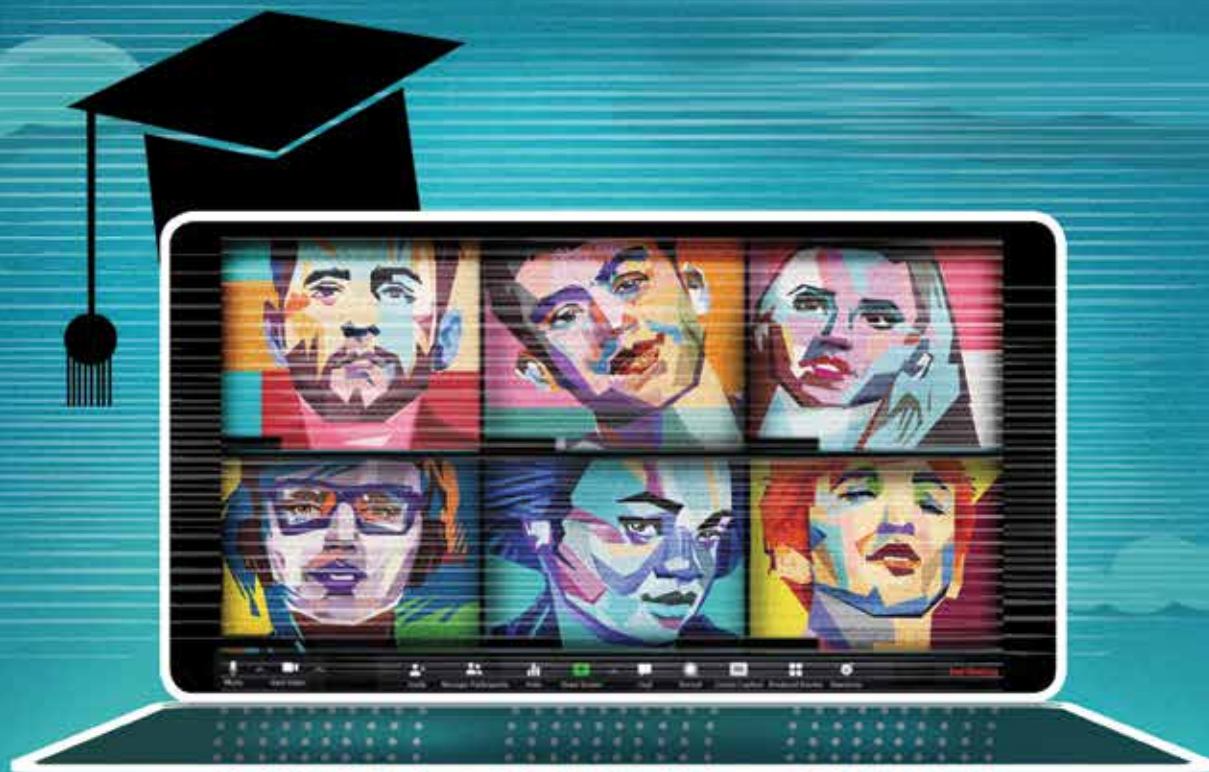


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## FROM FOUNDERS HOUSE

# St. Mike's at its Best

Dear members of the St. Michael's community,

AS WE SETTLE FURTHER INTO AUTUMN, I hope this message finds you well. It is, of course, an unprecedented time on campus. Even in the midst of a pandemic, though, life at St. Michael's remains vibrant and exciting—just lived out in new and unique ways.

Earlier this fall, for example, we marked Michaelmas, our feast day honouring St. Michael. Rather than the large celebrations of last year, however, plans centred on a socially distanced Mass, followed by virtual events hosted by SMCSU. We remain true to our identity even if we must adjust to the unexpected.

Not a day goes by that I am not reminded of the resilience, creativity and generosity of the St. Michael's community. From donors responding pro-actively to unique, COVID-related needs through to faculty, staff, and students handling the entire world being turned upside-down with grace and good humour, we are blessed.

This period continues to make clear for me how we move forward in our quest for renewal. One key component is continued strong leadership, and I am pleased to announce that alumnus Paul Harris has been elected Chair of St. Michael's Collegium. Paul will continue in the fine example set by outgoing Chair Fr. Don McLeod, CSB, and I thank Fr. McLeod for his exemplary guidance and service to our community.

COVID-19 has in many ways stripped away distractions, revealing St. Mike's at its best. I am proud to be part of this community and I look forward to the time when we are all together again. ♦

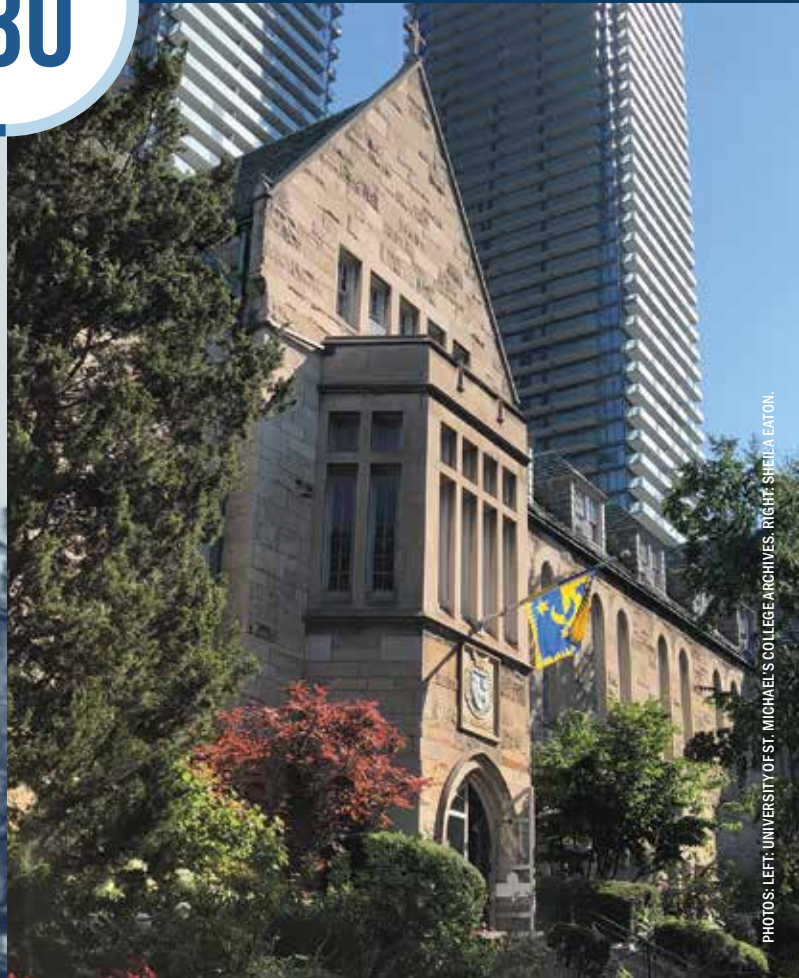
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**Where do we  
hope St. Mike's  
will be on our  
180th  
anniversary,  
and what do  
we need to do  
to get there?**

ST. MIKE'S  
**180**







# St. Mike's 180: Forging Our Path Forward

*Ensuring a Vital and Relevant Future.*

**S**T. MIKE'S 180: ROOTED IN THE FUTURE has been an invigorating and thought-provoking opportunity to gather the St. Mike's community to imagine and plan for our future. Two questions rest at the heart of this institutional visioning process, launched by President Sylvester in August 2019: Where do we hope St. Mike's will be on our 180th anniversary, and what do we need to do to get there?

Over the past year, alumni have played an important role in this exercise by joining with students, faculty, staff, Collegium members, and community partners to share valuable perspectives about how we can build on our historical and current strengths and ensure this community flourishes in the years ahead.

The arrival in March of the COVID-19 pandemic brought about a sudden shift, requiring us to focus on the continuity and integrity of academic programming, student and staff support, and the health and safety of the broader community. But this pause also offered the opportunity to step back and reflect on the visioning exercise and our emerging priorities. This was an important opportunity for us to reflect critically upon our current planning, who we are as a faith and learning community, and how our work can continue to be transformational for our students and the community.



The themes and goals emerging through this planning exercise build on values that are rooted in our identity as a Catholic institution of higher learning. They grow from a compassionate and creative commitment to nurturing a connected and supportive community, providing a transformative educational experience that has lifelong value, and advancing a financially resilient, socially conscious, and environmentally sustainable institution, all in service to our mission.

These priorities have provided a guide in real time for decision-making during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are being further reviewed and refined as we move toward identifying activities that will advance the vision for St. Michael's at our 180th anniversary.

Thank you to all the alumni who have shared ideas, insights, and suggestions to date, whether through consultation sessions, e-newsletters, or the survey that appeared in the most recent edition of *St. Michael's* magazine. Excerpts from your feedback are shared here.

Continued alumni engagement in this visioning exercise, and in shaping the priorities that emerge from it, will help St. Michael's ensure a vital and relevant future in service to our students and the common good.

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*Kathryn Elton, Chief Advancement Officer,  
Member, St. Mike's 180: Rooted in the Future Advisory Committee*

## Who We Heard From and What We Heard

*Imagine it's 2032, St. Mike's 180th anniversary... Here are some thoughts alumni members have shared with us in response to the "St. Mike's 180: Rooted in the Future" survey.*



**100**

### One-to-one Conversations

Alumni and friends  
engaged in 2019  
and early 2020



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Alumni  
Collegium members  
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## *What do you want to be able to say about St. Mike's?*

“It's a Catholic centre for rich and dynamic debate, research, and intellectual thought.”

“It provides students with the same transformative experience as it did when I was a student.”

“St. Mike's offers an expansive world view within a nurturing and supportive community.”

## *What are people seeing, thinking, and feeling when they are on campus?*

“A revived appreciation for a liberal arts education.”

“Inspiring academic leaders.”

“Not just a train station taking students from A to B, but a community, a world.”

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

“It is not overly inward looking.”

“The air of institutional renewal.”

“Its cultural and religious diversity.”

“The College system: St. Mike's offers a unique experience to students while being a part of U of T, one of the world's leading universities.”

## *Where do we go from here?*

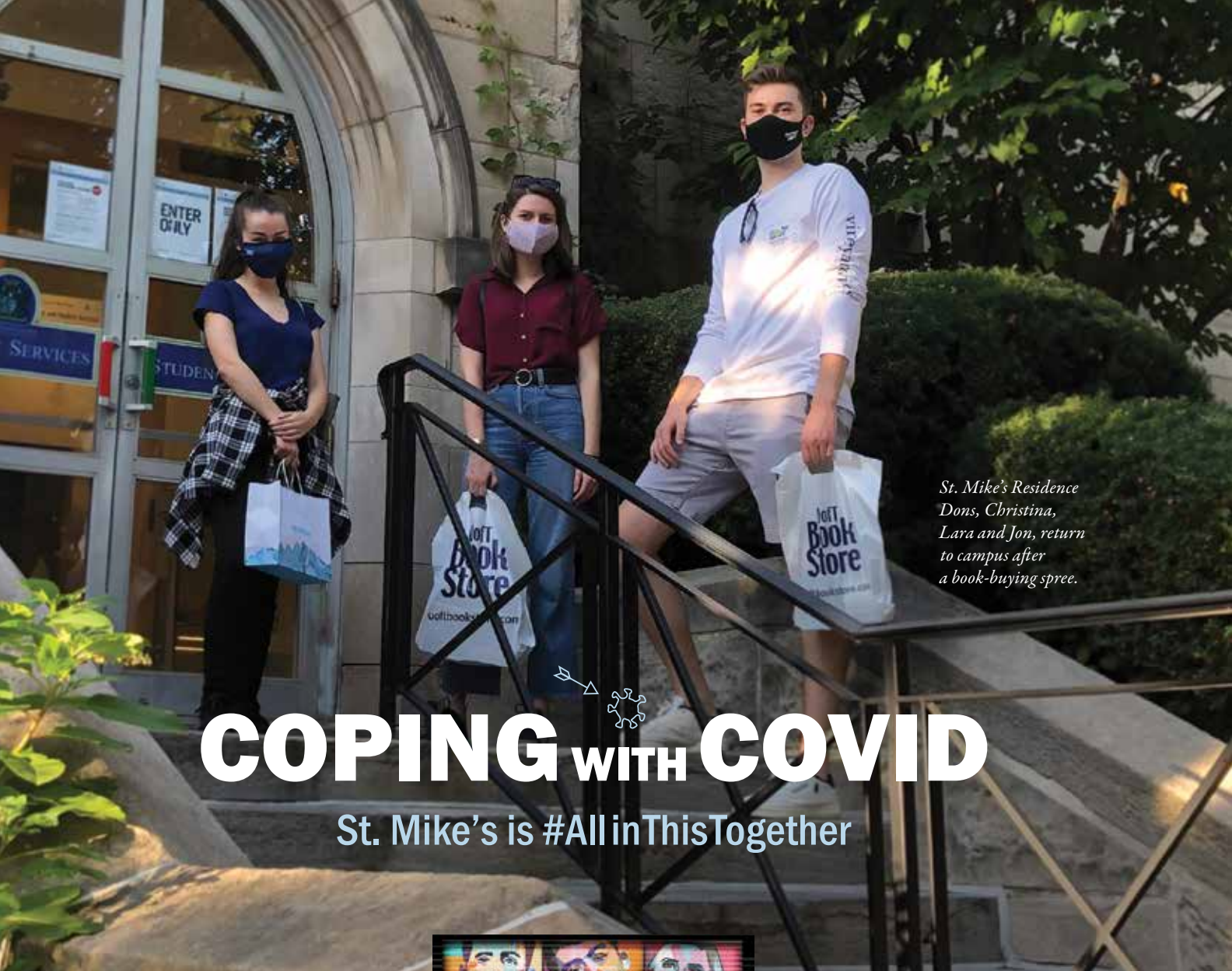
“Develop leadership and a voice in current prominent issues such as climate change, Indigenous relations, and inter-faith dialogue.”

“Bring Catholic sensibilities into societal conversations.”

“Continue building on distinctive first-year programming.”

“Don't be shy to tell the world the good things St. Mike's is doing!”





*St. Mike's Residence  
Dons, Christina,  
Lara and Jon, return  
to campus after  
a book-buying spree.*

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IF YOU WERE TO FIND yourself on campus this fall you'd see many of the now-familiar hallmarks of pandemic times: distancing markers on the floor, plexiglass shields, signage directing people to wear masks, and ample supplies of hand sanitizer. Familiar turf would look at once very different yet very reassuring.

But it's what you might not instantly notice that shines a light on the special nature of the St. Mike's community.

When it became apparent in early March that strong measures would be needed to protect students, faculty, and staff from COVID-19, the University of St. Michael's College responded quickly and effectively.

Today, the senior administration team continues to keep abreast of the latest directives from various

levels of government, as well as to work with colleagues at the University of Toronto and organizations such as Universities Canada to share best practices and sensible approaches to exceptional—and constantly changing—times.

One of the first steps the University took was to move in-person classes online. Professors quickly reformulated their teaching methods, and students responded with grace and good humour. Those students in residence who were able to do so safely headed home, with a skeleton housekeeping and facilities staff on site to support all who remained on





*Above: The campus remains carefully sanitized, with accessible areas clearly marked.*



*Left: Online meetings have become the norm—and sometimes the way we connect socially, too!*

*Below: Silvia Vong, Head of Public Services at the Kelly Library, demonstrates curbside pickup service.*



campus. Many staff members began teleworking, and, for the first time, the Collegium met via Zoom.

Difficult decisions had to be made. Our annual alumni reunion could not take place as planned, and convocation was celebrated virtually, replacing the traditional pageantry of students and faculty processing to Convocation Hall in their academic regalia. By mid-summer, St. Michael's decided that almost all teaching in the fall semester would be offered online, with the majority of faculty, staff and librarians continuing to work from home. In late August, it became apparent that even the historic St. Mike's Orientation week for first-year students



would happen virtually, with tours, the invocation address, games and meet-and-greets all taking place online.

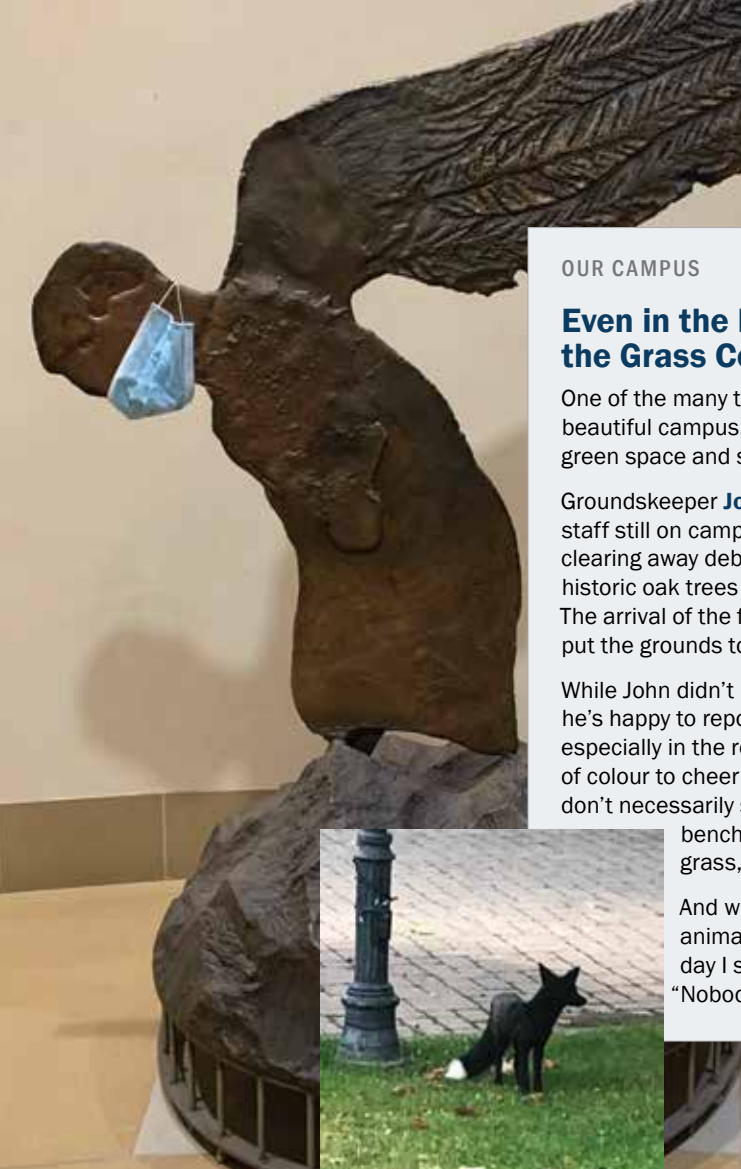
While the past several months have been a time of upheaval caused by the unfamiliar and the

unpredictable, what is not at all surprising is the way in which the St. Michael's community has responded with creativity, goodwill and generosity. At all times the primary goal has been to ensure students' safety while continuing to offer them an unparalleled academic experience.

If, for example, patrons could no longer visit the John M. Kelly Library, then staff determined the library would come to select patrons, introducing curbside pick-up for students and professors of materials that could not be accessed online. The library also ran a town hall for graduate students to help them navigate some of the more complicated online research they now faced.

With dorm rooms mostly empty, summer was the perfect time to undertake and complete long-overdue renovations in the Elmsley Hall residence, including new windows, curtains, and flooring, fresh paint, and the installation of all-new furniture replacing





## OUR CAMPUS

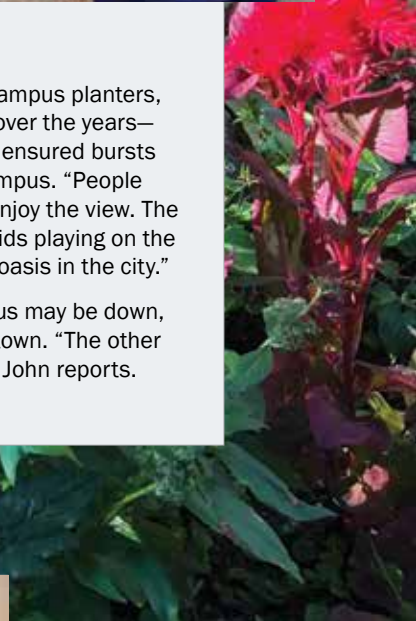
### Even in the Face of a Pandemic, the Grass Continues to Grow.

One of the many things St. Mike's is known for is its beautiful campus, offering the centre of the city lush green space and stunning flowerbeds.

Groundskeeper **John Scarcelli** is one of the skeleton staff still on campus, and he's busy mowing the lawns, clearing away debris, and keeping an eye on our many historic oak trees for any branches that need trimming. The arrival of the fall semester has heralded the time to put the grounds to bed before winter's arrival.

While John didn't buy any annual plants this spring for the campus planters, he's happy to report that the numerous perennials planted over the years—especially in the rock garden that rings Brennan Hall— have ensured bursts of colour to cheer the passersby who love to cut through campus. "People don't necessarily stop and say anything, but I can tell they enjoy the view. The benches are often in use, and it's great to see kids playing on the grass," he notes. "We really offer people a little oasis in the city."

And while the amount of human traffic on campus may be down, animal life is alive and well in the heart of downtown. "The other day I saw a fox walking down St. Joseph Street," John reports. "Nobody even seemed to notice." ♦



## OUR UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

### Documenting the Pandemic

Given the extraordinary impact COVID-19 has had on the world, it was only natural that the University of St. Michael's College Archives would decide that this is a moment for the history books.

Archivist and Records Manager **Jessica Barr** says the pandemic made her wonder how St. Mike's responded to the flu epidemic of 1918 but, when she checked records, she was unable to answer all her questions.

To ensure that future generations will know what life was like this time around, not only in terms of administrative response but also in terms of social implications, Jessica has created a survey for alumni, students, faculty and staff seeking information on how adjustments such as remote teaching



and learning, or working from home, changed lives and routines. She is asking for everything from photographs and journal entries to social media posts. If you would like to participate, a brief survey can be found at [stmikes.utoronto.ca/usmc-archives-and-covid-19](http://stmikes.utoronto.ca/usmc-archives-and-covid-19). ♦

*Above from left:  
Masks are mandatory  
on campus—even  
for angels!*

*Foxes are now  
a common  
sight on campus*

*Groundskeeper  
John Scarcelli has  
continued to lovingly  
care for the gorgeous  
grounds at St. Mike's.*

*Kelly Library's  
archives will  
soon include the  
experiences of our  
community during  
the pandemic.*





## OUR STORIES

### InsightOut: Stories that Connect Us

Like so many of the most productive moments in the workplace, St. Mike's pandemic-related blog came up when someone volunteered an absent colleague.

Theology professor **Dr. Michael Attridge** returned home from a research trip to Italy in early March and immediately quarantined.

"His experience might make an interesting piece for the website," another professor suggested. It was a great idea, but it soon became clear that many in the extended St. Michael's community had fascinating stories to tell relating to the impact of coronavirus.

And so *InsightOut* was born, running Mondays and Thursdays on St. Michael's website home page. Alumnus **Mark Doucet** wrote movingly about the challenges those in hospital spiritual care face. Professor **Michael O'Connor** offered a futuristic entry imagining what life might look like post-pandemic. And Communications Director **Laurie Morris** mourned the cancellation of Toronto's famous Canadian National Exhibition, urging us all to find ways to let our hair down.

Now it's your turn. As we move further into the fall, we hope to take the blog in new directions, telling the stories that are important to all of us. If you have thoughts you'd like to share, please get in touch with us via [catherine.mulroney@utoronto.ca](mailto:catherine.mulroney@utoronto.ca) to learn more about what *InsightOut* entails. ♦



*Above from left: While Orientation took place online this year it still offered a fun introduction to St. Mike's.*

*By mid-March the campus looked pretty empty.*

*Left: Creative thinking carved out a special space for students.*

*Below: Masks soon became a necessity.*

the original built-in desks and cupboards installed in the 1950s. SMCSU, our student union, supported the project by directing \$500,000 from the USMC Student Capital Improvement Fund.

As the campus became a refuge for campus neighbours seeking open green space during the summer months, a bit of brainstorming led to the southwest corner of campus by Carr Hall being turned into a little parkette exclusively for students still on campus, ensuring they had a distanced, well-maintained spot to get some fresh air.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Theology community partnered with the President's Office to start a matching fund to support theology graduate students, who are not eligible for the University of Toronto's emergency funding.

One generous student was even able to donate 2,000 face masks to St. Mike's for use by on-site staff and students, as well as visitors.

And now we find ourselves in a fall semester unlike any other, with enhanced cleaning measures in place, all students in residence finding themselves in single rooms, and the Canada Room providing take-out meals only.



Those students wanting to meet with registrarial and student services staff can do so by email and online appointment. Faculty and staff are becoming increasingly adept at virtual communication, as classes are once again online.

*The Mike*, our student newspaper, is focused on its online presence to ensure





*Above: The near-empty COOP and patio don't match most images of Brennan Hall once school starts.*

it remains a strong, accessible voice.

As always, the St. Michael's community remains generous and thoughtful. With the golf tournament, a favourite tradition, cancelled because of COVID, sponsors have

generously stepped up to create a COVID emergency bursary fund for undergraduate students. These are challenging times, and our community continues to respond in extraordinary ways. This pandemic

has demonstrated yet again the special character of St. Mike's as a resilient, creative, and compassionate community dedicated to serving the greater good. Even in tough times, we are blessed. ♦

## OUR FACULTY

### Rising to the Challenge

Faculty at St. Mike's have responded admirably to the challenge of reaching students in creative ways during the pandemic. Teaching online can present challenges—for example, having to overcome time zone differences for some students in synchronous classes—but professors are discovering a few silver linings in the COVID cloud.

"Recorded lectures can be more accessible and, to some extent, more inclusive," says Book and Media Studies professor

**Dr. Paolo Granata**, pointing to such options as closed captioning and variable playback speeds.



**Dr. Iris Gildea**, meanwhile, has noticed that students who might not be keen on participating in class have been more much willing to

post "long thought-out comments in the discussion boards," with some comments turning into lengthy threads, allowing students to interact with one another's ideas in a way that may not have been possible in a room of more than 200 students.



Of course, it helps to be up on trends. **Dr. Felan Parker** uses the popular video game streaming application Twitch in his classes. Each week in his class *How to Study Video Games*, for example, he uses the platform to "play a different game live on stream with running critical commentary about how it relates to the topic, and students will chime in using the text chat function."



### Dr. Michael Attridge

has adapted the well-established flipped classroom model to the remote delivery, requiring his students not only to complete their

readings in advance but also to watching his lectures before class, freeing up time for discussion. While there was a great deal of preparatory work to make the switch, he tried the approach with his summer class and describes the experience as "challenging but a lot of fun."



There are also still traditional methods at play, even now. Mediaeval Studies professor

### Dr. Alison More

for example, began

the fall semester offering in-person office hours—all socially distanced, with the great outdoors serving as her new office space. ♦





*Above: Maintaining social distance on Elmsley Place.*



*Right: First-year undergraduate student Kevin at Brennan Hall.*

#### OUR COMMUNITY

### Giving in the Time of COVID-19

What does community look like in the face of a pandemic? Since Theology students are not eligible for U of T's emergency funding, the professors discussed the idea of an emergency relief fund with St. Mike's **Office of Advancement**, which was set up immediately with matching funds from the **President's Office**. The professors led the way, digging deep into their own pockets, and soon others joined in establishing the fund for graduate students impacted by COVID-19.

To date, the fund has close to \$80,000 in donations from professors, staff and alumni, and matching funds from the university.

Students are eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 in assistance per semester.

"This kind gesture will help students to overcome a lot of challenges and feel protected and supported," says doctoral student Mariia Ivaniv. ♦



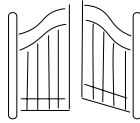
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## COMING HOME

# Proud to be an Alumna

*Reflecting on 50 Years of St. Mike's Memories.*

CAROLINE MORGAN DI GIOVANNI, SMC 7T0



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*Dancing at Hart House, 1968*

JUNE 2020 WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of my graduation from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. We old Baby Boomers did not have the usual celebration at the Spring Reunion because, like the rest of the world, the coronavirus pandemic had put a stop to large gatherings. For me, though, and for my fellow members of the Friends of the John M. Kelly Library, the St. Mike's campus has been a regular meeting place for more than 15 years. It feels like home.

My long attachment to St. Michael's College began when I was growing up in Havertown, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My mother's cousin, Msgr. J. Joseph Ryan, taught Medieval Canon Law at the Pontifical Institute (PIMS) starting in 1948. Our family was close to "Father Joe", spending summers together in Massachusetts. He encouraged my parents to send one of us to St. Michael's; it turned out to be me. I arrived in September 1966 and enrolled in the English Language and Literature Honours Course.

Along with English literature, I was required to take another language, so I chose First-Year Italian. I joined the Italian Club and discovered the lively community of young people at U of T. At a weekend retreat the Club organized at Hart House Farm in January 1967, I met Alberto Di Giovanni, my future husband. Six years later, after the Hons. B.A. and the M.A. from Tufts, we were married in a ceremony presided over by Msgr. Ryan, my “Father Joe.”

Back in Toronto with my Drama M.A., I enrolled in the Drama Centre at U of T and got a post as a Graduate Assistant for the Shakespeare course taught by Gino Matteo. In November 1973, a few hours after my regular seminar with Robertson Davies at Massey College, Alberto drove me to Women’s College Hospital, and our son Carlo Alberto was born. This was a joyous occasion but there was no such thing as maternity leave for me; I was back at class and teaching duties within three weeks. Life became very busy and after two years I left the graduate program. I got busy with public life as a Catholic school trustee, plus two more children, as well as editing an anthology of Italian Canadian writers, the first of five anthologies I would edit or co-edit.

Alberto was involved in founding and developing the Centro Scuola/Canadian Centre for Italian Culture and Education, promoting the teaching of Italian to elementary and secondary school students in Toronto and the GTA Italian community families embraced these classes as ways to connect across generations. His leadership allowed thousands of students to gain language skills as well as pride in their heritage. Our own children travelled with us to Italy for the summer credit courses, their Italian much better than mine!

Together, Alberto and I decided to establish an



*Alberto and Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni (7T1/7T0) (second from left and far right) host the Annual Dante Lecture. They are shown here with Stephen Tardif, Assistant Professor, Christianity and Culture, (second from right) and Dr. Maria Ann Roglieri, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, St. Thomas Aquinas College (left), discussing the Dante Collection at the John M. Kelly Library’s Special Collections Reading Room.*

annual scholarship at St. Mike’s to award the graduating students with highest marks in Italian. As well, we set in place the annual Dante Lecture, intended to reach not only the academics but also the wider community, including our Alumni friends.

Each of our children graduated from the University of St. Michael’s College: Carlo (1996); Franca (2000) and Annamaria (2006). When we moved from the house to the condo it was time to find a good place for the valuable collection of rare books and special editions gathered over the years. We donated these volumes to the John M.

Kelly Library, where they are grouped in the Special Collections room as the Dante Collection. We are

**“We all feel very familiar on campus, so we are all hoping to return.”**

happy to know the titles and details are posted on the University catalogue for scholars to find for research purposes. It’s also good to know that both graduate and undergraduate students can visit the collection.

Of course, the pandemic has brought about many changes in access to the library shelves. Even the Friends of the Kelly Library Annual Book Sale have had to stay away, without the companionship of sorting donated boxes of books and setting up the huge tables in Robert Madden Hall. The Friends are all Alumni/ae or family of SMC grads. We all feel very familiar on campus, so we are all hoping to return. ♦

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Coming Home: Are you a St. Mike’s grad who finds yourself back on campus, whether as a visitor, a volunteer or a return student? We’d love to hear you talk about then and now, and learn what being back at St. Mike’s means to you. Please contact [catherine.mulroney@utoronto.ca](mailto:catherine.mulroney@utoronto.ca) for more details.

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## FIRST PERSON

# The Power of Story

*Finding Connections and Inspiration.*

ROSE McINERNEY, SMC 8T6



**S**TORIES ARE POWERFUL FORCES OF energy and creative engines of change. In their simplest form, they are a series of events, real or imagined, that entertain and enlighten us. On a deeper level, they give meaning to who we are and shape our relationships to one another and the larger world in powerful ways. As a student at St. Michael's back in the '80s, I was immersed in campus life and what I call the circuitry of infinite possibilities. Political Science brought the world to my doorstep and storied centuries of English and Philosophy filled my mind with ideas and lessons from lives lived and adventures beyond my own. Like tiny microbursts of energy, they infused my thoughts and charged my life with value and meaning.

Only years later did I realize the decisions that flow from our experiences are greater than the sum of who we are—our personal and professional lives. Stories form great auras of light and provide a spiritual life-force. Like faith, they are more tangible than we know,

and create great webs of connectivity.

As a writer and podcaster, I have experienced these webs in the hundreds of stories I've written. In every story, I seek the inner light and powerful essence embodied in each unique being. It has become my

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greatest joy, especially over the last three years, as I've immersed myself in stories about women and men who have overcome challenging life obstacles and discovered greater happiness and purpose.

In every shattered life, there is an opportunity for rebirth and greater empathy for our shared human experience. We connect to story on a personal level and relate to universal experiences of fear, pain, and endangered identity. Inspiration emanates, and the act of sharing harnesses more learning and a re-energized domino effect.

A wonderful example is the story of Timea Nagy. Sex trafficked from Budapest to Toronto in 1998, she experienced what no one should. Listening to her unimaginable and overwhelming loneliness and shame, I found myself asking what I would do in her situation. Would I hear the inner voice that Timea did? Would God whisper encouragement and would I even hear Him?

Timea's story moves us to tears while delivering new hope. The suffering that transformed her life has renewed others through her best-selling book *Out of the Shadows* and her initiatives as CEO of a social enterprise advocating for victims and the education of law enforcement. Timea's redemptive story shows us anything is possible with faith, grace and the help of others. It also demonstrates how this immersive process supports studies in cognitive neuroscience. Story stimulates the frontal cortex of the brain in regions that typically control language and information processing. But research shows us how the brain literally lights up and engages emotionally to elements in stories like Timea's, as if they were our own. In turn, these "switches" influence our values and beliefs, in both conscious and unconscious ways.

Beyond our individual identity, so obviously rooted in and shaped by stories, are the countless ways that

story transfers knowledge, invites participation, and builds intellectual and emotional support. According to Dr. Jay Kumar, the Director of Contemplative Practice and Wellness at Chapman University in California, our contextual understanding and sense of well-being is inextricably linked to our individual sense of purpose and meaning in the world.

These are fundamental story constructs, critical to our identity of self. At a time when many of us are struggling with fear and anxiety from the global pandemic, and tides of anger or loss arising from economic and racial tensions and violence, story constructs impress our resilience and coping mechanisms.

So how can we harness the power of story to build a healthier self? Look to stories that guide morals and beliefs, and commit to deeper forms of communication

“Look to stories that guide morals and beliefs, and commit to deeper forms of communication filled with energy and light.”

filled with energy and light. In the eyes of 2.4 billion Christians, the greatest story ever told is the biblical life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His story invites us to be fully alive in heart and mind, body and soul by harnessing our greatest gifts and seeing our beliefs as engines of great energy and change.

Knowing these energies of light shape our best story and affect the lives of others, escape to quiet moments of reflection. That's where you'll find me: there, but for the grace of God, go I. ♦

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## CAMPUS NOTES

# A Season of Change on Campus

*A Time of Change and Renewal.*



St. Michael's Principal **Randy Boyagoda**, who oversaw faculty hires and helped create the remarkably successful One Programs, has

taken up new duties as Vice Dean, Undergraduate in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto.



Faculty of Theology Dean **Jim Ginther**, whose term as Dean saw the faculty complement expand and the introduction of

the Interfaith Diploma program, will return to the classroom after a year's research leave.



**Fr. Peter Galadza**, Director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (MASI), who

oversaw MASI's move from Saint Paul University in Ottawa to St. Michael's, has retired.



**Dr. Mark McGowan** returns to Odette Hall as Interim Principal. Dr. McGowan, who served as St. Michael's Principal from 2002–

2011, is a historian renowned for his work on the Catholic Church in Canada and the Great Irish Famine, as well as the lasting impact the Famine's mass migration had on Canada. He has won multiple awards for both his teaching and writing, and is well known for his work in Catholic education, including the history of Catholic education in Ontario.



**Dr. John L. McLaughlin** will again serve as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Theology. Dr. McLaughlin last served as the Faculty's

Interim Dean in the 2014–2015 academic year prior to Dr. Ginther's arrival. A professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, he is an Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty with the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at U of T, and is a past President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies.



**Fr. Alexander Laschuk** has been named Interim Executive Director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute.

A priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, he serves in numerous ministries, including as Judicial Vicar of Toronto's marriage tribunal. Fr. Laschuk has civil and ecclesiastical doctorates in canon law from Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa.

## St. Mike's Welcomes Three New Professors



Astrophysicist **Dr. Adam Hincks, SJ**, is the inaugural holder of the Sutton Family Chair in Science, Christianity and Cultures. The position is jointly

supported by Arts and Science and an endowment to St. Michael's from alumni members

**Dr. Marilyn and Thomas Sutton.**

"Marilyn and I are pleased to make this gift of gratitude in support of the distinctive partnership of USMC (St. Michael's) and



U of T. Our education in the Humanities at USMC and Math and Physics at U of T gave us a strong foundation for further education and our professions," says Mr. Sutton. Among his various academic affiliations, Dr. Hincks is an associate scholar of the Vatican Observatory.



**Dr. Hilda Koster**, most recently of Minnesota's Concordia College, has joined the Faculty of Theology as an associate professor in EcoTheology. In the

2020–2021 academic year her courses will include *Introduction to EcoTheology*, *Catholic Social Teaching*,

and a new course titled *Ecofeminism, New Materialism and Ecological Theology*. She will also teach and supervise graduate students through the Graduate Centre in the Toronto School of Theology.

**Dr. Sean Argondizza-Moberg** has joined the Faculty on a one-year Contractually Limited Term Appointment as an Assistant Professor in Greek Patristics. Specializing in Christian asceticism in late antiquity, Dr. Argondizza-Moberg earned his doctorate at Catholic University of America's Center for the Study of Early Christianity. The position will be located within the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute.

## New Course Examines Media's Relationship to #BlackLivesMatter



Journalist, scholar, and activist **Emilie Nicolas** will teach a high-level seminar on the intersection of the #BlackLivesMatter movement and the media in the winter term for the Book and Media Studies program. The course will

provide an inside look at the dynamics of both media institutions and the movement for racial justice that sees media as a battleground.

## Dr. More Breaks Ground with New Project



**Dr. Alison More**, Centre for Mediaeval Studies colleague Dr. Isabelle Cochemin, and Dr. Isabel Harvey have been awarded a SSHRC Insight-Development grant to work on a project on the lives of non-cloistered religious women. The three are part of a five-person international team working on the first-ever overview of women who lived recognizably religious lives outside of a monastic structure. The inaugural holder of the **Comper Professorship in Medieval Studies**, Dr. More is a Latinist and specialist in female religious history. She also teaches the Boyle Seminar in Scripts and Stories.

## Ana Maria Faria Joins Development Team



Meet **Ana Maria Faria**, who has recently joined the University of St. Michael's College as Director of Development. Ana Maria has extensive experience in fundraising and has a great sense of strategic planning, program development, and communications,

developed through leadership roles at Frontier College, George Brown College and Easter Seals Canada, where she served as Vice President, National Development. Her knowledge and skills make her a wonderful addition to the St. Mike's team. In addition to overseeing Major Giving and Gift Planning, Ana Maria will be working closely with Chief Advancement Officer Kathryn Elton to further develop funding priorities and to explore and advance new initiatives. "It is a very exciting time at St. Mike's, and I am delighted to join a great team of talented individuals all working together to advance the mission and priorities of the University," Ana Maria says. "I'm so looking forward to getting to know the faculty, staff, students and alumni."

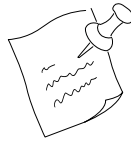
## LIFE'S WORK

### Mourning Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM



The University of St. Michael's College was saddened by the death of **Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM**. Sr. Johanna died on July 12. Many will remember Sr. Johanna from her days as part of the Campus Ministry team, where she worked from 1985–1990. She also served as Dean of Women at Loretto College when she became a campus minister. From 2006–2012 she was the representative of the university's founding women's orders on the Collegium, St. Michael's governing body. A Master of Religious Education graduate from the university's Faculty of Theology, she also acted as a field placement supervisor for the Faculty's Master of Divinity program. "Johanna was a wonderful support and inventive member of the team," recalls Fr. James McConica, who was St. Michael's President when Sr. Johanna was in campus ministry.





## BULLETIN BOARD

# News from Our Alumni and Friends

*What's New? We'd Love to Hear About You!*  
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**Leonard P. Casciato (SMC 4T8)** was the last living member of the team that designed and built Canada's first computer. This milestone occurred between 1948–1950,

while he was a student at the University of Toronto. He then designed and installed the first computerized traffic control system in the world in Toronto in 1962, and in the 1970s began the electronic revolution at the Toronto Transit Commission that now allows it to safely whisk millions of commuters to work every day. His string of patents and work informed everything from the use of early cellular communications to track vehicles through to accounting systems and automated production lines. Leonard died this summer and will be greatly missed by family and friends, but his contributions to technology will live on.



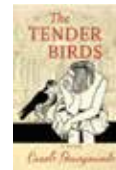
Fighting Antisemitism Together (FAST), the charity **Tony Comper (SMC 6T6)** and his late wife Elizabeth founded in 2005, is joining forces with the Canadian Institute

for the Study of Antisemitism (CISA) to further efforts to eradicate antisemitism and intolerance. Dr. Catherine Chatterley, a Founding Director of CISA, will become Chair and



President of FAST, with Mr. Comper continuing in a role of active advisor.

"The events of the past few months have served as a stark reminder that there is systemic racism and prejudice in every facet of our society," says Mr. Comper, the former President and Chief Executive Officer of BMO Financial Group. "By joining with Catherine, we are ensuring that FAST's award-winning programming will continue for many years to come. And by helping teachers and students, we can marginalize the haters, bigots, racists, and bullies and take away their power to intimidate. Everyone in Canada, regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression should always live secure and be unafraid, welcome, and included."



**Carole Giangrande (SMC 6T6)** has just published her tenth book, *The Tender Birds*, a novel about faith, loneliness, and secrets, set in part on the

St. Mike's campus. Her previous novel, *All That Is Solid Melts Into Air*, was awarded the 2018 Independent Publishers Gold Medal For Literary Fiction. Carole's work includes novellas, short stories, poetry, and a brand-new children's book, *Do I Have To Go To Sleep?*. You can find more on Carole at her website: [carolegiangrande.com](http://carolegiangrande.com).



Congratulations to **Natalie M. Jenner (SMC 9T0)** on the publication of her novel, *The Jane Austen Society*, which was released this past May.



A runaway hit, the book has sold translation rights in 16 different territories so far, was on the *Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star* Canadian Fiction bestseller lists for 14 straight weeks

this past summer, is an international bestseller, a #1 national bestseller, and a *USA Today* and *LA Times* bestseller among others. Not surprisingly, Natalie was St. Mike's gold medal winner in English the year she graduated.



**Sr. Sue Mosteller, CSJ (SMC 6T8)** was recently honoured as an Officer of the Order of Canada. The December, 2019 appointment was announced in

recognition of “her dedication to improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, and for her decades of work as a leader of l’Arche.” Of her life, Sr. Susan has said: “My life-journey has been one with wonderful and amazing people, some of whom were disabled, and all of whom shaped my transformation. They demonstrated that love is possible, God’s forgiveness is essential, and we are called to walk together on earth.”

This summer, classmates **Sue (Flavin) Shady, Valerie Walsh, Denise De Pape, Theresa Clinton, and Kathleen McDevitt (all SMC 7T0)** gathered on Zoom for a mini-reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. “We had shared our stories of the last 50 years in preparation for the call, and then enjoyed two hours of fun, answering questions and learning about our hopes and aspirations going forward.” says Valerie. “We’re five women who have enjoyed wonderful life adventures, including family, interesting and challenging professional lives, and places we’ve called home. Collectively, we’ve endured many of life’s hardships, enjoyed bountiful blessings and all have grateful hearts. We remembered our years at Loretto College and St. Mike’s with joy.”



**Catherine Monahan (SMC 7T8)** has been the long-time editor of the *Dictionary of Old English*. She recently celebrated an important milestone, marking more than 25 years of donating to the project. It’s not just about giving back to a project she is passionate about but also reconfirming her commitment to the value of the humanities education.

Photo: Jackie Shapiro



**Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski (SMC 8T4)**, of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, B.C., has been appointed by Pope Francis as

the new Bishop of the Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, England.



**Gale A. Yee (USMC 8T5)** gave her presidential address, entitled “Thinking Intersectionally: Gender, Race, Class, and the etceteras of

our Discipline” to the Society of Biblical Literature at their annual meeting in San Diego, CA in November 2019.



**Victor Dodig (SMC 8T8)** is serving as co-chair of a coalition of Canadian business leaders who announced recently a strategic partnership to

support Black professionals in Toronto’s financial district. “As allies and business leaders, it is incumbent on each of us to understand the barriers that exist, take accountability for increasing representation of Black leaders within our organizations, and commit to doing our part to eradicating racism in all its forms,” Mr. Dodig, who is President and CEO of CIBC, said in the June, 2020 announcement.



**Dr. Moira McQueen (USMC 8T9, 9T7)**, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, was named in March of this year as the recipient of

the 2019 Christian Culture Award Gold Medal from the Board of Governors of Assumption University in recognition of her work in bioethics. She was to receive the award in October. Photo: Michael Swan, The Catholic Register.



**Dr. Anne Jamieson (SMC 9T0)** has been appointed the new Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE), after serving as

Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton. After the August announcement, Dr. Jamieson tweeted her thanks to St. Mike’s and the other organizations that helped her educationally and professionally as she takes on this new leadership role.



**John Malloy (USMC 9T4)** has been appointed Superintendent of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District in Northern California.

A veteran educator, John was previously the director of education at the Toronto District School Board.



## JOIN ST. MIKE’S ALUMNI BOARD

*Help shape the future of St. Mike’s by joining your fellow alumni on the Alumni Board. St. Mike’s cannot build on its vision, spirit, and traditions without the leadership and involvement of our alumni. The Alumni Board is currently in an exciting time of building new programs and events.*

*For more information, please contact Brittany Davila, Senior Manager, Alumni Programs at [brittany.davila@utoronto.ca](mailto:brittany.davila@utoronto.ca).*





**Michael Allemano (SMC 0T4, 0T5)** and **Damien Medina (SMC 0T3)** reunite every year for a friendly and competitive day of golf. This is one of many life-long friendships that were formed at St. Mike's. Dean of Students Duane Rendle keeps in touch with many of our alumni, and enjoys the many stories they share, especially those involving sports.



Congratulations to **Michael Page (SMC 0T7)**, who recently completed his Executive MBA from the Ivey Business School. This has been a busy year for Michael, as he was also promoted to Director, Annual and Leadership Giving at U of T in February.



**Heather Falikowski (SMC 1T0)** and **Matt Maloney (SMC 1T1, 1T5)** were married on June 12 at the top of Mount Douglas in Victoria, B.C. Heather and Matt met at St. Mike's a decade ago after Dean of Students Duane Rendle hired Heather first as a don and later as a Residence Admissions Assistant. Though the ceremony had to be socially distanced, family and friends were able to join via Zoom as the happy couple tied the knot.



**Katrina Florendo (SMC 1T2)** was featured by U of T News recently in an article on the benefits of paying it forward. She graduated with distinction in 2012 and has been supporting a number of scholarships

for students who were in her position as an undergraduate, when she received both needs-based and merit-based scholarships and bursaries. Going above and beyond, Katrina will be helping students through a life insurance policy, creating a legacy that will continue to support future generations of students.



Congratulations to **Emily Van Berkum (SMC 1T2, USMC 1T5)** and John Paul Farahat on the occasion of their wedding, which took place on September 19 at St. Basil's Church. Emily, who is Dean of Student Residence at Loretto College, and John Paul, who serves as Director of Music and Principal Organist of St. Basil's Church, were delighted to be joined in marriage by their friend and fellow alumnus **Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB (USMC 0T9)**. Photo: [www.avenue-photo.com](http://www.avenue-photo.com)

St. Michael's alumni were well represented at the **12th Annual U of T Next Steps Conference**. The conference, which was held in January, brings together 350 alumni and students for a day of networking and career exploration.



**Ausma Malik (SMC 1T3)** was the keynote speaker, and she encouraged students to take the first step in their journey after graduation to "show up" and use their education as a tool to better their communities.



**Mark Goh (SMC 0T7)** was a panelist and he shared his experience of life after university as CEO and Founder of Clearspace. Mark spoke about his own career, explained how anyone's careers

can face unexpected turns, and encouraged students to be open to opportunities that come their way.



**Benjamin Chui (SMC 1T5)** was featured on a recent episode of CBC television's *What're You At* with Tom Power, a show that invites guests virtually into Tom's living room to chat and catch up. Benjamin, who moved to Hong Kong after graduation, shared a video of his daily routine as a Canadian living and working in Hong Kong during COVID-19.



**Vanessa Rezai-Stevens (SMC 2T0)** has been leading the Companion Calls project since her graduation in June. The project sees student volunteers contacting residents in seniors' homes in an effort to prevent isolation and loneliness during the pandemic. "Even just a short conversation with a friendly person can make all the difference in their day," says Vanessa. Companion Calls is part of the Student Association for Geriatric Empowerment (SAGE), where Vanessa serves as Communications Executive. The organization supports both front-line workers and elderly people during COVID-19. ♦

## LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!



**What's new? We'd love to hear about you!**

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## REST IN PEACE

*We acknowledge the loss in recent months of the following alumni,  
who graduated from St. Michael's in the class years shown here.*

### 1940s

Casciato, Leonard P. SMC 4T8  
Meechan (née Hanlon), Katharine SMC 4T8  
Mehi (née Farkas), Ethel M. SMC 4T8  
Mogan, M. H. Donley SMC 4T8  
Morrissey (née Crocker), Mary C. SMC 4T5

### 1950s

Aurenden, Timothy C. SMC 5T9  
Barry, Richard SMC 5T1  
Blake (Johnston), Barbara A. SMC 5T2  
Cavanagh, Tom SMC 5T5  
Comery, Thomas R. SMC 5T3  
De Valk, CSB, Rev. Alphonse A. SMC 5T8, USMC 6T6  
Foss, Roy C. SMC 5T4  
Franke (née Valenti), Rose SMC 5T3  
Guzman (née Broadhurst), Dr. Carole-Ann SMC 5T4  
Jackson, CSB, Rev. Raymond A. SMC 5T4, USMC 5T8  
McCabe, Michael J. SMC 5T9  
McGovern Sr., James L. SMC 5T5  
McKenna, Joseph W. SMC 5T1  
McKenna, William H. SMC 5T5  
McKeown, Joseph E. M. SMC 5T8

Murphy, Daniel J. SMC 5T1  
O'Neill (née Deeth) Beverleigh J. SMC 5T4  
Peckham, Joseph M. SMC 5T0  
Samberg, James P. M. SMC 5T9, USMC 6T5  
Toguri (née Iwasaki), Elsie M. SMC 5T5  
Trovato, CSB, Rev. Joseph A. SMC 5T3, USMC 5T6

### 1960s

Czudec, Thomas Z. SMC 6T9  
Day (née Catania), Giovanna SMC 6T6  
Fox, Harvey Sean SMC 6T9  
Haefling, Paul L. SMC 6T3  
Heineman (née Malone), Erin K. M. SMC 6T4  
Murray, Robert G. SMC 6T0  
Paramo, CSB, Rev. Raymond SMC 6T1, USMC 6T6

### 1970s

Arnold (née Hrabluk), Carolyn K. SMC 7T9  
Bach CSJ, Sr. Peggy SMC 7T6  
Guthrie, Harry E. G. USMC 7T8  
Hart, Terrence SMC 7T8  
Komorowski, George A. SMC 7T4  
McEnroy, Dr. Carmel E. USMC 7T6, 8T4

McGuire, Ann M. SMC 7T2  
Morris, John J. SMC 7T5  
O'Hara, Michael P. SMC 7T1  
Sweeney, Thomas D. SMC 7T1

### 1980s

Coffey (née Opradek), Catherine SMC 8T9  
D'Agostino, IBVM, Sr. Johanna USMC 8T5  
Donaghy, Gregory O. SMC 8T6  
Doyle (née Mackiw), Helen M. SMC 8T1  
Michalko, Roman SMC 8T4  
Piattelli, Marisa J. SMC 8T2  
Townshend (née Canali), Nadia SMC 8T1

### 1990s

Herridge (née McKinley), Ruth S. USMC 9T3  
Petricek, Rev. Guenter A. USMC 9T5  
Samaroo, Dr. Steven SMC 9T1  
Stea, Maria SMC 9T9

### 2000s

De Luca, Davide L. SMC 0T3

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## HONOURS

# Congratulations to the 2020 Arbor Award Recipients

*Ten alumni of the University of St. Michael's College have received the Arbor Award, the highest honour granted by the University of Toronto. The award recognizes outstanding volunteer contributions.*



**Wendy L. Brennan**  
(SMC 7T6)

has volunteered with the Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale since 2008, and has served on the executive committee since 2015. The event's proceeds help improve the library's physical spaces, update library technology, and preserve and enhance collections.



**Susan Campisi**  
(SMC 9T1)

has served since 2017 as Awards Officer for the Dalla Lana School of Public Health's Public Health Alumni Association. Her efforts have helped the PHAA grow stronger.



**Rosa M. Del Campo**  
(SMC 8T7)

has supported the Rotman Commerce community by mentoring students, speaking on panels and moderating events, and offering her expertise and support to students and alumni.



**Lauren Della Mora**  
(SMC 1T2)

has served on the Dalla Lana School of Public Health's Public Health Alumni Association's board of directors, and provided mentorship and guidance to students through a variety of U of T organizations.



**Elizabeth I. Lee**  
(SMC 0T5)

has volunteered with the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work Alumni Association for the past five years, serving as secretary for the association from 2015 to 2018, and now as a member-at-large.



**Dr. Mimi Marrocco**  
(SMC 6T9)

has been her class representative since graduating in 1969. Since 2015 she has supported students in St. Michael's recently renamed Graduate Diploma in Social Responsibility & Sustainability, offering career advice, helping them to connect with their alumni network, and lending her expertise in social responsibility, social impact, and sustainability.



**Barry S. McInerney**  
(SMC 8T5)

has served as co-chair of the annual St. Michael's Golf Classic since 2017. Since its inception in 2000, the Golf Classic has raised more than \$2.7 million for St. Michael's students.



**Joe G. Nizich**  
(SMC 7T7)

has helped coach the Varsity Blues Men's Lacrosse team since 2006, and has been head coach since the fall of 2010.



**Laura A. Pasut**  
(SMC 8T2)

became president of the Department of Nutritional Sciences Alumni Association in 2018, following six years mentoring students and offering leadership in the association. She has been credited with helping to revitalize the association.



**Stephen T. Taborek**  
(SMC 8T4)

has supported St. Michael's alumni and students by serving on committees for the Mulock Cup, Lex Byrd Award, and Boozer Brown athletics reception, and helped to launch the Lex Byrd bursary.



## HONOURS

# U of T Honours St. Michael's Student Leaders

*Congratulations to the 2020 Award Recipients.*

**S** EVEN MEMBERS OF THE CLASS of 2020 received [Student Leadership Awards](#) from the University of Toronto this past spring. Established in 1994, the University of Toronto Student Leadership Awards (formerly the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards) recognize students who have made outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their college, faculty or school, or to the university as a whole. ♦



### **Michelle De Pol**

coordinated the St. Michael's Mentorship Program, served in leadership roles for St. Michael's Orientation and was Co-Founder and President of Cards4Humanity, a club serving homeless youth.



### **Samuel Vincent Gearing**

was active in Student Life as a Residence Don and Campus Ministry Student Leader and served as Vice President, Religious and Community Affairs for St. Michael's College Student Union.



### **Bridget Carroll Hager**

served as Editor of *Garm Lu*, a journal for St. Michael's College Celtic Studies program, and was a Commuter Don.



### **Robin Martin**

was Vice President and then President of the Women and Gender Studies Student Union, worked on U of T's Model United Nations conferences and held multiple leadership roles for St. Michael's Orientation.



### **Charlie Mitchell**

served as a Residence Don, a St. Michael's Intramural basketball coach and President of the American Culture Club.



### **Paul Nunez**

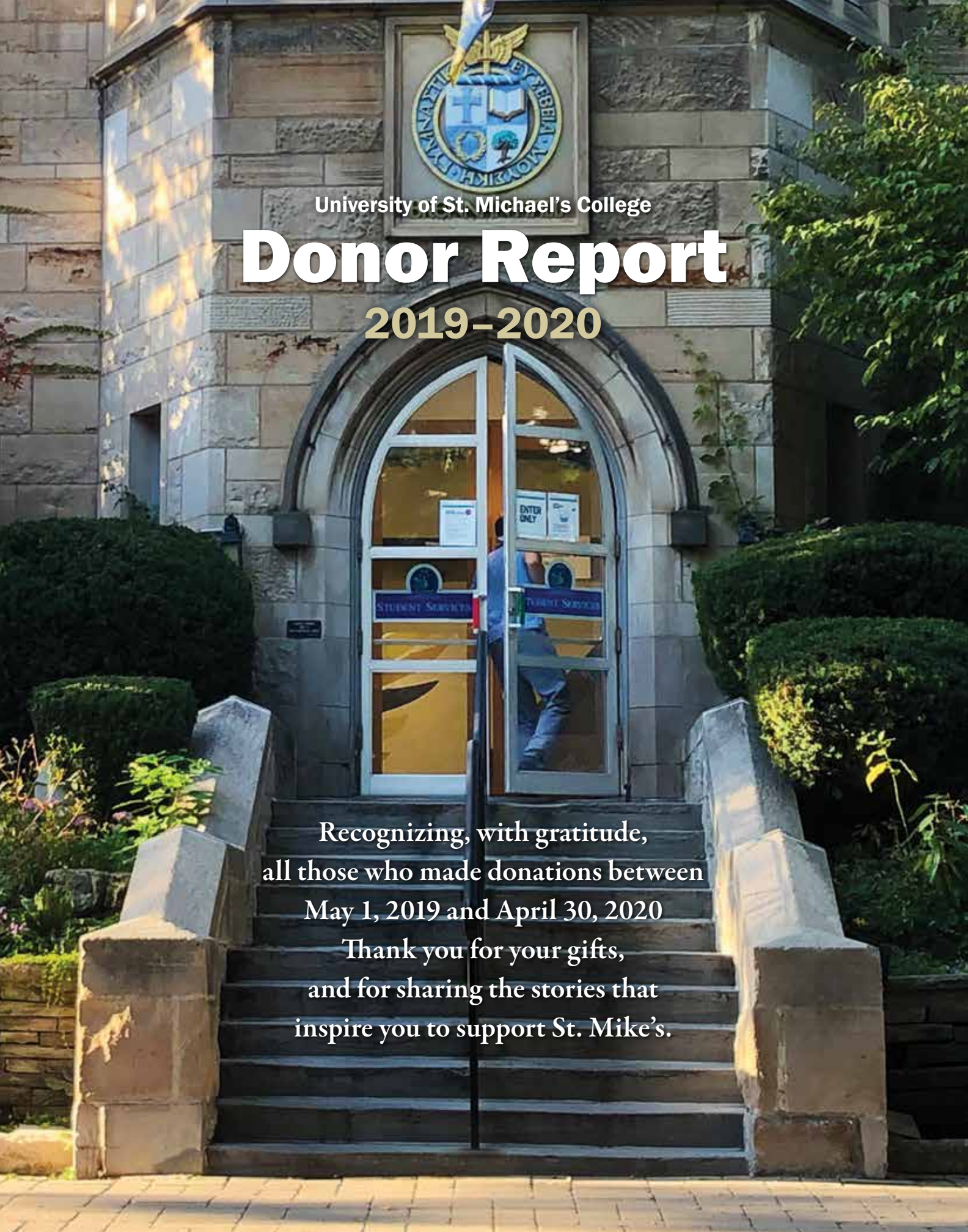
founded and served as President of St. Michael's Wellness Club. He was also a St. Michael's Orientation Marshal.



### **Anna Zappone**

coordinated St. Michael's Orientation in 2019 after holding other Orientation roles in prior years. She also served as Vice President, Communications for the St. Michael's College Student Union.





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# Donor Report

## 2019–2020

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Phyllis L. M. Horbatiuk  
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Gerard S. I. J. MacLean  
Mary McLaren  
Geraldine O'Meara  
Marilyn J. Roberts  
Ernest J. Schiarizza  
George Wickes

#### Class of 1950

Ada R. M. Paul



“Thank you again for your incredible generosity.  
St. Michael's College was truly at the heart of my undergraduate  
experience and I hope to give to a future St. Michael's student the same  
motivation and encouragement that you have given to me.”

—Katarina Savel, SMC 2T0

### Class of 1951

(1 Anonymous)

Gordon A. Bean  
William & Arden  
Broadhurst  
Evelyn M. Fontana  
Frederick J. McGrann  
John G. J. & Patricia  
O'Driscoll

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(1 Anonymous)

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Elizabeth Fraser Marcon  
Gerald L. Timmins

### Class of 1953

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Mary E. Landry  
Nicholson D. McRae  
Annemarie & Bob Powell  
Joseph A. Trovato, CSB †

### Class of 1954

(1 Anonymous)

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Jackson, CSB †  
Barbara-Anne M. Johnson  
Ann C. Marshall  
M. Frank Quinlan

### Class of 1955

(2 Anonymous)

Rose Blackmore  
Gerald & Irene Devlin  
John C. Gallagher  
Owen Ireland  
Mary Le Clair  
Hugh O'Connell

Ann K. Szammers

Ann Mary Treliving

### Class of 1956

(3 Anonymous)

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Margaret M. Crouse  
Robert B. Davis  
Sylvia M. Driscoll  
Edmund J. J. Fitzgerald  
Brian D. Inglis  
William H. Irwin, CSB  
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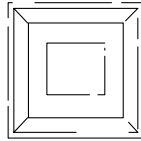


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*Linda Martinello, "Cliff Palace", 2014. Oil, graphite and mylar mounted on panel, 49" x 69", Brennan Hall.*

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A closer look at the painting reveals a variety of figurative elements—mountains, cliff crevices, a valley and, perhaps, most striking, a number of cave-like dwellings. The title "Cliff Palace" refers to a remarkable remnant of Ancient Pueblo culture in the southwestern United States. Made of sandstone, mortar and wooden beams, it contained some 150 rooms.

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