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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new 2021 edition of the St. Paul's College *Belltower*!

This past year has had its challenges. Going back to March of last year, our professors switched all their lectures to teaching via online avenues, while our students retreated to their apartments, dorm rooms, family homes, and, for some, to their home countries. It has become normal for students to log into the classes from various Winnipeg neighbourhoods as well as from such places as Neepawa, Brandon, Calgary, and from such faraway places as Ghana, Hong Kong and India. If things go well, we will soon see students and instructors back in our classrooms, cafeteria, chapel, library, and at our special events.

Despite the challenges, St. Paul's College continues to serve those University of Manitoba students who are College members, as well as our scholars, staff, alumni, donors and volunteers. As in past years, students join St. Paul's College to be part of a smaller, diverse, and respectful learning community. Our students continue to succeed in a wide range of faculties, including Medicine, Nursing, Business, Arts, Fine Arts, Sciences, Engineering, and a range of others.

This College is proud of its Ignatian heritage, and our community members continue to promote intellectual thought and service for others. This includes activities involving Campus Ministry, the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies, the Near Eastern Biblical Archaeology Laboratory, and the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice. We continue to work with the Jesuits of Canada, and are encouraging students to join our new Ignatian Leadership Program.

In this 2021 issue of *Belltower* we are highlighting some of our alumni and College supporters who are working on the frontlines, or were affected by the ongoing pandemic. You will read stories featuring nurses, teachers, psychiatrists, business owners, and students who are serving the community during these trying times. These serve only as snapshots of those among our alumni who are "Persons for Others." We know there are more stories out there. It makes us thankful to have such individuals associated with St. Paul's College.

In these challenging times, having a post-secondary institution such as St. Paul's College becomes even more important as a place where people socialize, study, pray, and work together.

I hope you enjoy this issue.



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



DEAN OF STUDIES MESSAGE

Dear Students, Alumni and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to bring greetings and welcome you to another edition of *the Belltower* magazine. It has been a year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and the University went into restrictions and partial shutdowns.

As Dean of St. Paul's College, the pandemic has brought an additional sense of purpose to serving the students of the College and looking out for their well-being. We have students who have braved through this ordeal, and they've done their very best in following courses online, staying home, and following government and university protocols to keep us all safe. I thank you for that.

The St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. has been fortunate to have donors who have given generously to support the students through bursaries during this pandemic. I take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity.

The College's staff have met online biweekly to discuss aspects related to safety, and to check in on our colleagues' well-being. I thank the St. Paul's College support staff and janitorial staff for their commitment to keeping us all safe.

The Students' Association has kept a close connection with the students while organizing several successful remote and online events. The Rector and I organized an online forum with students to discuss issues that they were facing due to the closure of in-person classes. It is our hope that these events helped our students realize they belong to a caring community.

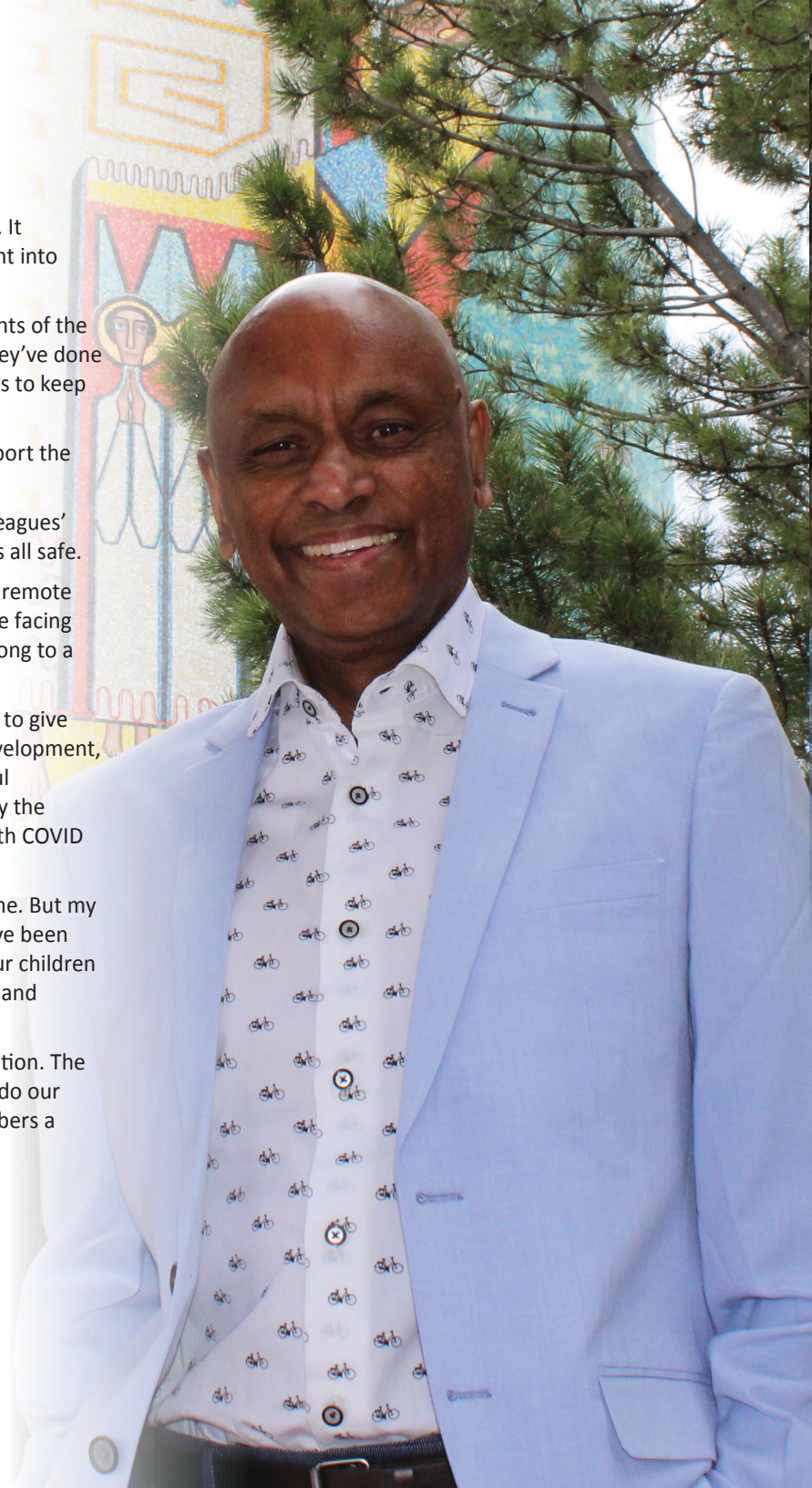
The pandemic has also created opportunities to connect with those far away. I have personally been invited to give presentations to different communities around the world on different aspects related to health, vaccine development, and the economy of a nation affected by COVID-19 with other experts in the field. This has been a wonderful experience. In preparing my talks, I have had an opportunity to research on the sacrifices of many, especially the frontline workers around the world. I thank the frontline workers who have put their lives at risk to work with COVID patients.

Working from home has its challenges, particularly when you have small children. This is the case at my home. But my two sons have been wonderful to have around, especially when we were in full lockdown. My wife and I have been blessed to have jobs during the pandemic, so we thank God for this. We were able to find time to be with our children and play games and keep them happy and enjoy each other's company. Although it has been a very difficult and different year, I am sure we have learned how to be resilient under adverse situations and come out strong.

The vaccination roll-outs are well under way. I am certain we will come out of this as a better society and nation. The pandemic has taught us many things, including a few new things in how to live during adversity and how to do our parts to also take care of each other. I would like to close my greetings by wishing all St. Paul's College members a wonderful year, and I look forward to coming together in person post-pandemic.



Dilantha Fernando, Ph.D., P.Ag., Fellow of APS
Dean of Studies and Professor





Simone, Joe, Luke, and Peter at Luke's Graduation from St. Paul's High School in 2020.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Peter Smith (SPC '92)

Chair, St. Paul's College Board of Governors

If you are the kind of person who loves a challenge, then the past 12 months have been right up your alley!

The pandemic has been a "long go" as they say, and while that brings its own hardships, many of us, including me, have continued to have paid work while only having to put up with a few minor inconveniences here and there.

I recently spoke to a friend who is doing some work with the law faculty, offering free law clinics to businesspeople who are on the verge of losing everything. My friend said:

"When I think of the stress and life-changing struggles these people are going through, I stop and think that maybe it's not the end of the world that the Jets lost last night!"

In my role at the College, I think of students who are missing out on campus life, those who are away from home and truly alone, or who are unable to support themselves and are in desperate situations. Our College has been issuing emergency bursaries to help those students make it through. Like my friend, the staff and faculty of St Paul's College have their focus on helping those who are truly suffering, and they recognize that the pandemic is a moment of service, not of self-pity.

The pandemic has laid bare the illusion of control we thought we had over our lives, though we do have control over our response to this pandemic. True to its mission as Manitoba's only Catholic College, St. Paul's College has chosen to respond by serving others. It has been inspiring to watch and has made me more grateful to be associated with the College.

Wishing you a safe and fun-filled spring and summer!

CHAIR OF THE ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC. BOARD MESSAGE

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

In February of 2020, my son, Tom Licharson (SPHS '11, SPC '15), announced that he had found cheap airfare from NYC to Indonesia, where three of his St. Paul's College classmates were vacationing, and he would join them for two weeks. The final week of his trip was spent reorganizing his return flight as airports throughout the region were closing as the pandemic escalated. He managed to obtain a return through Seoul, and self-isolated in New York as the court system closed, and remote work became the norm. When NYC cancelled his "birthday parade" (also known as St. Patrick's Day), he knew things were serious, and the threat of border closures incentivized the return to Canada.

His sister, Maggie, (SMA '12, SPC '17) submitted her Master's thesis to McGill on March 15, and settled into her new job as an editor for a medical education consulting firm. The two discussed the risks of remaining in the two hotspots of North America, as well as their concern for their brother, Mike (SPHS '15), who had lost three jobs and had his classes stopped, all on the same day due to the lockdown here in Winnipeg.

The two packed bags to return for a few weeks in Winnipeg. Tom arranged a one-way cross-border car rental and drove up to Montreal to get Maggie and begin the cross-country drive home.

Mike and I ordered one of the last PlayStation 5s in town, got WiFi extenders for our house, and checked that my longstanding practice of bulk purchasing Charmin would suffice. I disconnected the timer for the reopening of the office building's front door, and we hunkered down to wait the worst out.

But even a pandemic cannot keep the summer from returning to Winnipeg, and the extenders were brought out to the cottage where we could all work remotely, bike, golf, and bake. When limits were lifted, friends came to sit on the decks, and bonfires, barbeques, and a Bluebeary beer or two were enjoyed.

Tom was able to remain until November, Maggie returned in early March, and Mike has just begun a new job as senior sous chef at a local country club, with a new apartment to move into in May.

My life as an empty nester is beginning, but 2020 is looked on as my bonus year. I would never have had the opportunity to enjoy my three grown children's company without the pandemic pausing our worlds and their hard work to keep me safe at home.

As we all pray for those who have lost a loved one to this virus, I thank God for the blessings of good health for all of my circle. Looking forward to the benefits of a vaccine, I must say that 2020 turned out to be a personally happy year.

Cathie Cronin-Licharson with her children Thomas, Michael, and Maggie and their dog, Hercules





IGNATIAN STICK SPEAKS

Jeremy Semchyshyn (SPC '19)

Ignatian Stick, St. Paul's College Ignatian Society

In 2019, I agreed to take on the role as Stick/Chair of the St. Paul's College Ignatian Society. When I accepted the position, my plan was to commit to a two-year term to help get the Ignatian Society established in the St. Paul's College community, and help build our relationship with the alumni. With Braeden Cornick (SPC '17, '21) serving as the Vice Chair, we recruited a team of 9 members to join our council.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic a lot of our planning got halted with the closure of the University. We were unable to host our annual graduation breakfast in May, or give out the newly created Magis Awards at the Celebration of Giving in November. However last spring, we welcomed our own Maria Mitousis (SPC '99, '05) as the special guest speaker at the virtual grad ceremonies. Maria is Principal at the Mitousis Lemieux Howard Law Corporation. Her compassion, positive outlook, and problem-solving abilities have been carefully developed over a 13-year career in family law. Mitousis is actively engaged as a volunteer mentor for law students and legal agencies. She has given her time to the Manitoba Opera, the St. Mary's Academy school board, and to Nature Manitoba. During her time as a student member of St. Paul's, she served as the Social Director and Communications Representative with the St. Paul's College Students' Association. I invite you to check out her virtual address on the College's YouTube channel.

The pandemic has challenged people in every way, but it has been very inspiring to hear the stories of our own amazing alumni working on the front lines as healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, and grocery store workers, and in many other positions. Time and time again, it is inspiring to see our Alumni living and serving as "Persons for Others."

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome the new Chair of the Ignatian Society, Victoria Nwabuisi (SPC '20). Victoria is a member of the inaugural University of Manitoba Alumni Council. As a student, she served as the International Representative for the St. Paul's College Students' Association and the University of Manitoba's Student Union. I am excited to see Victoria's ideas and vision come to fruition over the course of her term.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to once again being able to support St. Paul's College in person.

Jeremy Semchyshyn (SPC '19) and Chantale Bosc
(SPC '18, '20)

THE COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Iru Gerard Fernando, MD (SPC '07)

Board Certified General and Addiction Psychiatrist

Medical Director of Addiction Services at Psychiatric Wellness Center

Division Medical Director at Aspire Behavioral Health

Roughly 15 years ago, when I was roaming the halls of St. Paul's College, I can honestly say, never in a million years, that I thought my first article in the St. Paul's College Alumni Magazine would be about the mental health crisis happening due to the COVID-19 virus.

Personally, the idea of a virus shutting down all our ideas of what life should be – including being around those you care about, going out to eat in a restaurant, having a drink at the pub, listening to music at a concert – everything was taken away in an instant.

To those who tried to decrease the spread of the virus, I salute you. You saved lives, but we cannot ignore the sacrifice we all took at the end of the day. And we must be honest that the isolation did come with some terrible consequences.

It likely is not surprising to many, but all mental health disorders skyrocketed during the pandemic. I have been working in Bakersfield, California seeing patients suffering from disorders such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, substance use disorders or severe traumas. When I tell people the statistics in the U.S.A., where I currently live, they are astounded. As early as June 2020, just a few months into the pandemic:

- Symptoms of anxiety disorder were three times more common compared to the same time in 2019;
- Depressive disorders were four times more common;
- One in 10 reported that they started or increased substance use because of COVID-19;
- And the percentage of people who experienced suicidal thoughts was two times greater compared to the year before.

Unfortunately, the pain does not end there. Domestic violence and child sex abuse also rose during this time. But shockingly, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in the U.S.A., suicides actually decreased in 2020, an incredible feat in such difficult times.

Something that does surprise people though, is that COVID-19 can directly cause severe mental health issues, including psychosis, dementia-like symptoms, strokes, brain bleeds and depression. Often times, we see the cost of COVID-19 on a TV screen with a death count, a number that quite honestly does nothing to describe the pain that families go through from losing a loved one due to COVID. But we rarely hear of

Iru Gerard Fernando, MD (SPC '07)

“ St. Paul’s High School and College,
taught me to ‘roll with the punches’
with the belief that a higher power
has our back, and that has made all
the difference in my life. ”

—Iru Gerard Fernando, MD

the other costs associated with COVID. Just recently, Wayne Kent Taylor, the CEO of Texas Road House, an incredibly popular food chain restaurant in the U.S.A., died by suicide due to long lasting effects of COVID, specifically tinnitus, a severe ringing in the ears. When you hear how many different ways that COVID has affected people’s lives, it certainly changes the way you see the virus and just how costly it has been to our society. It is also why I took both doses of the vaccine without worry. I know that science is likely the most regulated field in our society, and the consequences of COVID scared me more than anything.

These statistics are the stories I hear from people all day, every day at work. A lot of us are in pain. It’s far more common than we like to acknowledge in our society. However, the one thing I’ve witnessed over and over in my profession is that the power of hope, love, community (and evidence-based medicine, of course) can heal anyone who is struggling. I am forever thankful for the lessons I learned from different places including St. Paul’s College. The main one for me was to try our best to be there for our loved ones and help society in the best way we can, for life is unpredictable and we need each other more than ever these days.

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Shaun McCaffrey (SPC '82, '86, '92)

PANDEMIC LEARNING

Shaun McCaffrey (SPC '82, '86, '92), a St. Paul's High School and St. Paul's College graduate, had originally aspired to become a lawyer like his father, Darcy McCaffrey, founding Partner of Taylor McCaffrey LLP. However while he was pursuing a master's degree, he began working as a teaching assistant at the University before taking a summer job teaching English at Headingley Correctional Institute. These experiences eventually morphed into his nearly 30-year teaching career.

However, nothing has prepared him for teaching in a pandemic. Both teachers and students are feeling the challenges to education in schools today as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage on in wave after wave. McCaffrey is a seasoned teacher who has taught at St. Maurice School for the last 28 years.

McCaffrey, like every other teacher working during the pandemic, has learned what it means to be flexible. In March 2020, schools across Manitoba were shut down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Educators across the province were required to adapt from the traditional classroom setting. Classes were moved to remote learning, and teachers had to quickly learn a new way to teach their students.

"Social distancing and that initial requirement to go remote full time was a huge change. Once we got the order to lock down, we basically had a week to change from a traditional totally in-person model of education delivery to a totally online model, so needless to say it was a very stressful and challenging time."

McCaffrey said that it was a difficult transition for those teachers who were not technologically savvy, but he felt the full support of both the administrative team at St. Maurice and his colleagues at the school, along with his son Rob, a teacher at St. Mary's Academy, all of whom helped him get up to speed.

"I also happened to have a certifying student teacher at the time who helped transition to the new model and finish her practicum, and so that also was kind of nice for me," says McCaffrey.

Like many schools across Manitoba, teachers and students began to conduct school remotely. St. Maurice switched to Microsoft Teams to communicate with students. Assignments had to be accepted online, and communication with students was also strictly online. There was no in-person contact and anxiety ran high for everyone.

"It was an adjustment. It was sudden, of course, and unexpected, but we tried to make the best of it. You need to keep moving forward and keep doing what you're supposed to do albeit under very different circumstances," says McCaffrey.

McCaffrey learned how to make YouTube videos as one of his methods of delivery.

"It's not like I've taken a giant leap forward but I've picked up a few tools and that just makes me a little more versatile."

Creativity was bred out of necessity. "Although it was stressful, there was also a bit of an exciting challenge element. The idea that even at my age I could pick up a few new tricks and learn how to do new things, gave me a real feeling of accomplishment," says McCaffrey.

McCaffrey elected to come into his classroom to teach each day during the shutdown. "I'm a traditional kind of guy, and I'm used to coming into the 'office' every day. That's where my equipment is, that's where I'm most comfortable with my materials, and so I was still here essentially full time," McCaffrey noted.

McCaffrey notes that he has been in the same classroom since coming to St. Maurice in 1993, and he feels very comfortable creating and teaching his lessons in the space. However, this year is different. McCaffrey, like all the other teachers at St. Maurice has been teaching on the move, going to different classrooms to teach, rather than having the students move through the school.

"It reminds me of that very first period again where I was subbing and doing short-term contracts where I just had to pack all my stuff in my briefcase and go, so I've come back to that full circle, to the beginning of my career." But McCaffrey has hopes that he will get back into his homeroom next year.

McCaffrey notes that St. Maurice is a special co-ed school from K-12 that is under the same roof as the church and offers a real community dynamic. McCaffrey says that St. Maurice strives to have a diverse population, and they work hard to help all students reach the curricular outcomes. But given the effect remote learning has had on education during the pandemic, this has been increasingly difficult. He says the Generation Z students are well-versed in technology, but they have especially struggled with the social component.

"They missed their friends; they missed that whole social interaction; they missed that whole in-person sense of community. I think that's a huge part of education at any level, even in university, and if you miss out on that, then you're missing a huge chunk of the experience."

"We can see there's been challenges with mental and emotional health all across the board. I mean people are feeling stressed, obviously, and that impacts the students' sense of well-being, but I think that makes it even more imperative that we found a way to make it work because being cut off completely would have very detrimental consequences."

The school usually has regular Masses but in-person Masses were also shut down. Students attended school Masses remotely and then extra measures had to be taken to deliver communion to the students.

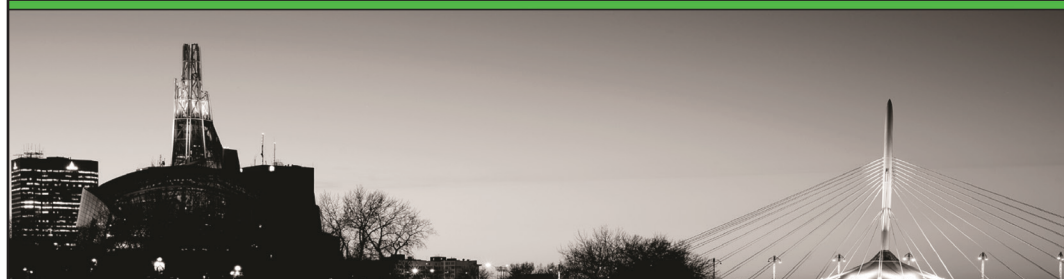
Other students have struggled with staying focused and on track with the online format. "Students really benefit from the kind of teacher-directed organizational tools that they get in class, and without those in place in remote learning, many students floundered."

McCaffrey wondered how parents would react to paying tuition when all of a sudden there were no in-person classes, but parents have continued to support the school community as they have had to navigate new waters.

"I keep teaching but there will come a time, in the not too distant future, when I will retire and although I haven't made that decision yet, I have to admit that COVID has got me thinking about it. As for right now I still feel blessed to be here and to be doing what I'm doing, with or without a pandemic."



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“Our business as Insurance Brokers has been deemed an essential service. We have remained mostly open and have had to adapt,” says President, Bob Coughlin (SPC ’81). “We have at times had our offices closed to the public and most of our staff at home doing transactions over the phone. Presently most employees are at the office, but some are working from home. Like many businesses, we have learned so much about remote working. In that way, this COVID working experience has been beneficial.”

Bob Coughlin joined the company in 1983 after graduating from St. Paul’s College and the University of Manitoba. “As an alumnus of St Paul’s College, I have remained connected with many other alumni. In my business I have the honour and pleasure of having many of my alumni friends as customers,” says Coughlin.

Bob operates the business with his sister, Donna Komishon. “We work well together

and have been pretty close siblings our whole life.”

Over the years, Bob’s sons, Matthew and John, and Donna’s son, Christopher, have also joined the business. “Our intent is to transfer the business to the next generation, making it the third generation of this family run business.”

The pandemic has not only affected Bob professionally, but also personally. Bob and his wife, Cathie, were looking forward to running in the New York Marathon last year, but were disappointed with its cancellation.

Giving back to the community has been a big part of Coughlin Insurance. “As part of the Winnipeg Catholic community, our family has supported many different Catholic causes and organizations. My family and I have benefitted from our upbringing in the Catholic Church and school system and enjoy giving back,” says Coughlin.

Bob has volunteered for many organizations over the years, most of which have been related to the Winnipeg Catholic Church and the Catholic Schools. “I did this because, like myself, all four of my children attended church and went through the Catholic School system,” cites Bob.

“Being a Man for Others is something that I learned from my time at St. Paul’s. It means being thankful for all of our blessings and giving back to the community.”

NURSING ON THE FRONT LINES

During her University years, Lydie Gerschheimer (SPC '17) spent most of her days in the Fr. Harold Drake, SJ Library. She was always the first student in the library each morning and could always be found at her special quiet study spot right beside the plants. She had spent so much time in the Library that former Library supervisor Bill Wsiaki offered her a job. "He said since I was already here all of the time, I might as well work here. It was my first job," remembers Gerschheimer.

For three years Gerschheimer worked in the library two evenings a week after her Nursing classes finished. She would help students check out books, answer any questions, and assist with any technical needs with the library computers.

Upon graduating in 2017, Gerschheimer continued to assist people when she began her career as a Nurse at a personal care home. She would pick up shifts at an Emergency Room at another facility. Little did she know that three years into her career as a health care professional that she would soon be faced with a global pandemic.

"I remember first hearing about COVID in late 2019. Initially I was very unconcerned, thinking it was just another mutated virus happening halfway around the world, and it would all soon pass. I didn't give it much thought."

However, Gerschheimer's opinion quickly changed as the first cases were announced in Canada. "Hospitals were bracing for an overwhelming number of cases. The next few months were stressful and at times frustrating for me as the health care system attempted to figure out how to continue operations and best protect their staff and patients. Policies seemed to change every other day as new information was discovered about the virus and its spread. It became overwhelming."

During the year, Gerschheimer underwent a position change. Due to the pandemic, she was no longer allowed

to work at a personal care home while also picking up shifts at an Emergency room in another facility, due to the risk of spreading the virus. Gerschheimer missed the ER shifts but understood the risks of working in multiple facilities. She eventually applied for a position in the ER at the hospital and gave up her position with the personal care home.

"With this job change came a slight change of focus. As the personal care homes now only allowed staff inside, the focus was on protecting the residents from us. Personal care homes across the country started having outbreaks, and it was difficult and heartbreaking hearing about the resulting fatalities. But working in the ER, I also had to worry about protecting myself from the patients," says Gerschheimer.

Some of the patients coming through the ER had no symptoms, and some who did were not truthful about their symptoms.

"In the hospital, patients would be transferred to us from other facilities that had outbreaks and as a result there was always some concern about bringing in COVID from other sites. I had to ensure that I was following all protocols to stay healthy and not spread it to my patients or family members. Being relatively healthy myself, my biggest fear was not of getting COVID, but rather of bringing COVID to my family members," says Gerschheimer.

Although the last few months have been difficult, Gerschheimer has stayed positive during these challenging times.

"One of the things that has helped me through these past few months is my coworkers. The way they have been able to bring humour into each shift, being a listening ear and offering a helping hand has helped me throughout this challenging year. I am proud to be working alongside many other amazing health care workers."



Lydie Gerschheimer (SPC '17)



*Jasmine Tavares, Senior Stick of the
St. Paul's College Students' Association.*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This year has been tough. But St. Paul's College Students are resilient, which is important because since the majority of classes at the University of Manitoba moved online in March 2020, students have found themselves forced into a brand new learning environment that they are not used to.

"It has been a challenging year for many, especially students. Students have gone through an enormous adapting period to adjust to these current circumstances," says Senior Stick Jasmine Tavares.

"The one word I would use to describe learning in a pandemic is 'arduous.' Students no longer have their normal classrooms to learn in. Virtual learning makes it difficult to network and communicate with professors as well as classmates," says Tavares.

Not only are the students' academic lives impacted, but also the students' social lives. The Students' Association has had to get creative in ways to reach the College's student members. They had originally planned to have a few socials and fundraisers throughout the year, but it quickly became evident that this would not be a possibility. All council events and meetings were moved to virtual platforms.

"This past year has been incredibly strange not only as a student but also as Senior Stick. Being a student through a

pandemic has many setbacks. You lose the connection between classmates and professors; You may have several distractions at home while learning or technological issues, or even a poor internet connection. As Senior Stick my biggest setback was losing the strong connection between the council as well as members of the College. The council tried their best to come up with new exciting events that could be held virtually. Although the events were great, we had a low turnout for most events. It's really surprising how a College event can go from 400 people at a social to about 40 people for a virtual trivia night. The change in attendance works to show how much can change during a pandemic," says Tavares.

Even with ever changing restrictions, the council was able to hold several successful events throughout the school year. In October 2020, they held a Scary Movie Netflix party where students could pick up snacks prior to watching *Hotel Transylvania* and *Insidious* through Netflix. The council got into the Christmas spirit by holding a Christmas Hamper donation. The council matched donations to \$1,000 and held an incentive that if they were able to raise \$1500 in donations that Council Treasurer, Luke Alevizos, would shave his head. The council also hosted a virtual Christmas Paint night where paint kits were made

“This year has been very challenging for many, especially students. Students have gone through an enormous adapting period to adjust to these current circumstances.”

—Jasmine Tavares, Senior Stick

available for students to pick up. Students then engaged in a video tutorial and chatting on Zoom.

In March 2021, a virtual Coffee House was hosted where students could perform over Zoom. Snacks were made available to pick up at the front of the College prior to the event.

The council hosted a Netflix trivia night in April 2021, with categories of such shows as *Stranger Things*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Schitt's Creek*, *The Office* and *Friends*.

The SPCSA was able to hold several fundraising events and participated in a special cycle class donated by Ignite Cycle and Strength as a fundraiser for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba. All proceeds raised from the event went to support the Cerebral Palsy Stationary Bike Race Fundraiser that was set to be held on May 15th, 2021.

The SPCSA Elections were held in April 2021, with all voting moved online. Senior Stick, Jasmine Tavares, was victorious in being elected for a second term.

“I am so fortunate to be able to serve the College as Senior Stick for another year! I have so many exciting events that we weren't able to host last year,” says Tavares.

The council is already in the process of planning for the 2021-22 school year.

The Association has also added International Representatives to the council. “We hope this opens up the communication between our international students and the College,” says Tavares.

Tavares is also excited about the year ahead.

“Our surprise event will be held in September. I predict this event to have a larger turnout! I don't want to spoil too much, but this surprise will be an event you won't want to miss!” says Tavares.

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Megan E. DaCosta (SPC'20)
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Linda (Kirouac) Love, owner of Resto Gare

READY TO SERVE

In 1970, the Kirouac family transformed the old Canadian Northern Railway station in St. Boniface to la Vielle Gare Restaurant, and for generations it has offered “fine” dining and has remained the most authentic French restaurant in the St. Boniface French Quarter.

In 2008, Linda (Kirouac) Love, owner, decided to redesign the restaurant as the fully bilingual French bistro “Resto Gare.” Three generations of the Kirouac family have provided superb service at the restaurant, with Linda and her son Curtis continuing this tradition. Curtis also serves as Resto Gare’s accredited sommelier.

Over the years, the restaurant has hosted their customers as they have celebrated both the big and little celebrations in life. As well, the restaurant has provided a wonderful ambient environment to socialize with friends in the famous old coach dining car that is so iconic of the restaurant’s presence at the corner of Des Meurons and Provencher Blvd.

However, the Pandemic has not been kind to restaurants, and Resto Gare is no exception as they have had to make a number of adjustments.

“Perhaps every aspect of our food service has changed. From the moment a guest contacts us to reserve a table for in house dining, we inform them of the current Manitoba protocols and ask them to bring ID or be ready to sign a declaration that they are from the same household,” says Love.

Sanitation is taken seriously throughout the restaurant. Washrooms, tables and chairs, menus, counter tops, and POS machines are cleaned regularly. The restaurant has gone as far as to laminate menus so that they can be sanitized after each use.

All employees must wear masks, and guests must wear masks unless they are seated at their assigned table. Tables are separated by Plexiglass in the dining room area. Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout the restaurant, and bottles of sanitizer have been placed at each table.

Due to the regulations, Resto Gare had chosen to change their hours of operations, and they are no longer open for lunch service. The restaurant is open seven-days a week from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. The restaurant follows the Manitoba guidelines of not serving any food or drinks after 10:00 p.m..

There have been many added restaurant expenses due to COVID. Much to their reluctance, Resto Gare joined food delivery services Door Dash in May 2020, and Skip the Dishes soon after.

In March 2020, restaurants were ordered to close. “It was heart wrenching to lay off my hard-working staff on March 20th, 2020. All twenty-five lovely people,” says Love.

One thing is certain, Winnipeggers love their restaurants, and as soon as it is safe to do so, they will return to once again celebrate. But this time the celebrations will likely be more about being able to be together once again.

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CITIZENSHIP AWARD CELEBRATES DR. CHRISTINE BUTTERILL'S LEGACY

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. and the Board of Governors of St. Paul's College are pleased to announce the recently established Christine A. Butterill, Ph.D. (SPC'81,'88) Citizenship Award Endowment Fund.

The Fund, created by Robert and Lori (Cassidy) Semchyshyn and their family, celebrates Dr. Butterill's contribution to the life of the College, the University of Manitoba, and the Winnipeg and Provincial extended community.

"Christine has been a mentor and friend to the Semchyshyn family for over twenty-five years. We are very grateful for her friendship and contributions to the College and broader community. Everyone who comes to know Christine is better for it. She truly embodies what it means to be a person for others. She always encourages those around her to 'keep going' to strive to become their best selves," said Matt Semchyshyn, the eldest of the Semchyshyn children and former Senior Stick of the St. Paul's College Students' Association and Ignatian Society.

An alumna of St. Paul's College, she served the University of Manitoba as a lecturer and administrator on many committees. She assisted in developing the University One program, where she later served as the acting director from 2010 to 2011. During her academic career, Chris taught in Counselling Services, the Academic Learning Centre, the Department of History, and the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies.

Very active in the life of St. Paul's, Christine served as the Dean of Studies for 13 years. She was an energetic member of the Catholic-Mennonite Dialogue hosted by the College and Canadian Mennonite University College and currently represents the College on the Winnipeg Bat Kol Tri-Diocesan Committee. She also remains a dynamic voice on the College's Assembly and served as editor of the College's book, *St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba: Facing the Millennium* (2016). Chris also previously participated on the Ignatian Society Council, the College's Board of Governors, and was Chair of the St. Paul's College Alumni and Friends Association Inc. She continues to serve on the College's Art Committee and the Hanley Lecture Committee.

In the broader Manitoba community, Christine's service includes such causes as Variety, the Children's Charity; Rossbrook House; Holy Names House of Peace; and the Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre. She continues to help with local Christian Life Community apostolates and is involved in St. Ignatius Church where she is a highly respected Ignatian Spiritual mentor and guide. She is also an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, serves on the Associates' Leadership Team, and is a passionate supporter of St. Mary's Academy and its alumnae association.

Annually, a second-year College student member enrolled at the University of Manitoba will be the recipient of this citizenship award. In keeping with Dr. Butterill's deep connection with the Ignatian spiritual exercises, along with her dedication to being an actively engaged citizen for the betterment of all, the award is a reflection of her core values. The award will be presented during the virtual St. Paul's College Baccalaureate Celebrations on June 6th, 2021.

When asked to comment on the award, Chris added, "I am very honoured to be associated with the recognition of student achievement. With this award and thanks to its generous patrons, the Semchyshyn family, and others, it will recognize and encourage, in the Ignatian tradition, the contributions of College students. These students will have demonstrated service to others in areas like citizenship, leadership, or engagement in the Ignatian Leadership Program (ILP), the mentorship of other students, Student Council activities, or as a community volunteer. I hope it will inspire students, now and in the future, to carry this 'service to others' with them throughout their lives, in all they do."

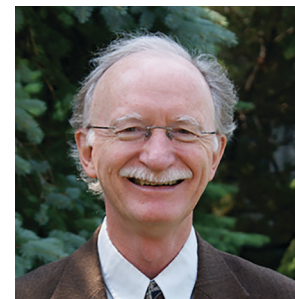
Dr. Christine Butterill was also selected as the St. Paul's College Ignatian Society's Alumni Guest Speaker to welcome the newest graduating class as alumni of St. Paul's College. Dr. Butterill's address to the graduates will debut on YouTube and Facebook on May 30th.



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'.

In September 2020, **Dr. Thomas Nesmith** was elected as a new Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada. Election to the Royal Society of Canada is considered the highest honour an academic can achieve in the arts, social sciences, and sciences. The RSC's mission is to recognize scholarly, research and artistic excellence, to advise governments and organizations and to promote a culture of knowledge and innovation in Canada and with other national academies around the world.



Dr. Maureen Flaherty received the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Teaching Award. Dr. Flaherty is an associate professor in Peace and Conflict Studies, Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College.

After graduating from the U of M, and St. Paul's College in 1974, **Fr. Joe Newman, SJ (SPC '74)** joined the Jesuits in 1978 and was ordained in 1990. He served as assistant pastor at St. Ignatius Parish from 2009-2020. Last June, he left for Montreal to take up a new mission as the Province Treasurer for the Jesuits of Canada.



Dr. Robert Coutts (SPC '75, '78), recently wrote a peer-reviewed book titled *Authorized Heritage*, regarding historic sites on the prairies, published by the University of Manitoba Press. Dr. Coutts currently serves as the editor of the journal *Prairie History*.

During the Fall 2020 Convocation, St. Paul's College's Dean of Studies, **Dr. Dilantha Fernando**, received the 2020 Canadian Phytopathological Society Award for Outstanding Research. Considered the Society's most prestigious award, the honour recognizes outstanding research involving new concepts, the discovery of new phenomena, or principles in plant pathology or novel application of existing principles. Dr. Fernando also received the University of Manitoba's Merit Award for his combined successes in research, teaching and service in the category of Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering.

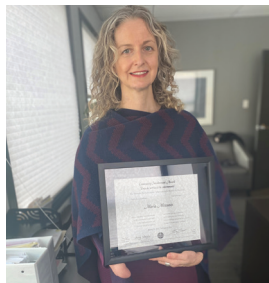
Rector, **Dr. Christopher J. Adams (SPC '83, '86)**, was elected as the new Canadian Representative for the World Association for Public Opinion Research.

Dr. Wesley M. Stevens, Professor of Classics and Visiting Scholar, was invited to lecture in Spoleto (Italy) on early medieval science. Along with five research assistants in London, Washington, Rome, and two in Winnipeg, he is working on “A Dictionary of Mathematical and Scientific Words and Phrases in Early Latin Texts,” which have usually been omitted from Latin lexicons and dictionaries.

Catherine Cronin-Licharson (SPC '81, '86) was awarded the Fr. Cecil Ryan, SJ Rector's Award during the College's Baccalaureate Ceremony. The award is presented to an individual that has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College. Cathie has given freely of her time on various Boards and Committees and provides support to members of the College through her work as Chair of the St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. Board of Directors. Cathie worked tirelessly on obtaining housing, furnishings and supplies when the College was the lead sponsor of a Syrian refugee family.

Jennifer Tesoro (SPC '01, '04) was announced as the next President of St. Mary's Academy. Tesoro will begin her term on August 1, 2021. Tesoro is currently a student in the Peace and Conflict Studies program.

Maria Mitousis (SPC '99, '05) was recipient of the 2020 Community Involvement Award from the Manitoba Bar Association. The Community Involvement Award recognizes a Manitoba CBA member who has enhanced the image of the Association, the legal profession and/or the justice system through involvement in non-legal public service in the preceding year. The MBA Recognition Awards honour members who demonstrate excellence and commitment to the law, the legal profession and the community at large. Mitousis is a member of the College's Ignatian Society and was the 2020 Baccalaureate alumni guest speaker, where she welcomed the class of 2020 to their new role as alumni of the College.



In 2020, **Nicholas Jones (SPC '14)** began his dream job as a physical education teacher at St. Joseph the Worker School. Nick and his wife, Erin, recently purchased their first home and have 2 cat babies, Fran and Bernie.

Nicole Barrett (SPC '15) received her white coat at the 2020 Inaugural Day Exercises and White Coat Ceremony as she began her journey to become a doctor. Barrett wants to work in the fields of neurology and psychiatry. Barrett has been involved in Campus Ministry activities and volunteered playing the fiddle during Sunday Mass and ceremonies for many years.



Tom Toni (SPC '16) and **Taylor (Caldwell) Toni (UofM '16)** had a very productive 2020. They purchased their first home in May 2020 and were married in August 2020. They are currently awaiting the birth of their first child.



Ryan Toth (SPC '15) and **Maria (Cortes Toro) Toth (SPC '16)** were married in June 2020. Ryan is currently a corporate controller at Private Pension Partners Inc. Maria works at the St. Boniface Emergency Department and is currently pursuing a Master of Nursing degree.

Since graduating from St. Paul's College, **Ben Sellick (SPC '15)** has been studying music composition at the Juilliard School in New York. Once the pandemic hit, he began wilderness firefighting in Northern Manitoba. This fall he is having his first Symphony performed by the Juilliard Orchestra, as well as performances with Juilliard Dance (composing, not dancing), and music for short films.



Leah Komishon (SPC '17, '20) completed her Master of Interior Design degree in the summer of 2020. In the fall, she began a new role as a sessional instructor in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Architecture, co-teaching third-year interior design studio. When she isn't in the classroom, Leah is on the healthcare team at LM Architectural Group and Environmental Space Planning as an interior designer, working towards her professional certification in Interior Design (NCIDQ).



Jeremy Semchyshyn (SPC '19) and **Chantale Bosc (SPC '18, '20)** were engaged in March 2021. Both served as Senior Sticks of the College, and both received the Paulinian of the Year Award. Jeremy recently finished his term as the Ignatian Stick of the Ignatian Society. Chantale was selected as the St Paul's College Class Valedictorian for 2021. Chantale currently works as a Physician Assistant in Brandon where she works with Prairie Mountain Health.

Luigi Imbrogno (SPC '18, '21) has had the pleasure of supporting the province's response to COVID-19 during these trying times as the Provincial Public Health Lead for Manitoba and Nunavut with the Canadian Red Cross. In his role he has oversight on all health and clinical activities the Red Cross conducts in the province along with the Director of Health in Emergencies. He will be furthering his education and completing an MSc in Public Health at the world-renowned London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he will specialize in health promotion and education, infectious diseases, and sexual and reproductive health.



Martha Ezeghara has published her first book *Sweet Like Lemon*. Martha is actively involved in Campus Ministry and is currently an Engineering student at the University of Manitoba.

College Office Assistant, **Brittannie Watson** and her Fiancée Scott Murphy were engaged in April 2021. Brittannie has worked in the College's General Office since 2019.



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This past August, **Haley Finch (SPC '20)** moved to Grand Forks to study Law at the University of North Dakota. During her first year of Law School, she joined the Business Law Association (BLA), Canadian Law Student Society (CLSS) as their 1L Representative, and Law Women's Caucus (LWC) where she was awarded the LWC Outstanding First Year Member scholarship at their annual Helen Hamilton Day event. She plans to continue to grow these relationships next year as she will be serving as Secretary for the BLA, Treasurer for the CLSS, and Helen Hamilton Day Coordinator for the LWC. These experiences have facilitated her relationships to the law community in North Dakota, and she looks forward to continuing to make connections within the community over her next two years at UND law. She plans to work in Fargo over this summer as an intern with a private criminal defense firm, as well as take a summer course.

Former Senior Stick, **Brendan Scott (SPC '20)**, was recently elected as President of the University of Manitoba's Student Union. He previously served as the Vice-President Finance and Operations for UMSU in 2020-2021. Brendan was also the recipient of the Paulinian of the Year Award for St. Paul's College at our Baccalaureate Celebrations for 2021. The award is given to an undergraduate or graduate student who exemplifies leadership, scholarship and commitment to St. Paul's College.



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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. Gail (Harbottle) Ayotte (SPC '65)

Wife of Dr. Brian Ayotte; mother of Justin (Cindy), Jeremy (Maggie), Stephany (Dorrian), Margaux (Peter)

Fr. David Creamer, SJ

Former Director of the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies

Drew Cringan

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Joyce Grace

Mother of Susan Adams (Christopher)

Avraham (Avi) Greenfield

Brother of Dr. Haskel Greenfield

Reverend Dr. Egil Grislis

Hanley selection committee, U of M professor (1976 – 2007)

Emma Elizabeth Herman (nee Engel)

Aunt of Howard R. Engel

Els (Mesman) and Kevin Kavanagh

Supporters of the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice and St. Paul's College. Parents of Sean (Melissa) and Jennifer (Hugh)

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Fr. Michael Koryluk

SPC Chaplain, 2010–2019

Dennis Kozier (SPC Alum)

Husband of Eleanor, Father of Christopher (Reesa), Michael, and Daniel, Brother to Kenneth (Shirley), Greg and Mary-Ann

Lucille Mahon

Mother of Susan (Pat), Patrick (Barbara), Michael (Maureen), Kathy (Craig), and Paul Mahon (Anne)

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Theresa Margaret LeMaitre

Sister to Mary, Aunt to Bénédicte, Daughter of Deacon Rudy and Margaret; mother of Alexandra (Bastian), Eli, and Sam.

Donald F. Leyden (SPC '43,'62)

Former Senior Stick and Crusader Editor

Rev. Maurice Marion

Father of Julie (Chris) and Gerald (Dana)

Dr. Martha (Dunn) McCarthy

Wife of Dr. Donald McCarthy

Thelma Meade

Wife of Rev. Elder Norman Meade

Fr. Johann Metz

1981 Hanley Lecturer

Fr. Frank Morrissey, O.M.I.

1982 Hanley Lecturer

Dr. Claude Howard Murphy (SPC '53)

Dr. Haydée Mercedes Parra de Soto

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Manuel (Manu) Rodriguez

Brother of Mariàn Rodriguez

Charles Scerbo (SPC '69, '73, '78, '97)

Brother of Connie Yunyk and Vince Scerbo

Dr. Shirin Schludermann

Psychology Professor, wife of Dr. Ed Schludermann

Roy Robert Senkiw

Son of Malinda Lee and Brad Senkiw, Grandson of Philip and Anita Lee

Bernard Sheehan (SPC '53)

Fr. Charles Sitter, SJ

Alum; SPC Chaplain, 1986-1991, UCC Director 1969-1970

George Solyllo (SPC '65)

Stephen Smith

Brother of Johnston, Daniel, and Peter

Donald E. Stefanyk (SPC Alum)

Dr. Jesajah Israel Vorst

U of M Economics Professor

Robert E. Williams (SPC '64, '65)

Former SPC Math Professor, Husband to Sheila (Keegan) Williams, brother-in-law to Dr. Christine Butterill

Conrad Wyrzykowski (SPC '50)

Emeritus Director, SPC Foundation Inc., Honorary Member SPC. Father of Conrad (Monique), Brian (Linda), Sharon (Mark), Paul (Alice), Linda (Mike)

ELISABETH AND KEVIN KAVANAGH

Over the past year, the St. Paul's College community was saddened to learn of the passing of both Kevin Kavanagh in June 2020, and Elisabeth (Mesman) Kavanagh in March 2021. Elisabeth (Els) and Kevin Kavanagh were long-time friends and supporters of St. Paul's College and the Manitoba community.

Dr. Kavanagh was known as a man of commerce. Shortly after graduating from the University of Manitoba in 1953, he served as Director and CEO of Great West Life from 1979 until 1992. Dr. Kavanagh went on to serve as the Chancellor of Brandon University (1996 – 2002).

Els Kavanagh was the former chair of the Manitoba Arts Community and a board member of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Both Els and Kevin were selfless supporters of the Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, St. Boniface Hospital, the Manitoba Historical Society, the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, St. Paul's High School, as well as Brandon University. Kevin served as a Director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, a Governor of the Banff Centre for the Arts, and served on numerous boards, including the Conference Board of Canada, National Leasing Group, and the Manitoba Business Council.

Both Els and Kevin worked to further educational opportunities for Manitoba students. Both were generous donors to support graduate students in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College. They also created the Kavanagh-Gaultier La Verendrye Fellowship, named after Kevin's father, Martin Kavanagh, which is awarded to a St. Paul's College graduate student who is conducting research on a subject connected to the legacy of La Vérendrye, the explorer.

For his many contributions, Dr. Kavanagh was awarded the Order of Canada (2002) and the Order of Manitoba (2009).

Kevin and Els cherished their family. They were parents to Sean (Melissa) and Jennifer (Hugh) and grandparents to Will and John.

St. Paul's College is forever grateful for their involvement in the community. They will be missed.



CONRAD WYRZYKOWSKI

Conrad Wyrzykowski (SPC '50) dedicated his life to helping others. He attended St. Paul's College and was his class Valedictorian in 1950. After graduating from Law School at the University of Manitoba, he went on to practice law for 49 years. Conrad lived in Lorette, MB for a half century, where he and his family operated a grain and mixed farm.

Conrad was married to Evelyn Wyrzykowski (Schaeffer) for 46 years until her passing in 2001. Conrad is survived by his children, Conrad (Monique), Brian (Linda), Sharon (Mark), Paul (Alice), Linda (Mike), and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Conrad was an Emeritus Director for the St. Paul's College Foundation Inc. and a voice of wisdom and guidance over the years. He and his family generously donated to the Foundation with a passion for supporting College student members enrolled in the BA Minor in Catholic Studies along with programs and initiatives organized by the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies.

In 2014, Wyrzykowski, and his family, fulfilled a \$1 million pledge to St. Paul's College, where the funds support scholarships, bursaries, and program support to the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies. This support for the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies was recognized when St. Paul's College named a wing in which the Jesuit Centre and the Fr. Harold Drake SJ Library are located in honour of Evelyn and Conrad Wyrzykowski, with a special ceremony held in September 2015. First-year students greeted Conrad and his family, with Fr Jeffrey S. Burwell, SJ., the Director of the Centre at the time, blessing the renamed area of the College.

In April 2015, Conrad Wyrzykowski was made an Honorary Member of St Paul's College for his many contributions to the College. It was his sincere wish that others within the community would be inspired to follow his lead and sustain new program supports and awards at St. Paul's College.

Conrad Wyrzykowski was a man of great faith, generosity and integrity. He will be missed deeply by many in the College and across the broader community.





FR. MICHAEL KORYLUK

"Go to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation" (Mark 16). These words were proclaimed at Fr. Michael's Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood and inspired him throughout his life. Fr. Michael's life was richly blessed by the many people who were part of his story. Fr. Michael was the only child of Anna and Michael Sr. who provided a loving and faith-filled home on William Ave in Winnipeg. Actively involved in the faith communities of Sacre-Coeur and Holy Rosary, Fr. Michael's faith was deepened, love for community broadened, and his gift of music was developed.

Fr. Michael was educated by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. His creativity, sense of humour and mischievous spirit prepared him for his vocational path as a teacher. After seven years as a Jr. High teacher, Fr. Michael entered St. John XXIII Seminary, near Weston, MA and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on April 25th, 1979 at Holy Rosary Church. For over 40 years of active ministry, he faithfully served the communities of St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Mark's, St. John Brebeuf and St. Paul's College. The many people in these communities encouraged and supported his vocation and his gifts.

Fr. Michael shared his gifts and time on various committees and boards in the Archdiocese and the broader community, including the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors, the Liturgical Commission, the Archdiocesan Choir, Dean in both North and South Deaneries, Inter-Diocesan Diaconate Formation, Villa Rosa, MacDonald Youth Services, St. Paul's High School, Spiritual Guide for Search for Christian Maturity and faithfully served the community of St. Mary's Academy.

As many people have influenced the life and journey of Fr. Michael, his hallmark gifts of music and preaching touched the hearts of people as well. He is remembered for his passionate love of music when singing at weddings and funerals, parts of the Mass, school Christmas concerts and coffee houses. Fr. Michael was humbled to co-direct the choir for the papal mass when Pope St. John Paul II came to Manitoba in 1984. When Fr. Michael preached, he could cross cultures, religions, ages and economic status, inviting people into a deeper relationship with God by seeing God in all things, ways and times.

We give praise and thanks to God for the life of Fr. Michael and his faithful service.

— Sr. Michelle D. Garlinski, snjm

FR. DAVID CREAMER, SJ

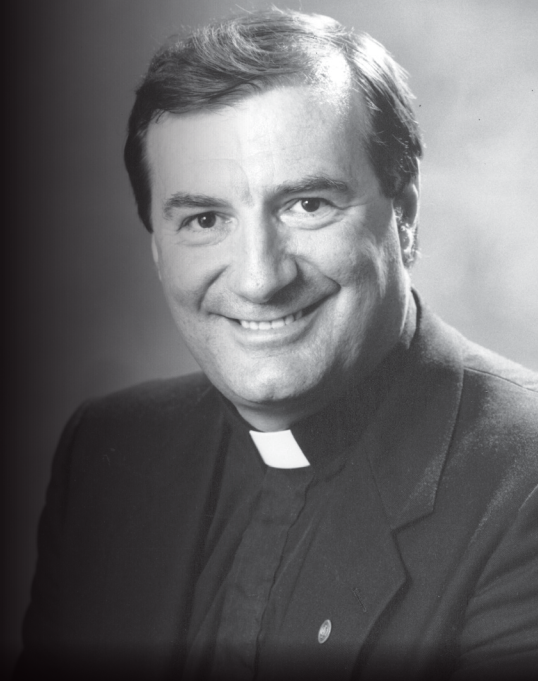
From India and Bhutan to cities across Canada such as Winnipeg, Toronto, Halifax and St John, friends of St. Paul's College mourn the loss of a great friend and mentor, Fr. David G. Creamer S.J.

Fr. Creamer's contributions to the College community went beyond the confines of campus and his many courses within the faculties of Education, Religion, and Catholic Studies that he helped pioneer and loved offering to students of all ages.

Truly representing the best qualities of Jesuit spirituality, Fr. Creamer was active for over 30 years in Winnipeg, teaching, building, and mentoring in multiple programs. From faith development, religious education, peace and justice, prison-ministry, and intentional living communities with marginalized persons, Fr. Creamer laboured non-stop to help as many as possible on as many levels as was required. Practical and pragmatic, he served as Superior of the Jesuit community in Winnipeg, always looking to the future to ensure that its faith-based work would continue through friends and family. By means of his efforts, thousands of students were able to gain a greater understanding of topics ranging from philosophy and psychology, to the afterlife and Catholic culture. Always seeking to improve the learning process, he embraced change with optimism, rejected intransigence and strove to better the lives of all in need. Capable and dedicated, his easy-going manner and proactive attitude endeared him to students and faculty, friends and strangers.

While we are grieved that he has left us, we remember how well he lived, fulfilling his commitment to do everything For the Greater Glory of God.

— Michael Caligiuri (SPC '95, '97, '05)



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A photograph of Earle Ferguson, an older man with white hair and a goatee, wearing glasses and a blue academic robe with a white fur collar. He is looking slightly to the left. The background is a wooden wall.

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

Earle Ferguson has served the University of Manitoba community for decades. In 1982, Earle became the Acting Director of the U of M libraries, a vast system of 13 interconnected facilities. The following year, he became the Director for the term ending in the summer of 1990. His leadership skills continued when he was elected President of the Faculty Association (UMFA).

During 1991-92, Earle moved over to the Fr. Harold Drake, SJ, Library at St. Paul's to replace retiring Head, Fr. Harold Drake, SJ. Since his retirement in 1999, Earle has continued to volunteer as secretary for the College's Assembly and a number of its standing committees. He is the 'go to man' for all things concerning Robert's Rules of Order and keeps all meetings in line with respect to orderly motions. He and his wife Cathy have been loyal supporters of all College activities -- both academic and social. The College honoured Earle with the Fr. Cecil Ryan, SJ, Rector's Award in 2017.





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