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## THE BELLTOWER

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Father and Son: Brendan and Jeff Scott, Two Generations of Senior Sticks

Haley Finch, Vice Stick of the SPCSA, models her College sweatshirt at the University of Manitoba's Orientation Event in September. Haley's mother, Leslie, works at St. Paul's College as Comptroller, and her sister Amanda also served on the Students' Association.



# RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2020 edition of the St. Paul's College Belltower!

Our St. Paul's College continues to serve over 1,000 University of Manitoba students each year who have joined our College, as well as our scholarly community, staff, alumni and volunteers. Our College's students join St. Paul's College so that they can be part of a smaller diverse and respectful learning community on the northwest corner of the University of Manitoba's main campus. Working together, our students succeed in the faculties of their choice, including medicine and nursing, business, the arts and humanities, social sciences, engineering, fine arts, and many other important and worthwhile programs.

This College is proud of its Ignatian heritage, and our community members continue to promote intellectual thought and service for others. Late last year we signed an agreement with the Jesuits of Canada which further establishes our relationship with the Society of Jesus, and this past January we launched our new Ignatian Leadership Program for students seeking to develop their skills and experience within the tradition of Jesuit teachings.

As you will see in this new issue, we are featuring a few selected stories of the many families who are involved in our College life, including Brendan and Jeff Scott, Ken McKinnon, the Smith family, the Cronin-Licharson family, the LeMaître family, and the Mazur sisters. These stories resonate on a personal level, as my own family has been involved with our College since the 1930s.

We have been challenged by a global health crisis. It is in these times that we learn to appreciate the very good people with whom we live, study and work. I hope you enjoy this issue.



Christopher J. Adams, Ph.D. (SPC '83, '86)  
Rector



*Rector, Dr. Christopher J. Adams with his Father, Dr. Paul Adams, at his 2012 Rector's Installation. In loving memory of Dr. Paul Adams.*

# DEAN OF STUDIES MESSAGE

Dear Students, Alumni and Friends,

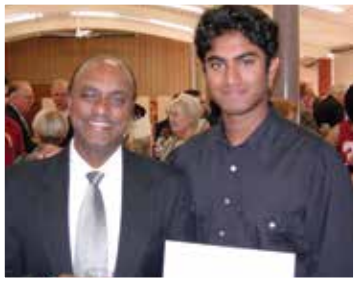
As your Dean of Studies, it gives me immense pleasure to write this brief but important message for the Belltower Magazine. This year, the theme of our issue is family and family involvement in the College. We will be focusing on a few different families and their involvement with the College over generations.

While others will have their own stories to tell, I am lucky I can share my own story about my involvement and the involvement of my sons with St. Paul's College. I share this with humility and my love for St. Paul's College. I feel, St. Paul's has the tendency to draw people and keep them 'hooked' for generations! So, here's my story.

As a biologist by training, I joined the University of Manitoba in 1998 as a professor in the Department of Plant Science in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. I became a member of the College 18 years ago, and in 2017 I accepted the position of Dean of Studies, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. My passions for student education and social justice are primarily the reasons for my involvement in the College.

Now to the next generation! My son, Iru Fernando joined St. Paul's College as a student member when he began his undergraduate studies at the University of Manitoba. As an alumnus of St. Paul's High School, it was quite natural for him and his friends to join the College as many do.

The best part is, the friends he had at St. Paul's High School and thereafter at St. Paul's College are still the best of friends even though they now live in different countries. Iru enjoyed his time at the College and was an active member of Student



Council, serving as the Spiritual Director, and was also very active with Campus Ministry. Iru won a few awards and scholarships, including the Dr. Trainor Scholarship for Science.

Iru looks back at his days at the College with much affection and nostalgia. He fondly remembers the many activities he was involved in while at the College; studying into the night, and hanging out with his friends. Iru is now a board-certified psychiatrist and practices medicine in California. In early February, he and his wife Shalini visited Winnipeg, and surprised his friends and family by taking us all to a Winnipeg Jets hockey game. I was thrilled to see Iru and his friends from College, hang out like they used to as teenagers, as if no time had passed. The bond that was built during their days at the College is still strong.

Earlier, I mentioned, sons! While only Iru has been a St. Paul's College student member and now an alumnus, my 8-year-old son, Tharu, and my 3-year-old son, Sandu, often come to the College with my wife, Yilan. They love coming to the College and spending time with me in my office, and Tharu has even made it a habit of asking whether he can go to "daddy's office" during weekends.

Although they have many years ahead of them before they will be in University, Tharu already speaks so highly of the College and looks forward to the day he too can be a St. Paul's College student! And I look forward to the day I watch him and his brother, Sandu, becoming College members.

You can see that family involvement at St. Paul's comes in many different forms and is infectious through generations. This is my family's story. I am sure, your family too has a unique St. Paul's College story to tell, and I hope to hear it someday.

Dilantha Fernando, Ph.D.  
Dean of Studies





# ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE LAUNCHES IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

By Lisa I. McCausland, Director of Community Development

On January 26th, 2020 our student members received news about a brand-new opportunity for furthering their personal development while studying at the University of Manitoba. During the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Mass and Academic Awards Ceremony, Christopher J. Adams, Ph.D., officially launched the Ignatian Leadership Program. The design of the Program is specifically for students wanting to acquire community leadership skills from the Ignatian perspective.

The Ignatian Leadership Program focuses on several central tenets of the Jesuit approach to education, many of which have been in use for nearly five centuries. These include *cura personalis*, having concern and care for the personal development of the whole person, *magis*, being more, service for and with others, unity of the heart and mind, and finding God in all things.

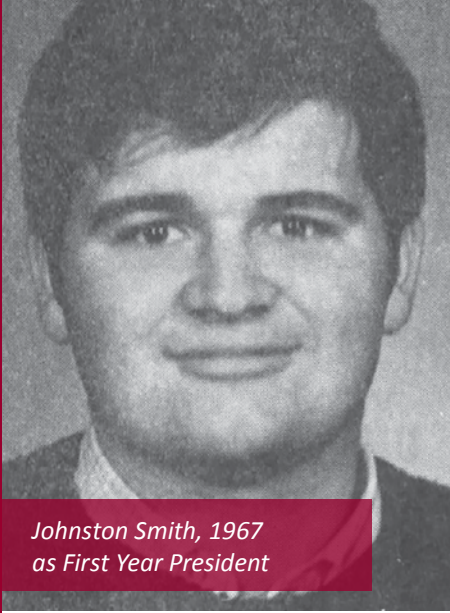
“We are proud of our new St. Paul’s College Ignatian Leadership Program. This optional Program is available for student members of the College who are seeking to develop their leadership skills within a tradition that is linked to St. Ignatius and the Jesuits. The benefit of the Program is that it allows our students to have their extracurricular activities recognized by the College, while at the same time learning new skills and perspectives. We are glad to see the Program move from its conceptual stages to a reality!” said Adams.

To complete the Program, a student participates in a selection of activities from a variety of leadership fields that include, among others, student government, sports, public speaking, and campus ministry. Upon completing the minimum requirements for the Program, students will receive a “Recognition of Completion of the Ignatian Leadership Program” document at the St. Paul’s College Baccalaureate Celebrations held in April.

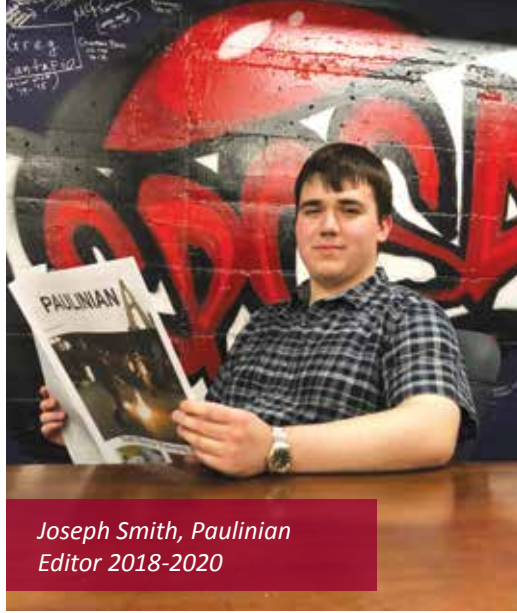
Additionally, all participants will engage in a three-hour annual workshop exploring their knowledge and understanding of Ignatian leadership. The workshops provide the students the opportunity to meet and interact with each other as they progress through the program.

We invite you to watch our social media platforms for upcoming announcements regarding the Ignatian Leadership Program.





Johnston Smith, 1967  
as First Year President



Joseph Smith, Paulinian  
Editor 2018-2020

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

Johnston Smith (SPC '71)  
Chair, St. Paul's College Board of Governors and St. Paul's College Board of Members

The year 1971 fostered a number of notable achievements. Intel released the first microprocessor, the 4004. The Aswan Dam was completed. Walt Disney World opened in Florida. And I graduated from St. Paul's College.

While I remember very little of what I learned in my classes, I certainly remember some wonderful people. Dr. Y.C. Ma taught that "you cannot have guns-and-butter economy." Dr. Lorne Reznowski went on from teaching English to lead the Social Credit Party of Canada. Rev. Patrick M. Plunkett, SJ, somehow kept a "poetry club" going. Dr. Marek Debicki bummed cigarettes from us students...and smoked them in class.

Two of my brothers, Dan and Peter, graduated from the College in the nineties. And today, Peter's son, Joe, is a College member. Between us we have edited *the Paulinian*, served on the Board of Governors, was Paulinian-of-the Year, founded the Alumni & Friends Association, received a number of degrees while College members and attended countless College events. It would be true to say that the College is in our blood.

In preparing this article, I asked comments from them about how important the College has been in their lives. Peter reflects, "Many of the guys from St Paul's High School were there, and I re-connected with many of the girls who had gone to St Mary's for high school, so having all these people that I knew was a very easy introduction to university life."

"There was also a casual and social atmosphere to the College (which I immediately associate with the cafeteria). Unlike high school, the staff would spend time in the cafeteria eating and socializing with students (as opposed to supervising), and this made the College staff very approachable no matter the occasion."

"The College to me was and remains an inviting and welcoming place, whether you are attending classes, an event, or a Mass. I think that there is a clear unity of purpose and belief in the College which makes it a wonderful and memorable place to be. I am glad that I am a part of this community."

Joe also values the community life of the College. "I like that a lot of the people there I know from St Paul's High School. It is also a nice place to go between classes, rather than one of the random areas in other campus buildings, or the crowded lunchroom in University Centre. I find the atmosphere is a lot more relaxed than elsewhere on campus."

Dan, being himself a university administrator, sees that the College combines hominess with scholarly values: "I think that SPC represents academic excellence held together by fries and gravy..."

In 2026, we will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's College. And, while the College has had three different buildings over the century, its real location is in the hearts of its thousands of alumni and alumnae. *Ad multos faustissimosque annos!*



Simone Smith (nee Campbell), Dan Smith,  
Rhonda Sisco, and Peter Smith at the 1992  
St. Paul's College Dinner and Dance



# FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Catherine C. Cronin-Licharson (SPC '81, '86)  
*Chair, St. Paul's College Foundation Board*

The St. Paul's College community has welcomed members of my family for the last 80 years.

When I graduated from St. Mary's Academy in the '70s, the bulk of my cohort attended the University of Winnipeg. I found that the only familiar faces on campus were in the cafeteria of the College. I followed in the footsteps of my cousin, (now Judge) Tim Killeen, who served as the UMSU representative for St. Paul's College Student Council, and I held that same position three years after him.

Fast forward a few decades, and Sr. Susan Wikeem, snjm, called me into her St. Mary's Academy office and told me she was chairing the St. Paul's Board of Governors and a chartered accountant was required. No one refuses Sr. Susan, and I agreed to serve.

The composition of the College Boards changed over that summer. I was appointed to the Foundation Board, where I have served for nine years, the last four as the Chair. As the Chair I also serve on the Board of Governors and Board of Members.

During this, my second tenure at the College, I have seen all three of my children attend and thrive. The Licharson clan all enjoyed their years here.

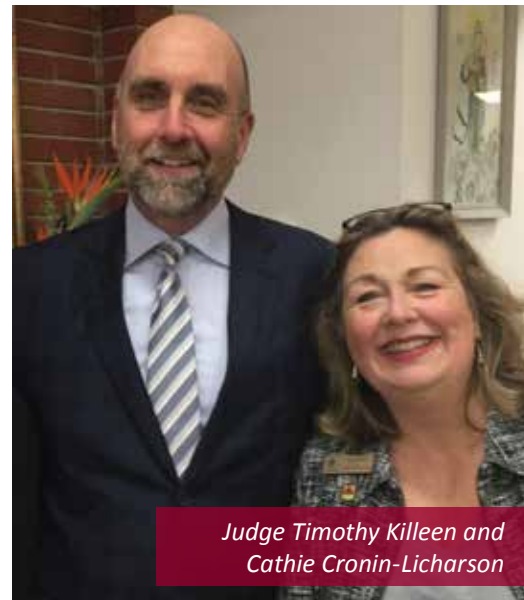
Tom served as UMSU representative (following the family tradition) and then as Senior Stick in 2013 - 2014; Maggie had her name on the Dean's Honour Roll for her undergrad years; and Mike was an enthusiastic supporter of the bashes before he found his calling.

My original motivation to attend St. Paul's College was due to my father, Johnny Cronin, who spoke proudly of attending the College in the old downtown location. On his last night in Winnipeg, before leaving for the Army (during World War II) he attended his last class there. He never completed his education, which he deeply regretted, but was so proud to see me graduate. His experiences with prohibition, the Depression, and the war, illustrated that "things" could be lost, but no one can take away your education.

That thought has motivated me throughout my life, has been acknowledged by all of my family, and is a reason I work towards the continued success of St. Paul's College



*Larry Licharson and Cathie Cronin-Licharson with their children Thomas, Michael, and Maggie*



*Judge Timothy Killeen and Cathie Cronin-Licharson*



*Johnny Cronin*



*Influence and Leadership Award recipient  
Thomas P. Dooley with his family*



*Braeden Cornick and Jeremy Semchyshyn  
present Dr. Haskel Greenfield with the award  
for Ingenuity and Innovation*



*Service for Others Award Recipient Nichole  
Riese with members of the Riese family*

# THE INAUGURAL IGNATIAN SOCIETY MAGIS PRIZES AWARDED

## ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE HONOURS MEMBERS AT 2019 CELEBRATION OF GIVING AND SHARING

Braeden Cornick (SPC '17)

On November 26th, St. Paul's College was honoured to host the Celebration of Giving and Sharing; wherein, five alumni and friends of the College were honoured with the inaugural Ignatian Society Magis prizes. Prizes were awarded for the categories of Influence and Leadership, Innovation, Peacekeeping, and Service for Others.

The Celebration of Giving and Sharing has been a staple of St. Paul's College for over a decade, and was established to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of the College's alumni, supporters, donors, volunteers, staff, and students. St. Paul's own Belltower Café catered the event that featured Richard Boughton as the singer.

Mr. Thomas P. Dooley ('65, '69) was honoured with the Influence and Leadership award. Mr. Dooley has served in leadership positions with the College for over 50 years and has also exhibited further leadership in the greater Manitoba community since his time at St. Paul's College.

Justice Kimberly Prost ('78, '81), although unable to attend the event, was honoured with the Peace and Reconciliation award as a result of her activities in the area of Law, Peace, and Justice. Justice Prost was an engaged member of the St. Paul's College Community during her time as Vice Stick of the College and now serves as a Justice on the International Criminal Court.

Drs. Haskel and Tina Greenfield ('92, '97) were honoured with the Ingenuity and Innovation prize for their founding of the Near Eastern Biblical Archeology Laboratory (NEBAL).

Finally, Dr. Nichole Riese ('81, '84) was honoured with the Service for Others award for her service with "Médecins Sans Frontières" (Doctors Without Borders), and her dedication to serving those in the global community and at home.

This is the first year the Magis prizes have been awarded and the prizes were handed out by the Ignatian Stick Jeremy Semchyshyn ('19) and Vice-Stick Braeden Cornick ('17). The Magis Prize is gifted to an individual or group who is a part of the College's community and has demonstrated a willingness to do more for others in the areas of community development, international peace education, influence and leadership, and service for others.

St. Paul's College is looking to continue the tradition of awarding the Magis prizes at the Celebration of Giving and Sharing as the Ignatian Society aims to expand its role within the College.





Mary LeMaître with Fr. Michael Koryluk at the Barn Mass



Jean Pierre (Johnny) LeMaître



Bénédicte LeMaître poses in front of Christ the King Chapel

## FEELS LIKE HOME

### Mary LeMaître

St. Paul's College feels like home to the LeMaître family. Siblings, Mary and Jean Pierre (Johnny) LeMaître, attended St. Paul's College. Mary completed her French Honours, pre-Masters in Speech Pathology, Masters in Medieval French and her Ph.D. in French and Catholic Studies as a member of St. Paul's College. Her brother Johnny was a member of Student Council and served two terms as the editor of *the Paulinian* (then called *the Electric Fan*). He graduated with a degree in English, won the Chancellor's award for writing, and then went on to study Fine Arts and Architecture.

The LeMaîtres are a musical family. While a student, Johnny also worked with Mark Kulas as a DJ for Roadshow Sound. Johnny made socials at the College a smash, and he became iconic for dancing on the speakers. As opposed to playing the music like her brother did, Mary was a dancer, and she would dance all night with boundless energy. Mary did her first liturgical dance at the College for a national chaplains' conference. After participating in a Liturgical dance workshop at the College, she was invited to give workshops and dance at many churches. She attended Archbishop Exner's student retreats and enjoyed playing her recorder and leading everyone in music with her childhood friend, Robert Polz (now Fr. Robert). Archbishop Exner would always play his accordion at the end of the retreats, and Mary would do some pretty fancy stepping!

Johnny could often be found debating politics and discussing music in the cafeteria. Mary, on the other hand, was known for teaching her friends in the cafeteria the new languages she was learning in class, notably Cree, in exchange for other languages that her friends knew how to speak. Mary would return to St. Paul's over the years, as she continued to take classes at the College; she taught at the College, as well as held an office at the College. Over the years, she continued to attend College events. Most notably, Mary remains a fan of the Advent Barn Mass, and even took home a kitten and bunny from the Giesbrecht farm. "Fr. Michael is still trying to forget the ride home with the cat," jokes Mary.

Mary's daughter Bénédicte started visiting the College long before she attended University. In elementary school, she would tag along with her mother on in-service days and school holidays. "St. Paul's College feels like home to me. I can't remember the first time I entered St. Paul's College because it is a special place I have been coming to for a very long time. I remember pretending to be sick so that I could skip school and come spend the day roaming the College freely while my mom taught classes. It felt safe," says Bénédicte.

Even before graduating from St. Mary's Academy, Bénédicte began taking courses at the College when she enrolled in the travel study course to India. Once attending University, she happily became involved in the St. Paul's College Students' Association as the Spiritual Affairs Director, and eventually went on to serve as an UMSU Representative on the executive council. Following in her family's musical tradition, Bénédicte also served as cantor for College Masses.

Mary is now a French professor at the University of Winnipeg and specializes in researching, writing, and speaking about stereotypes of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Bénédicte is doing her Master's in Religion, is a popular yoga instructor, and one of the cantors at St. Mary's Cathedral. Jean Pierre died in 2006 and is fondly remembered and missed by all who knew him at the College. "Being a part of St. Paul's College is being a part of history. It keeps the memory of its members eternal. My Uncle Johnny passed away a few years ago, but Dr. Christopher Adams, our Rector, and many others here, help to keep my Uncle Johnny's memory alive. Hearing stories of their time together at St. Paul's College makes my heart full," says Bénédicte.

"It is my hope that St. Paul's College continues to be an active, welcoming, and safe space for students at the U of M and that one day my future children will also be able to call St. Paul's College home," says Bénédicte.

# A CENTRE BECOMES AN INSTITUTE

By Christine Mauro

In the Fall of 2019 the Mauro Centre for Peace & Justice became the Mauro Institute for Peace & Justice. For my father, Arthur Mauro, a central figure in the establishment of the Centre, and for the directors of the Mauro Family Foundation, this has been a meaningful event.

There is no general agreement on the difference between a *Centre* and an *Institute*. A Centre provides a focal point where individuals from different backgrounds, with different perspectives can connect through their shared values and common goals. It is hoped that from such cross-fertilization something beautiful and new will grow. An *Institute* adds to these qualities with a sense of something more established, more solid — here for the long term and perhaps with a greater reach.

Over its 15 years as a Centre, The Mauro Centre has accomplished much. The Ph.D. program and more recently the Master's program have produced numerous graduates

who are contributing globally towards a more peaceful and just world. The annual Storytelling Festival has allowed the message of peace and social justice to penetrate the hearts of thousands of children. Academics and the general public have been able to listen to many high-profile guest lecturers — living examples of people embodying the principles for which the Centre stands. In this new manifestation as an Institute, perhaps its branches will spread even further to touch and to be touched by people and events throughout the world. At this time of planetary crisis on so many levels, we sorely need skills and knowledge about conflict resolution, reconciliation and social justice.

My father and members of the Mauro Family Foundation hope that the evolution from a Centre to an Institute will create an even more effective vehicle where, in the words of St. Paul's Statement of Ethos, "human excellence might be expressed in men and women of right principles, in touch with their times, and in tune with their culture."



# SHARED EXPERIENCES

Ken MacKinnon, SPC '89, '91, '98

In loving memory of Ken (John) McKinnon, class of '60

In 1954, my uncle Ken (John) McKinnon began his studies at St. Paul's College, and some 30 years later, I followed in his path. Although he started at the downtown campus building, he graduated in '60 in the same building as I did in '98. Looking back, we both had similar experiences: We both were active in College life, wrote articles for *the Paulinian*, had great friendships with the Jesuits and other ministry leaders, ran unsuccessfully for the Student Council, and made friends at the College that became friends for life.

In my early days at the College, I would often come across Father Holland as he wandered the corridors. He remembered my Uncle fondly and would often stop to tell me a tale of Ken from those days. Ken was known for his wit, his sports participation in hockey and basketball, and maybe for a few of his misdeeds. He often had some of the Jesuits over for dinner, and even tricked Fr. Jensen into believing he was a great musician by using the player piano in another room. Ken was also a great debater, and was on the team that won the Western Canadian McGoun cup for the U of M in '58. To celebrate the victory, he invited everyone at the College over to the family home. I can only guess that, like me, the friends Ken made at St. Paul's were a second family, and the College was a second home.

With his Political Science degree unfinished, Ken went to work in the Yukon in '56 and discovered that he loved it there. He came back to the College to finish his last year and promptly returned to the Yukon. By '61 he was elected to the Yukon Territorial Council. Ken went on to be appointed Commissioner of the Yukon in '86 and Chancellor of the Yukon College in 2000.

When Ken and I attended the 90th Anniversary, we shared our College stories with each other for the first time. The College shaped both of our lives in those moments between learning, as much as our pursuits in learning shaped our career paths. The pranks, the victories, the social activities, the writing for a tiny photocopied paper, the people, and the place, were a bond between us that spans decades. On a wall in our home, hangs my Uncle's 70-year-old College pennant to remind me of how much my Uncle and I shared the love of being Paulinians.



*Ken MacKinnon and Ken (John) McKinnon at St. Paul's College and St. Paul's High School's 90th Anniversary Event in 2016*

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Christine Mazur (SPC '95, '97) and Mary Mazur (SPC '95)

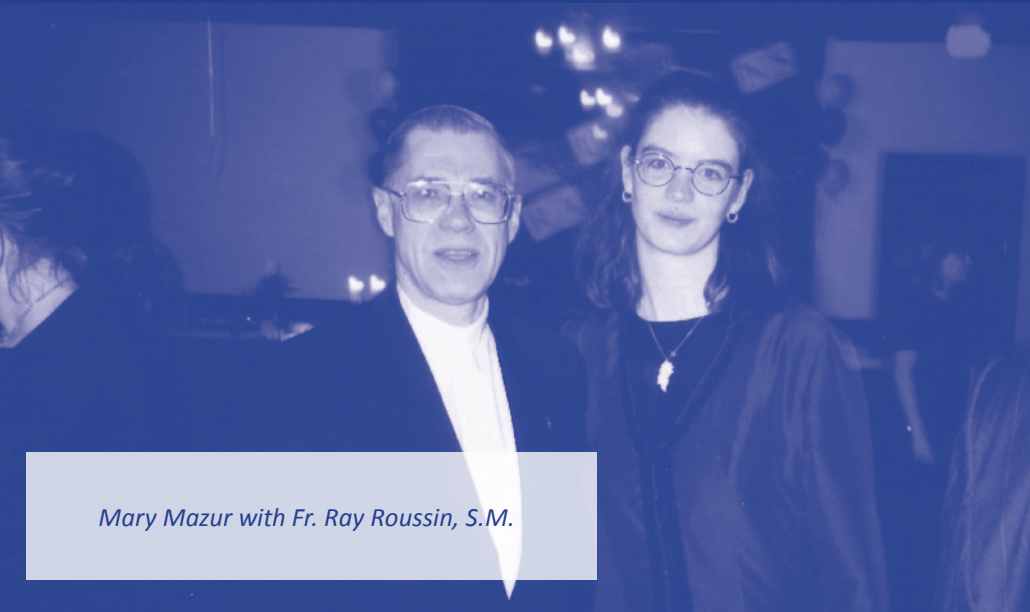
Student life at St. Paul's College in the early to mid-nineties was full of good times, community building events, struggles, and hard work. St. Paul's College gave the Mazur sisters a home away from home, and many opportunities to grow in ways they might not have had if they had been left to wander in the greater University environs. As a socially awkward public-school kid with no connections to either St. Paul's High School or St. Mary's Academy, Christine was lucky to have her older sister, Mary, testing the waters of University a year ahead of her, forging a path, making mistakes, and trying things out.

After a difficult first year, Mary decided to try studying in the more intimate, homey space of St. Paul's College. She found her way to Irene Sexton's office just before school started in September, 1991, and Irene welcomed her warmly. Mary immediately felt at home as Irene guided her through bursary and carrel room applications, gave her a tour of the College, and introduced her to a handful of students who happened to be in the chapel that day, preparing the music for the Opening Mass. A number of those students eventually became life-long friends, including Mary's now husband, Ken Charleson, who coached the St. Paul's College Jesuettes women's hockey team in the late Eighties.

Encouraged by her sister's comforting experience, Christine followed her to the College and quickly discovered a quirky, comical, edgy student publication called *The Paulinian*, full of jokes, satire and angsty comics hand-made by St. Paul's boys. Aspiring writers, the girls aligned themselves with this group of creative odd-balls, and the next year Mary became *The Paulinian* editor. At the same time, Christine and her violin had discovered a community of friends in the Christ the King Chapel choir, and both Mary and Christine became involved in various college activities.

"Chaplaincy," as the group was dubbed, that congregated around the popular and charismatic chaplain, Fr. Ray Roussin, and later Fr. Luis Melo, participated in weekly Sunday Masses in the College chapel, planned special Masses, annual retreats, various workshops relating to the Catholic faith, and musical events like, "Hymnodia," and the "Blue Light Café," (named for a blue hanging lamp from the Seventies found in a corner of the old Paulinian office). Those who took part eventually became good friends who also studied, played basketball, ate, and drank together. Study breaks at Pizza Hut, 7-Eleven, or outings for cheap beer and chicken wings were common, and 3 am post exam cram snacks at Perkins became a favourite way to celebrate the end of exams. They joked, laughed, solved problems, shared stories, and supported one another through our University years.

"The main ring-leader was Fr. Ray Roussin, without whom student life at the College would not have been so rich. Ray, as we called him, would sit in the cafeteria with even the most anti-social of us, eating lunch and visiting with whole groups of students, or one-on-one. He would invite each student to chaplaincy events, making



Mary Mazur with Fr. Ray Roussin, S.M.



Christine and Mary with parents Paul and Louise Mazur



personal connections as he went. So genuine was his caring that they all went to him in times of trouble, and found him to be supportive and wise in his counsel. He also encouraged the student council, and was not above contributing a regular column to the College 'rag.' He was a friend and mentor, and contributed so much to making the College a welcoming space that many were heartbroken when he received the call from Rome in the spring of 1995 to become the Bishop of Gravelbourg, Sask. Many former St. Paul's College students whose lives he had touched in the Nineties, attended his funeral when he died from Parkinson's Disease in 2015, and many still miss him terribly even now," said Mary.

Although their participation in College activities was concentrated in Chaplaincy, they also took their turns on the St. Paul's College Student Council, where they continued to add to their eclectic collection of friends. Christine followed her sister in becoming editor of *The Paulinian*, while Mary took on the role of GSA Rep for two years in a row. Christine also did a stint as Secretary. Together they took part in producing and writing for *The Paulinian*, planning beer bashes and socials, and even took some of their classes together. They were assigned study carrels in the (normally) quiet upstairs carrel room. There, they continued to make life-long friends and witnessed the various antics of the College med students. "Neither of us can ever forget the time they turned one of their friends' entire carrel upside-down, as if it had been transported into an alternate dimension. Their attention to detail was amazing!" recalled Christine.

"When we both stayed on to do graduate degrees in 1996, we were fortunate to be granted office space together in the long hallway on the east side main floor of the College," said Christine. "The sliding glass doors concealed the offices of a handful of graduate students and professors who formed a miniature neighbourhood," Mary explained. "We watched out for one another, and once again we both felt accepted into the College family as small tokens of friendship made us welcome."

Such tokens included a poster that appeared mysteriously on their office door one day that reflected Mary's interest in Ukrainian studies, and another day a cardboard sign mimicking official office name plates appeared designating their office as belonging to "Mazur, Mazur, and Co." "We loved that sign and still have it!" said Mary. "We studied hard, but took breaks every so often when the sound of Monty Python recitations from another student's office down the hall got too entertaining to resist, or when the warm spring sunshine lured us out onto the broad ledge outside our office window," she added.

"Being members of St. Paul's College, taking part in all the College had to offer, and making the effort to contribute our own talents and ideas to student life at the College made our University experience truly enriching. Many of the friendships forged in our time at St. Paul's have lasted more than 20 years, and connections made have had incredible impacts on our personal and professional lives. Meeting people from other parts of the world, including China, Malaysia, various African countries, and all over Canada, gave us both a better understanding of the world outside our comfortable Canadian bubble. Reaching out to those around us, and giving of ourselves made all the difference, and we are both grateful for all the time and energy we put into student life at the College," said Mary.



*Mary and Christine Mazur with Fr. Luis Melo, S.M. at the 1995 St. Paul's Grad Dinner and Dance*





*Brendan and Jeff Scott at the 2019 Baccalaureate Ceremony where Brendan Scott was sworn in as Senior Stick*

# LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Brendan Scott and Jeff Scott (SPC '91)

The St. Paul's College experience is a family tradition for some. St. Paul's College is rooted in its Ignatian tradition, and for many people it has become a family tradition to join St. Paul's College when they enter the University of Manitoba.

For the Scott family, the College has become a family tradition that traces its roots back to the early Sixties. This tradition became even more special this year when Brendan Scott was elected Senior Stick of the St. Paul's College Students' Association for the 2019-2020 year, following in his father, Jeff Scott's footsteps, who held the position from 1990-1991. Making St. Paul's College history, this is the first time a father and son have both served as Senior Stick.

"The College has had a tremendous impact on our family," says Jeff Scott. "My father was a member of the College in the early '60s (although he mainly played Bridge there on his way to three degrees) and my wife, Dorothy, and I have many friends to this day that were formed in our University days. Now Brendan and our three daughters are members of the College with the children of our friends from those days. In fact, some of the fellow students that Brendan has, and is serving with, are children of our College friends. It is always a great experience to return for Mass or events and enjoy all that the College has to offer. It was an honour to serve as Senior Stick in the Nineties and be able to give back to the College where friendships were forged and life forming events were experienced," says Scott.

In between the father and son's terms, St. Paul's College has undergone a lot of changes in the past 30 years.

- In 1990, the student council consisted of 12 elected positions, and now in 2020 the council is made up of 29 members with only 5 being elected.
- In the Nineties, there was a courtesy phone in the cafeteria that student members could make calls on, until someone found a way to make long distance calls to South Africa. In 2019, in the age when everyone has their own cell phone, council installed a cellphone charging station.
- In the Nineties, St. Paul's College had several intramural sports teams including men and women's hockey. In 2020 sports tournaments for mini-golf among other events are popular amongst our student members.
- In the Nineties, student members received their information through the St. Paul's College handbook. Today, students are provided with up to date information through the councils social media pages.

The College building has gone through many renovations as well. The student council office that Jeff Scott and company used was located on the west side of the cafeteria but was torn down in 2013 to expand the seating area of the cafeteria. A state-of-the-art new council office was constructed in 2017 on the east side of the cafeteria.



While many things have changed, many have stayed the same. Both father and son value the friendships made and the amazing experiences they've had at the College. Friendships and experiences are two timeless themes common with so many College members regardless of when they attended the College.



"I genuinely enjoyed getting involved in the community," said Brendan. "I made so many friends, and it was a way to interact with them. Being on the St. Paul's College Students' Association forced me to do more at the university than just go to class. I had many ideas on how to give back to the St. Paul's College community, and I thought the best way to see those ideas come to fruition was to be in the position of Senior Stick to do that."

Before serving as Senior Stick, Brendan held the position of Vice-Stick, Sports Representative, and was a contributor for *the Paulinian*.

Twenty-five years after his term as Senior Stick, Jeff Scott returned to the College as a member of the Ignatian Society committee. He said that returning to the College for this purpose felt like he was completing the circle, and it gave him a chance to build upon the memories and great relationships he first began building so many years ago.

"Having Brendan follow in my footsteps and create his own legacy has been very rewarding. We have watched him get to experience all that the College has to offer and be involved in the extra-curricular activities that will benefit him into the future," said Jeff.

"Our reasons for running were both the same; we both spent so much time at St. Paul's College with our friends that we decided we might as well be running the events we were always attending. We both enjoyed writing for *the Paulinian*. Beverage Gardens (then called beer bashes) are a shared favourite experience of ours. My dad still brags about booking "The Watchmen" for a beer bash before they were famous. Our time as Senior Sticks have given us some of our best memories. To be able to share this great experience of being Senior Stick with my dad is something I will always cherish," said Brendan.

Brendan adds, "It also can't be a coincidence that the last two Bombers Grey Cup wins were during both our respective terms as Senior Stick," said Brendan.



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## FR. DRISCOLL'S ALUMNI AND FRIENDS CORNER

*Fr. Joseph V. Driscoll, SJ, (1916-2003) came to the College in 1959 after it moved to the Fort Garry campus and served as College Chaplain, moderator of the Sodality, and Chaplain of the Newman Club. He returned to the College in 1981 as Rector, where he remained for eight years shepherding the College's transition under its first lay Rector. The Fr. Driscoll Alumni and Friends Corner debuted in the November 1995 issue of 'From the Belltower'*

## PEGGIE GARDINER FORMER LIBRARIAN A TRAILBLAZER

Written by June Dutka, B.A. (SPC, U of M '64);  
B.L.S (University of British Columbia '66);  
Librarian Emeritus (University of Manitoba '01)

One afternoon this past summer (2019), Margaret (Peggie) Gardiner and I met for lunch at the Oakwood Cafe on Osborne Street. There we enjoyed a visit over Denver sandwiches, coffee and great conversation.

Known to her friends and family as Peggie, she lives in her house in the residential community of Riverview. Born in the North End of Winnipeg in 1916, she was the youngest of six children. She attended St. John's High School and United College, now the University of Winnipeg. After receiving her B.A. degree she worked at Sun Life Insurance from approximately 1936 to 1956.

In 1957, Peggie graduated with a Bachelor of Library Science degree from McGill University and was hired to work at St. Paul's College in 1958. Her appointment coincided with the St. Paul's College move from the downtown location to the Fort Garry campus. She remembers how difficult it was to organize the collections of books in the new building with only the help of volunteers and to provide reference services to faculty and students at the same time. The Library at that time was located on the third floor where classrooms and offices are now. "The books from downtown came in through the window and there was no order to them. The profs found it difficult to find titles appropriate for the courses being offered." Peggie's memories of SPC staff and students are clear and reminiscent of the time she calls the good old days. "I loved working at the College – everybody was so nice – it was like home away from home. The Jesuits were wonderful; in particular Fr. [Vincent] Jensen and Fr. [Charles] Kane."

Through the work of volunteers and under Peggie's expert instruction and supervision, the collection of books at the College was reorganized to the Library of Congress classification system; a progressive



improvement over the Dewey Decimal system used elsewhere on campus. In 1969, an opportunity to widen her horizons presented itself. By understanding the complexities of research and reference service through her work at St. Paul's College, Peggie skilfully transferred her specialized knowledge to assisting clientele at the Manitoba Hydro Library, where she worked until her retirement in 1982.

In 2019, Peggie celebrated her 103rd birthday. She delights in reading, going for short walks and keeping up with news in general. Peggie truly is a remarkable woman! In her quiet, unassuming way she influenced and encouraged a number of women at the College to follow in her footsteps. Through her mentorship and genuine interest in their careers and well-being, life-long friendships continue to this day.

*June Dutka, and the Belltower Alumni Magazine would like to thank Jean Van Wallegem, B.A. (St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba 1962); B.L.S (McGill University 1965) for providing additional information used in the article.*



**Dr. Arthur V. Mauro, O.C., Q.C., K.S.G. (SPC '49)** was honoured with the Dr. Philip Weiss Award at the 2019 Storytelling for Peace and Human Rights Dinner and Presentation. In honouring Dr. Mauro, the College and Mauro Centre (Institute) recognized his clarity of vision and his ability to share that story of the future in the creation of the Mauro Centre, the Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Programs, and the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, among other outreach programs in the pursuit of peace and justice.



**Angus Reid (SPC '69, '71)**, Canada's best-known and longest-practicing pollster, returned to St. Paul's College as the 2019 Ignatian Society's Baccalaureate Guest Speaker. He spoke about his involvement in the College and the University and his insights into the important role St. Paul's College plays with the University of Manitoba.

After a very successful and long career as a scholar, Former Dean and Rector **Richard Lebrun** completed his final scholarly publication, *The Writings of Félicité de Lamennais*, Edited by Richard A. Lebrun and Sylvain Milbach. Introductions and Annotations by Sylvain Milbach. Translated by Richard A. Lebrun and Jerry Ryan. Charlottesville VA.: IntelLex Corporation, 2019. This digital resource is part of the IntelLex Past Masters series, which can be accessed through libraries that subscribe to the series.

**Bill Wsiaki** had an article featured in *the Winnipeg Free Press* on a hockey stick that is kept in a display case in the Fr. Drake Library with a remarkable history to it which intersects with the early days of the University of Manitoba, the care of those afflicted with tuberculosis, World War I, hockey history in the province, and the life of Fr. Vincent Jensen, SJ. The story can be found here: <http://news.umanitoba.ca/hockey-treasure-at-st-pauls-college>

**Dr. Stephane Lenoski (SPC '10)** received an early career development award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada in November 2019. Dr. Lenoski is passionate about preventing chronic diseases by promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. He has an extensive sports background including four years in the Canadian Hockey league, three years as a CIS Academic all-Canadian, and representing Canada in men's hockey at the 2009 World University Games in Harbin, China. As a former athlete turned family physician, Dr. Lenoski sees the entire spectrum-from functional athlete to total disability and chronic pain. He is one of the first-ever practicing exercise physiologist/family physician/sports medicine doctors in Canada and is currently working with Exercise in Medicine Canada to create an exercise literacy and prescription curriculum for all Canadian medical schools. Dr. Lenoski is an integral member of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians Board of Directors and an active participant of its first five years of practice committee on which he currently serves as co-chair. In this role, he has organized two sessions dedicated to physician wellness, a subject about which he is extremely passionate. He is the vice-chair of the Doctors of Manitoba Wellness Committee and presented at the 2019 Canadian Conference on Physical Health in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Due to his strong interest in teaching and mentoring, Dr. Lenoski is a mentor with Doctors Manitoba, and holds a nil appointment with the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba.



**Fr. Michael Koryluk (College Chaplain)** celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a Priest in April 2019. Fr. Koryluk had served in active ministry in the Archdiocese since his ordination in 1979 and served in a number of parishes and institutions. Fr. Koryluk celebrated his retirement in June 2019.

**Anthony Foderaro (SPC '12)** received his Call to the Manitoba Bar and is currently practicing law at Fillmore Riley LLP in the areas of insurance litigation and administrative law.

**Evan Cunningham (SPC '13)** graduated from the University of Manitoba in 2013 with an honours in biotechnology before moving to Sydney, Australia in 2014 to begin his Ph.D. at the Kirby Institute, one of the world's leading infectious disease research institutes. Since graduating with his Ph.D. in 2017 Evan has been working as a postdoctoral fellow on research aiming to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of hepatitis C virus infection in vulnerable populations.



**Pierre Bosc (SPC '14, '16)** and **Caroline Grimes (UofM '15, '17)** became close friends after meeting at the Belltower Cafe. Six and a half years later the two were married in August 2019.

**James McPherson (SPC '14, '16)** is currently teaching middle school at Balmoral Hall. In his spare time, James coaches basketball and debate, and still finds time to play rugby for the Wombats.

**Maria Santiano (SPC '14)**, SPCSA Treasurer in 2012-2013, graduated with a General B.Sc. in 2014 and a B.Sc.(Hons) in Actuarial Mathematics in 2020. She is now working at The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company as an Actuarial Analyst. Maria works in the Corporate Actuarial department where she works in reserving while also studying for her Actuarial designation exams.

Since completing her Master's degree in Fall 2018, **Jessa Hogarth (SPC '15)** has been working towards her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. In addition to being a student, she works as a therapist at both Prairie Psychology and Dr. Ellery and Associates, specializing in the treatment of anxiety disorders, mood disorders, as well as personality disorders. Her dissertation research is investigating the effects of cannabis consumption on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptomatology.



**Nicholas Jones (SPC '14)** graduated with his B.Ed. and is currently working on getting his administration certification. In 2019 he married his fiancée, Free Press journalist **Erin Lebar (UofM '11)** at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, followed by a reception at the Millennium Centre. The wedding was a real SPC affair as alumni **James McPherson (SPC '14, '16)** and **Luke McKim (SPC '15)** served as his best men! Nicholas is currently working at St. Boniface Diocesan High School.

After attending St. Paul's College, **Alex Cornick (SPC)** went on to work as a Research Assistant in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at the I.H. Asper Institute at St. Boniface Hospital. After spending three years in research, Alex went on to pursue a career in Paramedicine. She graduated from Criticare EMS, and works as a Paramedic for Shared Health in a First Nations Community and hopes to use her research background to start some projects in the area of paramedics and health of northern communities.

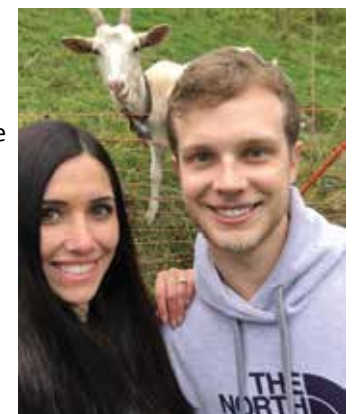
**Sami Semchyshyn (SPC '15, '18)** graduated with her Masters of Occupational Therapy and began working with a private clinic where she travelled to northern First Nations communities to work with pre-school populations. In December 2019, she accepted a new position working in the Louis Riel School Division.

**Meghan Lemoine (SPC '15)** graduated with a Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development (BRMCD) in 2015. Since then Meghan has worked for a community-based organization in the West End providing barrier-free sport and recreation opportunities for children and youth. Her time in this community inspired her Master of Health, Sport and Human Performance (University of Waikato, New Zealand) thesis which focused on under-served young women's experiences with physical activity, for which she received distinction. Meghan continues to work casually at the CBO and recently started in her new role in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management as the Recreation Services Assistant.

**Thomas Licharson (SPC '15)** was admitted to the New York State Bar in the Spring of 2019. He is a Staff Attorney with Legal Services NYC, the largest provider of civil legal services in the United States. He represents low income clients as a litigator with the Housing and Tenants Rights Unit. Based in the Bronx, the unit works to prevent evictions, preserve affordable housing, and ensure the safety and habitability of apartments within the community.

**Maria Cortes Toro (SPC '16)** and **Ryan Toth (SPC '15)**

were engaged on September 2, 2018 while on holiday in Switzerland. They are set to be married in June 2020. Maria has worked at the St. Boniface Emergency Department since 2016. She is now pursuing a Master of Nursing to become a Nurse Practitioner in 2021. Ryan currently works as the corporate controller at Private Pension Partners Inc.







**Tom Toni (SPC '16)** and **Taylor Caldwell (UofM '16)** were engaged in April 2019. They are set to get married in August 2020.

In 2016 **Chris Schmidt (SPC '16)**, started a company called Geofilter Studio. In the first year, Geofilter Studio exploded at an unprecedented rate of 24,000% and grew to 85 employees. It became the largest Snapchat filter producer in the world, creating over 100,000 filters that accumulated 5 billion views worldwide. Chris then formed EveryStudio, which housed three different products: Geofilter Studio, EveryStudio AR, and EveryStudio Stickers. EveryStudio AR created augmented reality products, and EveryStudio Stickers created iOS sticker packs. Their sticker packs were viewed over 150 million times in the Apple App Store. In 2019 EveryStudio was acquired. Chris' sixth business, Pluto Ventures, is a machine learning company working in the apparel industry. When he is not working on his companies, Chris enjoys helping others with their business journeys and has presented at over 60 events in the last two and a half years.



**Carter Liebrecht (SPC '16, '19)** has been clerking at the Federal Court in Ottawa during his "articling" year. In this role he is assisting a judge with her Aboriginal, immigration, and intellectual property decisions as well as other cases falling under federal jurisdiction. He is moving to Toronto this summer to begin practicing law at a firm.

**Julia DaCosta (SPC '17)** is currently working as a renal dietitian at Seven Oaks Hospital. When available she enjoys doing presentations in schools to students of all ages about general nutrition. In her spare time, she enjoys playing rugby and traveling.

**Meghan Dobie (SPC '17)** is currently completing her Master of Occupational Therapy in the Rady Faculty of Health Science. She recently completed a field work placement at Concordia Hospital in Low Acute Care.

**Joseph Darcel (SPC '17)** is currently a professional student within the University of Manitoba's Max Rady College of Medicine. He is active in the community as an instructor at 199 St. Vital Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, and as a youth mentor. In his free time, Joseph continues to enjoy his hobbies of flying and running, and is planning to run the Boston marathon in Spring 2020. He remains engaged as an alumnus of the Prime Minister's Youth Council, and is currently regional lead on the upcoming Youth Change Canada podcast.

**Chantale Bosc (SPC '18)** is currently pursuing her Master's of Physician Assistant Studies degree at the U of M Bannatyne campus and is set to graduate in 2020. Fellow Paulinian, **Kailey Oxenforth (SPC '14, '18)**, is also in the program.

**Owen Black (SPC '19)** served as Vice President External for the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) for the 2018-2019 school year.

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| McLeod, Terry          | Okunnu, Anuoluwapo        | Robertson, Doug      | Sinclair, Tom           | Van Delden, John         |                     |
| McPherson, Sandra      | Olmstead, Laura           | Robertson, Mark      | Singh, Darian           | Vanselaar, Marie-Ann     |                     |
| Meikle, Lorne          | Orlikow, Gordon           | Robinson, John       | Slobodzian, Jennifer    | Volk, Bill               |                     |

# IN MEMORIAM

The College community would like to pass on its deepest sympathies to all alumni and members of our community who have lost a loved one.



**Dr. Paul Adams, SPC '42**

Former Senior Stick  
Father of Marie (Gordon Stobart), Paul,  
Mark (Nancy), Christopher (Sue), David  
(Adelina) and Michael

**Kyriacos Andreas Koutis, SPC '09**

**Joy Androvich**

Sister of Elizabeth, Friend of SPC

**Donald Brock**

Friend of SPC  
Husband of Joanne; Father of Marie, Madeleine, (Laurie),  
James (Sylvia); Grandfather of Joseph and Alexandre



**Patrick "Pat" Carroll, SPC '57**

Former Senior Stick

**Helen Deroche**

Friend of SPC

**Elizabeth Dumontet, SPC '14**

**Professor Robert Finnegan**

SPC Faculty, English

**Arnold Frieman**

Friend of SPC

**Joseph Grenon, SPC '61**

**Sonia Hakim**

Mother of George, Rosette, and Simon Hakim

**Reginald Kowalchuk, SPC '63**

Friend of the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice

**Karen Louise Austerberry (nee Baete)**

Sister of Sr. Elaine Baete, S.G.M.

**Jake MacDonald**

Brother to Wendy, Dawne, Sally (Bert), Danny (Deb), Peter  
(Sherry), Mary-Kate (John)



**Gerard "Gerry" Maertens SPC '67**

Uncle to Lois (SPC '88), Great Uncle  
to Pierre, Andrew, Diane, Chantale,  
William

**Dr. Gerard Mannion**

2013 Hanley Lecturer

**Paul Mazur**

Father of Mary (Ken) and Christine

**John Kenneth McKinnon, SPC '60**

**Emily Mikolajewski**

Mother to Janina, Andrew, Helen and Owen

**Patrick Mulgrew, SPC '61**

Former Senior Stick

**Dr. Matthew Paschak, SPC '08**

**Sheila Pinkerton**

Friend of the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice

**Albin Polz, SPC '61, '63, '79**

Father to Rev. Fr. Robert, James, Diana, Edward, Susan

**Kathleen Richardson**

Honorary Fellow and Friend of College and Mauro Institute

**Carmel Riese**

Mother of Michael, Nichole, GERALYN, and Marc

**Hildegard Sen**

Artist and Friend of SPC

**Irene Sexton ,SPC '80**

Former Office Assistant and Registrar

**Justin Silicz, SPC '07**

Son of Walter and Nicole, Brother of Michael

**Gerardus Adrianus Smit**

Father of Jacki

**Hajj Mohamad Tasse**

Brother of Abdo (Albert) El Tassi

**John Willcock**

Brother of Michael (Geraldine)

**Cole Wilson**

SPC Faculty, Anthropology

**Dr. Martin Hsiang Hsing Yeh**

Friend of SPC

**Michael Zywina, SPC '81**

Son of Lucille, Brother to Cameron and  
Geoffrey. Former Foundation Board Member





A close-up portrait of Professor Rosemarie Finlay, an older woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a pearl necklace. She is smiling warmly. The background is a blurred interior setting, possibly a library or office, with bookshelves and a desk.

# INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

On December 6, 2019, St. Paul's College hosted a special gathering and presented Professor Rosemarie Finlay with a certificate and token of appreciation in celebration of her 50 years of service and dedication to the College. Rosemarie and her family lead by example. They are supportive of our student members, the Jesuits and their legacy at the College, and our St. Paul's College Foundation.







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