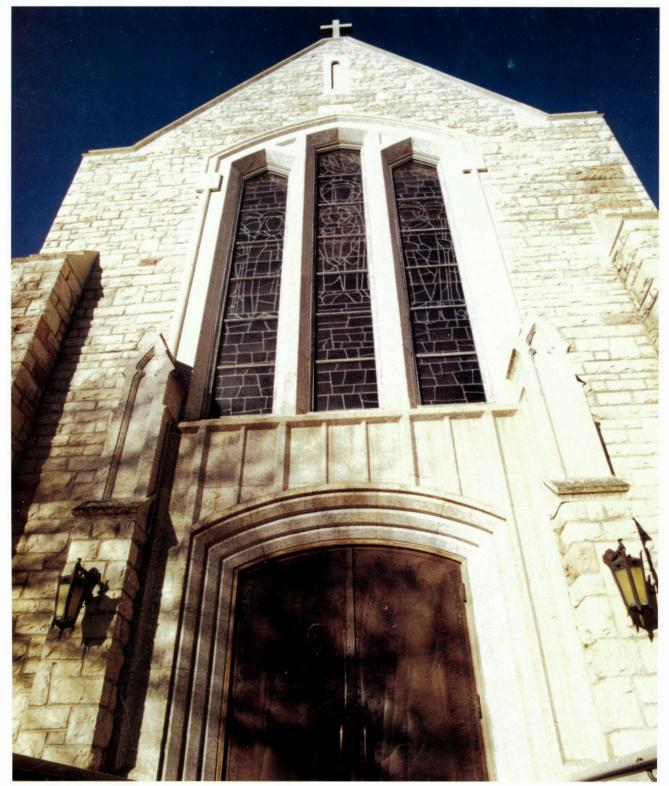
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#### ON THE COVER

Perhaps one of the most familiar views of STM, this image has appeared in various forms on many publications — usually with other images superimposed upon it and rarely, if ever, credited.

It is the work of STM alumnus John Perret of Light Line Photography. A teacher and photographer, John has devoted his life and career to helping form the aesthetic sensibilities of young people while expressing those same sensibilities in masterful works of photography.

He holds a Master's degree in photographic arts, and currently teaches at Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon. *Saskatchewan In Sight*, a collection of John's landscape photography, was published by Fifth House Ltd. in 1999.

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### World Youth Day, 2002

#### Rev. George T. Smith, CSB

From July 23 to 28, our entire country was graced by an extraordinary event in the life of the Catholic Church in Canada: hundreds of thousands of young men and women gathered in Toronto with Pope John Paul II to celebrate their faith, and to express the joy and hope that is the gift of the Holy Spirit. And all of us, regardless of our age, were caught up in the same spirit. At a time when we needed it the most, we felt proud to be Catholic and Christian; we were proud of our pope; and we rejoiced in the gathering of so many good, courageous, passionate, and caring young people: young people who have the resolution and the integrity to witness to the faith that they hold so dear.

For many of us, television brought images that were mind-boggling: so many people gathered in one place, so many gathered to see, hear, or even touch such a frail, aging man. What could he possibly say that could be so captivating? What could he possibly do that could command the attention of so many who are accustomed to the superficial images that cloud the video monitors of their lives? What did he do and what did he say?

He spoke the truth. He spoke the truth about every young person who gathered to meet him, he spoke the truth about the world in which they lived, and he spoke the truth about the Gospel. And they knew it was the truth. That is one of the special gifts of youth: to know the truth when it is being told, and to know, intuitively, when it isn't.

The Gospel text that unified the pope's visit was the fifth chapter of Matthew — part of the Sermon on the

Mount. "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world," was the theme that the Pope returned to time and time again to teach the young about who they are as Christian disciples, and how they are to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and his church. He spoke about the desire that lay in the hearts of each of them (in each of us!): the human desire for happiness.

"Christ has the answer for this desire of yours," the pope said. "Blessed are you if, like Jesus, you are poor in spirit, good and merciful; if you really seek what is just and right; if you are pure of heart, peacemakers, lovers of the poor and their servants. Blessed are you!" (*Pope John Paul II's Remarks at the Papal Welcoming Ceremony*, July 23, 2002.)

Happiness is to be found in living the values of the beatitudes.

The images that I saw on television were brought home to me when one of the STM students who attended World Youth Day dropped into my office recently. Philip Brost, the incoming president of the St. Thomas More Students Union, was one of the twenty two STM pilgrims who traveled to Toronto with STM campus ministers Michael MacLean and David Peacock to be with the pope. "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," he told me. That says it all, I guess.

What struck me most about the program for World Youth Day was how similar it was to what we are trying to provide for students at the University of Saskatchewan. The key components of the week in Toronto involved prayer — especially the prayer of the eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation learning about the Catholic faith through catechesis, serving those in need through volunteer work, and simply being men and women of joy. And, in addition to providing them with a superior undergraduate education in the humanities and social sciences, that is just what we are trying to provide for students at STM.

The pope's visit told us that we're on the right track.

#### Local News — and a Brief History of the Ukrainian Catholic University

It has been a busy spring and summer at STM.

President George Smith, CSB left for eastern Canada late in June to attend an Extraordinary Chapter of the Basilian Fathers, followed by World Youth Day (see above). The chapter was made necessary by the appointment of Very Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB to the bishopric of London, Ontario.

As Superior General of the Congregation of St.Basil, Bishop-elect Fabbro was a great friend and supporter of STM. We shall miss his presence at Corporation meetings, as no doubt the Basilian Fathers will

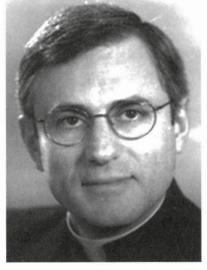
miss his leadership. But the Diocese of London will be much richer for his appointment. We offer Bishopelect Fabbro our prayers and congratulations.

One of the chief tasks of the Basilian chapter, of course, was the selection of a new superior general. On July 2, Rev. Kenneth Decker, CSB was named to that position. We offer Fr. Decker our congratulations, our hope, and our prayers.

Meanwhile, Dean Wilfrid Denis was visiting the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv on behalf of STM.

On his visit to Ukraine in 2001, Pope John Paull II blessed the site of the UCU — an important step in the institution's goal of becoming a centre of higher education and research in the humanities in Ukraine. It was also the culmination of a long struggle, beginning in 1928 when Metropolitan Sheptytsky founded the Lviv Theological Academy (LTA), with the intention of turning it into a university where history, law, and the sciences would be taught as well as theology.

The subsequent Soviet occupation did little to further the cause of Ukrainian Christian education, how-



Very Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, new Bishop of London, Ontario.

ever, and neither the metropolitan nor his successor, Patriarch Josef Slipyj, were allowed to create such a university. The Academy was closed in 1944.

Patriarch Slypyj, on being released from a Siberian prison camp to live in exile in the West, founded the Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome in 1963. On Ukrainian independence, the Lviv Theological Academy was re-established, and became the centre for the rebuilding of the Canadian Catholic University — finally in Ukraine itself.

The papal blessing of the site was a clear sign of the growth of Catho-

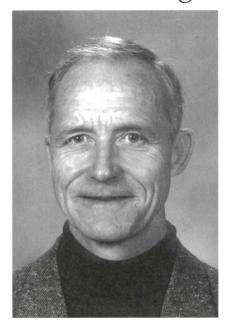
lic education in Ukraine — and the ramifications for STM are enormous. STM is about to enter into an agreeement with UCU that will allow our respective students in Ukraininan and international studies an experience unlike any other at the University of Saskatchewan — thus, Dean Denis's summer trip to Ukraine.

Watch this space for further developments.

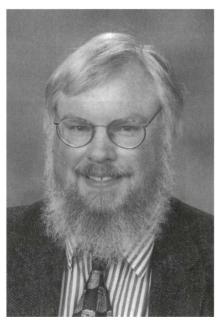


Dean Wilfrid Denis . . . travelling in Ukraine, Poland, and the Netherlands.

## FOCUS [ON] FACULTY Returning from Sabbatical



Sociologist Ron Griffin, CSB has returned from a year at the University of Victoria where he was working on a series of articles and presentations about religion, spirituality, and mental health.



Alan Reese of the History department spent the year working on "*Philosophia Christi*: Erasmus and Ascetic Traditions," which included a pilgrimage through the Netherlands to Paris and Rome in the footsteps of Erasmus. The scope of the work increased vastly over the year, but it will soon find its way to the University of Toronto Press as part of its Erasmus Studies series.



### Granted Tenure

Congratulations to two STM scholars who were granted tenure this spring: Mary Ann Beavis (left) of Religious Studies and Ria Jenkins (right) of Philosophy. In a college where some 60 percent of the enrolment is female, it is hard to overestimate the importance of such role models.



Carl Still of Philosophy spent the first half of the year at the University of South Carolina, where he worked with a former teacher editing two books of essays on St. Thomas Aquinas. The second term he spent as a visiting professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he conducted a seminar and worked on his own manuscript on Aquinas.



## An Experience in Excellence

#### University of Saskatchewan Students Union Teaching Excellence Awards 2002

"A teacher gives access to knowledge as well as to the tools that turn knowledge into wisdom. These aspects allow students to feel free to explore, critique, grow and become leaders."

- from the USSU award citation

Over the years, nine STM faculty members have received teaching excellence awards from the University of Saskatchewan Students Union. This year we are proud to congratulate John Thompson (Sociology) and Theresa Zolner (Psychology) for this outstanding achievement, and for their continuing dedication and service to our students.

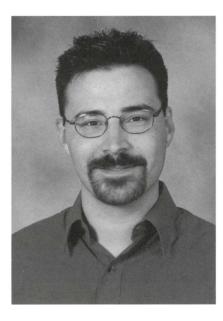




John Thompson

Theresa Zolner

## FRESH FACES



Michael Cichon, a tenure-stream appointment in the English Department, hails from Calgary. He holds a licentiate from the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and a doctorate — recently completed from the University of Toronto.

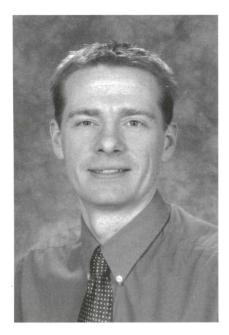
Michael's specialiy is Welsh mediaeval literature, and he has published in the journal *Arthuriana*. Visiting his office can be an adventure, as he has devoted some attention to the collection of mediaeval oddments such as bits of armour and other orts of history.

STM is pleased to welcome Rhonda Fiddler as Executive Secretary of the Development and Alumni/ae Office. Rhonda's work experience — including

work at the accounting firm of KPMG — and her interpersonal skills make her ideally suited to the position. A brief interview elicited the response "I love it!" when asked "How do you like your new job?"

Rhonda will be responsible for database management, correspondence, PowerPoint presentations, the preparation of pamphlets, invitations, and posters, organizing annual dinners and other alumni/ae events with Development Officer Don Gorsalitz, as well as providing administrative assistance to Bohdan Kordan, Director of the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage.





The decision by administration to supply computer equipment and support to faculty and staff made hiring someone like Trevor Peters both necessary and inevitable. It was Trevor's background and training that qualified him for the position, but his patience and temperament are definite assets as well.

Trevor came to STM from the Arts and Science Computer Lab. His official title, "Manager of Information Technology," is somewhat misleading, for it is Trevor's job, among other things, to purchase, install, and maintain all computer hardware, create and maintain the network and file server, provide software training and support, purchase and maintain audiovisual and multimedia equipment, set up email accounts and register users, and update and maintain the web site.

Anyone with experience of computers is grateful for Trevor's presence at STM, and for the foresight of the Administration Committee in hiring him. Any claims that he is trying to take over the building are clearly without foundation.

## Thank you, Cheryl

"I've just chaired my last meeting," Cheryl Soulodre announced with relief as she stepped out of the Women's Lounge on the third floor.

Cheryl, seen here speaking to an enthusiastic class of bilingual students in French 218.3, has acted as Women's Advisor at STM for many years - in addition to her academic and scholarly responsibilities in Languages and Linguistics and her pivotal role in establishing the French in the Workplace program at STM.

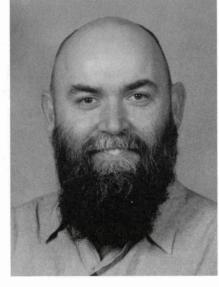
Over the years, on Corporation and on the Board of Governors, in committee work, and especially during the External Review process the college underwent some time ago, Cheryl has been instrumental in updating attitudes toward, and facilities for, women at STM, who make up more than sixty pecent of the College's student population.

Cheryl feels it's time to pass on some of those responsibilities, and will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical in the 2002-03 academic year.



## Permanent Status





Darlene Kelly of the English Department and Myroslaw Tataryn of Religious Studies have both been granted sabbatical leave for the 2002-03 academic year to pursue their research interests.

**On Sabbatical** 



President George Smith, CSB recently announced that Donna Brockmeyer-Klebaum's position as Library Director had been made permanent. Congratulations, Donna.

## FOCUS PALUMNI/AE

#### A Selection of graduates from 1952 and 1962



Ida Clermont (née Ziolkowski) lives in Coaldale, AB with her husband, Joe, a pharmacist and also an STM graduate.

When Ida's first husband, Bill Warren, passed away in August 1974, she suddenly found herself a widow with five children. During her marriage, she had worked at the Red Cross Blood Bank at University Hospital as head technician in Saskatoon, and had then gone into research on arteriosclerosis and heart disease with the wellknown specialist Dr. Louis Horlick. On Bill's death, she moved with her young family to Weyburn, SK, where she had grown up. She spent the next fifteen years with the Weyburn Cath-

olic School Division as Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer. She married Joe Clermont in June 1989.

Ida's children are Bill Warren, a U of S graduate now practicing law in Saskatoon; L. Joel Warren, who holds a BSc from the U of S; Lisa Warren,

who has a BEd (again from the U of S); Lola Lee, a business administrator; and Susan Warren, a cosmetologist. Her five grandchildren are Annie Fyfe (born April 20, 2001), daughter of Lisa and her husband Ryan Fyfe; Steven (born July 8, 1995) and Michael Lee (March 28, 1994), sons of Lola and her husband Bill; and Megan (November 12, 1991) and Lee Bauer (April 26, 1989), children of Susan.

Ida's special memories of STM include Newman Club, STM masses, and of course "the great, helpful Fathers."

Among our far-flung alumnae is Helen Flythe (née Heidgerken), born and raised in Humboldt, SK and now living in Martinsville, VA with her husband Walter (Buck) Flythe.

"My first job after graduation,"

Helen writes, "was in the registrar's office at the University of Saskatchewan. Next I worked for a bank, then an airline up in Anchorage, AK. Next, I worked for a bank in Richmond, VA, then in the School of Education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. I have taken all sorts of classes

Helen Flythe

in law, banking, and crafts, and have done some substitute teaching."

Helen and Walter's three children are Carolyn (41) who has a BA in



Latin American Studies and is the mother of two; Walt (40) a musician who holds a BSc from the University of Shenandoah; and Heidi (38) who is putting her MLS to good use as a librarian. Virginia Acree Graham (16) and Donald Jeb Thornton (1) are Helen's two grandchildren.

"The fellowship at STM was wonderful!" she recalls. "The lunch bunch and the Sunday evening socials meant everything to a lonely, small-town kid. Fathers Finn, Kennedy, and O'Donnell were also very special!"

Helen keeps busy with family, friends, hiking, gardening, and knitting.

"Virginia is a lovely state," she declares. "Come see us."

**Phil Hammel** grew up in Prelate, SK, where he received "twelve years of education and religious formation from devout parents and the Ursuline Sisters of St. Angela." In the fall of 1946 he enrolled in the Moose Jaw Normal School, beginning a career in education which lasted until 1996. He earned a BEd from the University of Saskatch-

ewan in 1952, a BA from STM in 1962, and an MA in School Library Science from the University of Minnesota in 1969.

"Like so many of my generation," he writes, "I worked and improved my credentials at the same time. I taught elementary and high school in Golden Prairie, Shackleton, Leader, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon. In 1964 I joined the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, and in 1968 moved to the College of Education in Saskatoon, from where I retired, professor emeritus, in 1996.

"Extra-curricularly, I was elected to the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education in 1973; it was my privilege to serve for twenty years, fifteen of those as chairperson. I also served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association for eight years and as its president for two of those years."

Phil is married to Jackie (née Lacroix) whom he met while teach-



Marcella T. Hinz



Phil Hammel

ing in Prince Albert. Jackie attended the Saskatoon Teachers College and taught before deciding to devote herself full time to being a wife and mother and, eventually, grandmother. The couple has five children, all of whom graduated from the U of S — four with BAs through STM and one with a BEd. The family consists of:

Maury (BSc), 42 years of age, is a Technical Associate with Cronus Corporation of Saskatoon. He is married to Elise (née Lalonde), and they have three children: Elan (18) has just completed first year at STM; Matthew (16) is entering grade 12 at Holy Cross High School; Rebecca (15) is going into grade 11 at Holy Cross.

Chris (BA), 37 years of age, is in sales and service with Lewis M. Carter/ Manufacturing (Canada) Ltd. in Saskatoon. He is married to Lori Anne (née Danberg); they have two children: Taylor (6) and Brie (4).

Greg (MSc), 35 years of age, is Flight Dynamics Engineer with SEDCO at the Canadian Space Agency, Radarsat Mission Control Centre in Montreal.

Mark, (BSc, U of S, PhD, U of

Calgary), 34 years of age, is a Senior Technical Director with Walt Disney Corporation, Burbank, CA.

Lianne (BEd), 31 years of age, left teaching to become a fulltime homemaker when she married Jon Yellowlees. They live in Langham, BC where Jon is vice principal of the Elementary School. They have three children: Paige (5), Mitchell (3), and Scot (2). Phil's memories of STM and the Newman Centre are rich and varied:

"Obviously, being president of the Newman Club in 1950-51 was one of the special memories. Involvement in Communion Breakfasts, Sunday night Benediction and socials, Ulcers Inc., ping pong, bowling and all Newman activities have given me a rich store of memories.

"I remember in September 1949, as a first-year student attending a welcome social in what was then known as Devil's Dip,\* Father O'Donnell seated on the flatbed of a truck, reciting ghostly speeches from Shakespeare. He reinforced my decision to major in English and drama. I remember also his production of *Hamlet* in which Mark Toth (Hamlet) and I (Laertes) dueled to the death night after night.

"Father Finn's Saturday religion classes were sometimes profound and at other times extremely amusing, but they always made an impression.

"Did anyone ever beat Father Kennedy at ping pong? Helping him mark psychology papers was particularly challenging, and a great experience for a student teacher.

"Father Sullivan I remember as the source of two of my favourite

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quotations. I met him out walking at 7:30 am in the midst of a Saskatchewan blizzard. When I asked, 'How do you like Saskatchewan winters?' he responded, 'Invigorating! Invigorating!' Some years after graduation I dropped in at STM for a visit. His first question was 'Are you married yet?' 'No, Father,' I replied. 'God is trying to tell you something!' he declared. There followed a Basilian recruitment speech which obviously fell on deaf ears.

"Jackie and I are living out our retirement years in Saskatoon in the midst of our extended family, especially proud to be Grandma and Grandpa to our eight very special grandchildren."

**Peter Paul Herauf** recently celebrated fifty years of knighthood with the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of Our Lady of Peace Council 5726 in Lethbridge, AB.

Peter grew up in Kronau, SK in what was then known as St. Peter's Colony. He is married to Maria Barbara (née Schmidt).

After graduation, Peter articled with Harris, Fingasson & Co, a firm of chartered accountants in Saskatoon, earning his CA in 1955. The following year he transferred to the HF&C office in Camrose,

Devil's Dip, as generations of students from elementary school to university will recall, was a shallow coulee abutting the campus on the east bank of the South Saskatchewan River. Three seasons of the year it was an ideal picnic and campfire site, with the flowing river to the west and the grassy earth rising in a natural amphitheatre on the other sides. In the winter it offered three separate toboggan runs — fast, faster, and suicidal — all of which converged at the bottom, where the tobogganist who had managed not to be flung off his sledge on the way down was carried at speed beneath the forehead-high, overhanging branch of a poplar tree onto the ice of the frozen river. In crueler times, it was considered great sport to call the tobogganist's name just as he was shooting under the tree. The resultant *thok!* as his forehead hit the branch could be heard across the river on a still day.

AB, where he served as manager. It was there he met his future wife, and they were married in 1957. He transferred to Wainwright, AB later that same year, and bought out the business in 1959. He operated his own CA business in Wainwright until 1974 when he moved to Lethbridge, where he continued his profession until retirement in 1999, thus completing forty-four continuous years as a chartered accountant.

Peter and Maria have seven children and fifteen grandchildren. Sharon Marie (44), a CA like her father, has two girls. Paul (43) works for the City of Lethbridge, and is the father of a boy and a girl. Daniel (41) is a computer programmer in Calgary and has four children, including a set of twins. Michael (40) works as a contractor; he has two children. Katherine (37), a registered nurse, has three children. Joseph (36) is a sales manager and has two boys. Mark (35), another CA, is currently working in Bermuda.

The Herauf grandchildren include Cody (17), Chelsea (14), Alicia (12), Sarah (12), Hannah (12), Hailey (10), Ashlee (10), Joshua and Amy (10), Andrew (8) Sydney (6), Allison (5), Luke (5), Zachary (4), and Jacob (2).

Like most alumni/ae of the period, Peter's special memories of STM include Ulcers Incorporated and the Basilian Fathers. The Newman Club also looms large in his memory, and he remembers the club room as an ideal place to relax or study.

Marcella T. Hinz, OSU grew up in Muenster, SK and currently divides her time between there and Toronto. A schoolteacher for many years, Sister has encouraged many others to join the order, and has played a leadership role among the English-speaking members.

Special memories from her STM days include "the friends I met and the professors," many of whom she remains in contact with.

When **Roger Lalonde** was installed as a Member of the Order of Canada on April 14, 1999, the community in Calgary, where he now lives, held a reception in his honour and published a brief "Life in Review" in two languages.

It reads, in part:

#### LIFE TIDBITS / ACTIVITÉS DIVERSES

 Fier époux de / married to Doreen (Balcaen) Lalonde, 1957; fier père de/and proud father of Marc (Monique Denis), Marilou (Richard Oga), Jocelyne (Randal Smith), Angèle (Gerard Testa),

et Lise (Roger

- Towsley). • Fier grandpère de/ grandfather of Danielle. Dominique, et Martine (Marc). Midori et Blaise (Marilou). Jovien et Chloé (Jocelyne), Julien. Liam. Milaine. et Kieran (Angèle).
- Auteur de plusieurs ouvrages sur les droits culturels et communautaires des francophones, 1986-97.

Roger

Lalonde

#### PARTICIPATIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Modern Languages Advisory Council, Calgary Separate School Board, 1980-81.
- Membre, la Fondation de l'ACFA, Edmonton, depuis 1984.
- Membre, la Compagnie des centassociés francophones, depuis 1985.

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Member of the Order of Canada

• Conferencier d'ouverture, Congrès national de l'Association canadienne des éducateurs de langue française, Régina, 1997.

CAREER POSITIONS / POSTES DÉTENUS EN AFFAIRES • President and general manager, Family Life Assurance Company / La Familiale, compagnie d'asurance-vie, St. Victor,

SK, and Calgary,

AB, 1954-

1978.

President, Doramel Consultants Ltd, 1981- 99. • President, Unilife Financial Group, Calgary, 1981- 84.

• Senior Vice-president, United Pacific Sulphur Corporation, Calgary, 1997-.

• Vice-president, Agrimax Canada Inc, Calgary, 1998-

Roger grew up in St.-Victor, SK, one of the many francophone communities scattered across the province, and now lives in Calgary.

His special memories from his days at STM include Sunday breakfast after mass, the Sunday evening socials, and of course discussions with the Basilian Fathers. Like Roger Lalonde, his fellow graduate of 1952, **Marcel LeBlanc** grew up in French Saskatchewan, in Gravelbourg. He now lives in Ottawa with his wife Liliane (née Legault).

"Our group prepared self-serve noon-hour weekday lunches in the basement of the White House," he recalls, and he especially remembers "Sunday Newman Club brunches with guest speakers, and Sunday evening socials."

Marcel went on to an MA in physics at the U of S in 1954, and then a PhD at the University of British Columbia in 1958. From 1959-63 he was on the research staff of Stanford University, and from 1963-67 he was with the Aerospace Corporation.

He took a professorship in physics at the University of Ottawa in 1968, from which he retired in 1994. He was made a Fellow of the American Physical Society in 1975, and received the University of Ottawa Medal for Excellence in Research in 1976. Also at the U of O, he served as department chair from 1980-86, on the senate for three years, on the Board of Governors for twelve years, as president of the Association of Professors for two years, and president of the Faculty



Marcel LeBlanc

Harold and Shirley Leibel vidual's promotion of science — in this case, for having presented, on 450 occasions and over a period of thirty-three years to some 100,000 students, teachers, and parents in eastern Ontario and western Quebec, a spectacular science show called "Cryomagic."

Marcel and Liliane have three children:

Alexandra (38), who has a BA from the University of Ottawa and an LLB & BCL from McGill, practices law.

Gabrielle (36) studied photographic arts at Ryerson in Toronto, and is the mother of the Leblancs' five grandchildren: Elizabeth (11), Nicholas (9), Marie (7), Thomas (4°), and Catherine (3).

Lionel 34, holds an Honours BA from the University of Ottawawa and a BEd from McGill. He is International Sales Supervisor for the Canadian Bank Note Company.

**Harold J. Leibel** grew up in Balgonie, SK and now lives in Regina with his wife Shirley (née Fahlman), also a graduate of STM (1951).

"After graduating from the U of S with an afterdegree diploma/teaching certificate," Harold writes, "I spent thirty-four years, all in Saskatchewan, in the field of education: ten as teacher, one as department head, six as vice principal, and sixteen as principal, in Neidpath, Broadview, and Regina — plus five summers at the U of S and the U of R and fourteen months in graduate school at UBC."

Harold retired as the principal of Martin Collegiate Institute in Regina in 1986. In the past fifteen years he has taken up a second career as a volunteer, but finds "I still need twenty-six hours in each day!"

> The Leibel children, from eldest to youngest, are as follows:

> Katherine Wasiak of Lethbridge, AB, studied communications at the University of Regina and Arizona State.

> Robert Leibel of Calgary is a petroleum geologist and also a U of R graduate.

Patricia Reimer of Regina, a U of S graduate, is a medical laboratory technologist.

Sharon Leibel (Fraser) of Regina is a medical doctor who received her training at the U of S.



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the Royal Society of Canada in

1999. The award

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Loretta Duerksen of Rosetown, another U of S graduate, is a physical therapist.

Jacqueline Dizy of Regina is an RN and another U of S grad.

Gail Thompson of Regina is a U of R grad and a medical laboratory technologist.

Karen Leibel is an education student in adapted physical activity studies at the University of Regina.

Harold and Shirley's fourteen grandchildren range in age from eight to twenty-four:

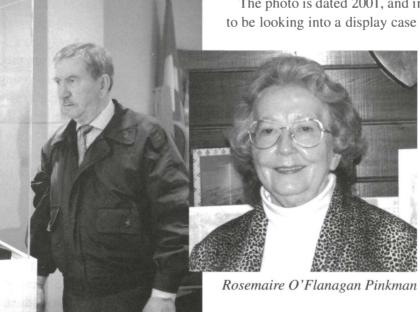
Jason, Michael, and Tamara Wasiak; Tianna and David Reimer: Neil and Shannon Fraser: Steven. Nathan, and Robert Duerksen: Danielle and Kenneth Dizy; and Amanda and Angela Thompson.

"My STM memories, my wife claims, have been substantially contaminated with convenient memory, wishful thinking, or something of that ilk. However," Harold asserts, "I can assure you that her memories involving me are fabrication, pure and simple!

"Shirley, on the other hand, remembers much! — Father O'Donnell and Shakespeare/drama, Father Kennedy and ping pong, Father Finn and choral groups, Father Sullivan and his calming influence, Ulcers Incorporated, Sunday breakfast speakers, the cozy chapel and the huge library in the White House, along with university residence, basketball, hockey, drama, debating, and all the great people we met during those vears at STM and

Newman Club."

Rosemaire O'Flanagan Pinkman grew upon a farm near Melfort, SK. With three degrees — a BA and a BEd from the U of S and a BSc in journalism from Marquette University in Milwaukee — she has pursued her career on two continents and the subcontinent,



Walter Romanow

having taught on the prairies, India, Malawi, Ghana, Nigeria, and finally Calgary, where she retired from teaching at the University of Calgary and Bow Valley College in 2001.

BA, BEd (U of S), MA Ed (U of C) — and after two years of teaching with CIDA in Ibadan, Nigeria, we settled in Calgary, where we have since lived, except for a brief sojourn in Dublin and four years in Yellowknife."

Rosemaire and Francis have four children, who seem to have caught the same travel bug as their parents.

Sean, who holds a diploma in surveying and mapping from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, is an offshore sub-sea navigator.

Patrick, with a BA from the University of Calgary and a BEd from the U of S, is a teacher in Tokyo.

Michael, who holds a BComm from the U of S. is the only one still living in Calgary. An accountant, he is married to Wendy Chemecki, who has a BA and a BSP from the U of S.

Kathleen has a BA from Calgary and is teaching in Japan while pursuing an MEd at the U of C.

Rosemaire's special STM memory," "is the excellent teaching of the Basilian Fathers, for which I have been ever grateful."

"I just don't take many photos," writes Walter Romanow apologetically from his home in Edmonton. "This is all I have in the way of anything recent."

The photo is dated 2001, and in it Walter appears to be looking into a display case — perhaps of war

> memorabilia, for there is a British and a Canadian flag in the background. Like many of his generation, Walter was able to return to school only after serving his country — in this case, with the First Canadian Parachute Battalion.

Following the Second World War, he recalls, his "main preoccupation was playing educational catchup," although he does remember "one season of football for STM — two ribs broken!"

If he came to university late, he certainly made up for it. From 1953-64 he was station manager at CFQC TV in Saskatoon. In 1965 he became the founding head and professor of the Department of Communications Studies at the University of Windsor, earning a PhD from Wayne State University in Michigan in 1974. From 1981-88 he served as Dean of Social Science at the U of W, and was awarded professor emeritus status on his retirement in 1989.

Walter grew up in Saskatoon and is married to Yvonna (née Schepansky), also a U of S grad. They have four children:

Oksana Stewart (47), formerly a teacher, currently a physio instructor, has a BA and a BEd.

Martin Romanow (45), is a lawyer with two sons: Evan (19) and Brett (17).

Lydia Baudry (43), with a BA and an MA, is a marketing co-ordinator for a personnel company and mother to Brian (17).

Stephen Romanow (41), with a BA and a BEd, is an artist and the owner of a computer graphics company.

**Larry Salamon**, born and raised in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK, lives in Tisdale, where he retired after teaching for thirty years in the area, the last fifteen as principal of the Tisdale Unit Composite School. He has also been active in the church all his life, and served his professional and local communities in the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation, the Crime Stoppers board, the provincial Special Care board, the town council of Tisdale, and the Knights of Columbus.

Larry and his wife Jeannette have four children, two with university degrees: James (42) with a BComm from the U of S, Michelle (41), John (37) with a BEd, also from the U of S, and Richard (35).

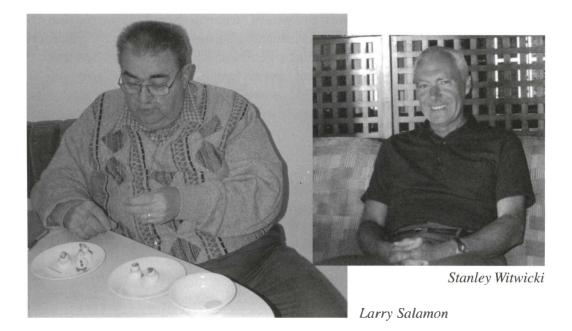
Their grandchildren include Blake (20), Christopher (20), Phillipe (19), Charlotte (18), Caitlin (18), Robert (17), Denise (15), and Allyson (16).

Larry's special memories of STM are of the "talks in the music room with the Fathers, and the Sunday night parties in the club rooms."

"True companionship with fellow STM students" is what **Stanley Witwicki** remembers best about his days at the college, along with "philosophical discussions in the lounge, Sunday morning masses and breakfast and benedictions and dances on Sundays" and "lunches and ping-pong competitions, especially with the unbeatable Father Kennedy."

Raised in Canora, SK and married to Jean for thirtyseven years, Stanley now lives in Ottawa. Jean passed away in 2000, leaving two daughters and five grandchildren.

Catherine (38) has a BA in art history from Queen's University in Kingston, ON. She is now a stay-at-home mother to Patrick (8), Nicolas (5), and David McConkey.



Alice Sullivan (36) also has a BA from Queen's, as well as a BEd. She taught grades one and two until the children came: Jeffrey (10) and Jennifer (8).

On reflection, writes **Peter Swerhone** from Winnipeg, "the opportunity to share university life with so many fine people was fantastic, thanks to St. Thomas More College and Newman Club. Truly, the White House was a home away from home — particularly for those of us from the rural areas and away from home for the first time."

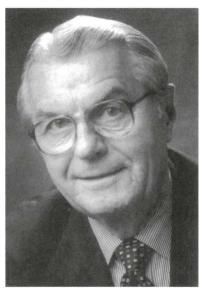
Because he was in the combined Arts/Commerce program, Peter continued his studies for another year in order to fulfill the requirements of the BComm degree. He was then accepted into the School of Hospital Administration at the University of Toronto, and graduated from there in 1955 with a Diploma in Hospital Administration — now a Masters degree.

"As part of the program's requirements," he continues, "I had to do an administrative residency at an accredited teaching hospital. I was fortunate to have been selected by the Calgary General Hospital where the administrator was Dr. L. O. Bradley who at one time lived in Canora (my hometown). Our paths have continued to cross professionally and, most important, he has been a great mentor and lifelong friend."

Even more important was a young Registered Nurse named Genevieve Miller. From Humboldt originally, she worked in Canora, where she met Peter, and in Calgary where, after several years of courtship, they decided to get married, in December 1956.

After Calgary, Peter accepted

what he calls his first "real" appointment — assistant administrator at the Notre Dame Hospital in North Battleford. The hospital was experiencing some administrative problems at the time, and it was an opportunity for Peter to apply his aca-



Peter Swerhone

demic training.

"Our stay in North Battleford was not too long," he recalls. "Dr. Bradley in the meantime moved to Winnipeg as executive director of the Winnipeg General Hospital. He invited me to join him in May 1958 as assistant executive director. That was a real break for me professionally. In August 1967, Dr. Bradley accepted a position in Minneapolis and I was appointed his successor at Winnipeg General."

Peter held the position until 1972 when, in the first major merger of health-care facilities in Canada, the Winnipeg General, the Children's Hospital, and the Rehabilitation/ Respiratory Hospitals merged into the Health Sciences Centre to become one of the largest health-care facilities in Canada. Peter was appointed president, a position he held until August 1985 when he decided

#### We missed one from '61

Alvin Joseph Karst wrote to STM last year, but for some reason his letter did not arrive in the alumni office until this spring.

Born and raised in Assiniboia, SK, Alvin is married to Laverne (née Kissner), and the couple still make their home there. They farmed northwest of Preeceville from 1965-74, and then Alvin owned his own construction business from 1974-84. Since 1984 he has been running a Petro-Canada bulk and retail business.

Alvin and Laverne have four children:

Darrin (35) is co-owner and operator of Karsts Tirecraft in Assiniboia. He and his wife, Cindy, have one daughter and two sons: Lacy (14), Dylan (7), and Bradyn (5).

Tracy (33) remains single, and is half-owner of Karsts Tirecraft with Darrin.

Tammy (30) studied business administration, and does the bookkeeping for her brothers' tire business. Married to Dwight Zerie, she has a son and a daughter: Austin (5) and Megan (2°).

Sharilee, who has a BEd, teaches in Saskatoon. She is married but has no children.

Alvin remembers "big breakfasts after mass." He also remembers a lot of good fellowship, and meeting new people. that, after 28 years, it was time to take a break and opted for early retirement.

"After a year or so of short-term consulting assignments, I accepted an opportunity to work with the Northern Alberta Children's Hospital as executive director to plan and develop a new Pediatric Hospital in Edmonton. After six years of frustration working with the provincial authorities, I decided to leave and returned to Winnipeg to be closer to family and friends. (The hospital was never built but there is now a ward at the University Hospital designated the Northern Alberta Children's Hospital). Shortly after arriving back in Winnipeg I accepted an appointment as executive director of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba" — a position he held for six years until he retired "for good" in 1998.

Over the years, Peter has been involved with many health-related organizations — provincial, national, and international — and has held elected office in nearly all of them. This involved considerable travel, which offered him and Gen "opportunities to meet many fine people." He has also been active and held elected office in local community organizations.

Among the recognitions and awards for his achievements, Peter counts as most significant the Gold Medal in Hospital Administration, which he received from the American College of Hospital Administration in 1976. He also played a significant role in the organization of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives, and was awarded Fellowship status in both the American and Canadian Colleges in 1966 and 1985, respectively.

Peter and Gen have five children:

Lorna, a physiotherapist (U of M/ U of A) with a Masters in health services administration (U of A), is married to Dr. Niels Giddins, a paediatric cardiologist; the couple live in Moorestown, New Jersey.

Danielle, a nurse, also holds a Masters in health sciences administration from the U of A and Fellowships in both the Canadian and American Colleges of Health Services Executives. She is currently director of quality management at the Toronto/York Branch of VON Health Services.

Michelle, a nutritionist (U of M) with a post-graduate internship in dietetics, is registrar of the Manitoba Association of Registered Dietitians. Married to Gerry Hagglund, manager of the Sinclair Dental Company, they have one son, Daniel (6), and live in Winnipeg.

Edward graduated with a BSc in mathematics from the U of M and has pursued a career in actuarial science. He is married to Christine Finlay, also an actuary, and they have twin boys, Jack and Nicholas (2). They live in Toronto.

Patricia, who holds a BA from Manitoba and an MSW from York, lives in Toronto where she manages the policy development section of the Department of Social Services.

"We enjoyed raising our family in Winnipeg," Peter notes. "We are fortunate to have a nice cottage at Victoria Beach which is a unique resort on the southeast shore of Lake Winnipeg. It is an ideal resort for raising a family because there is very limited motor vehicle traffic from the middle of June to Labour Day. .

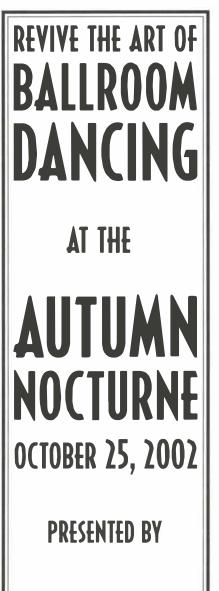
"STM was an important period in my life. It not only provided a focus for social activities but, more important, it challenged me to grow in my faith — for which I will always be grateful to the Basilian Fathers and the College."

Peter and Gen are enjoying their retirement and continue to be blessed with good health.



#### Candid Moments at STM

Students enjoy a meal and a chat in the cafeteria. From the left: Steve Zdunich; Stacey Gheysson, past editor of the student-run literary journal In Medias Res; Paul Ross; Kathryn Molloy; Jennifer Molloy.



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Although she only attended STM for a year, **Sharon Butala** is certainly worthy to appear in these pages. With degrees in arts and education and a postgraduate diploma in the education of exceptional children, she would no doubt have had a significant impact on the culture of Saskatchewan and Canada even if she hadn't taken up writing.

Born Sharon LeBlanc in Nipawin, SK, she now lives with her husband Peter Noble Butala in southwestern Saskatchewan — "near but NOT in Eastend," she stresses. Sharon began as a high school English teacher, then worked in Halifax for four years in a program for street teenagers. Returning to Saskatoon, she spent three years working with educable mentally challenged teenagers before returning to university for graduate work in special educa-



Sharon Butala

tion. In 1975 she became a faculty member of the University of Sas-katchewan.

Then she married Peter Butala and moved to southwestern Saskatchewan and began to write books. She has since published fourteen, both fiction and nonfiction, including *The Perfection of the Morning* which won a Saskatchewan Book Award for nonfiction and was shortlisted for the Governor-General's Award in 1994. Her other works include *The Garden of Eden* (1998), *The Gates of the Sun* (1994), *The Fourth Archangel* (1992), and *Fever* (1991) which was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

In 2000 the University of Regina gave her an honorary LLD. In 2002 she was named an Officer in the Order of Canada.

Sharon has one son, Sean Anthony Hoy, an actor who studied at Presentation House Theatre School in Vancouver. Sean and his wife, Carol Shepstone, had one child – Declan Isaac Hoy (5) when Sharon first wrote, and were expecting another in May.

It is fitting that Sharon's special memories of STM should include English 102, taught by Professor Romualdez.

Aside from a brief stint with the Regina Public Library in the early '60s, **Eileen Gerein** (née **Bihler**) has been a career homemaker, in partnership with her husband W. Frank Gerein, also an STM grad (1960).

The Gereins have three children: Anthony (37) has a BA and an LLB, and is a senior prosecutor with the Department of Justice in Sasaktoon; he is married to Denise Smith.

Michelle Hundseth (36) has a BSN and is a clinical research coordinator. She has three children: twins Rachel and Lauren (7) and Amanda (5).

Katherine (29), with a Masters in biology, is a researcher, assistant coordinator of the Saskatchewan Native Plant Society, and co-founder of EEK! (Environmental Education for Kids).

"The whole of the experience," says Eileen when asked about her special memories of STM. "A wonderful atmosphere! I am especially grateful for the interaction with the Basilian Fathers."

Louis Lapointe spent six years as a telegrapher with CP Rail after graduation, then three years in the Catholic school system in Saskatoon as both a teacher and a principal. He has since spent thirtyone years as a teacher and principal in the Catholic school system in Calgary, where he and his wife, Betty Andreas, make their home.

Louis was ordained to the permanent diaconate at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, June 24, 2002.

He and Betty have six children:

Jane (44) is a homemaker and bank employee.

Douglas (42) studied at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, is a chef.

Richard (40), who also studied at SAIT, is a welding technician and private contractor.

Tim (38), the third family member to study at SAIT, is a mechanics salesman with International Trucks.

Jacques (37), who has an MBA from the University of Calgary and also studied engineering, works for Zi Corp.

Nicole (31) has a BA in political studies and a diploma in computer graphics.

The LaPointe grandchildren are: Nicole (21), Danny (20), Brian (17), Jeff (16), Lauren (12), Nicolas (9), Taylor (5), Kenora (8), Amee (2), Morgan (10 months) and Chantelle (4 months).

Louis LaPointe's special memories of STM include, not surprisingly, the Basilian Fathers, but also two well-known individuals from those days: Bill Loran and Jim Penna.

**Patricia E. MacKenzie** (née **Amon**) grew up in Regina and now lives in Edmonton with her husband Barry, a U of S engineering grad.

Patricia has taught high school in Ontario and Quebec; she has been



Louis Lapointe

a Canadian tire franchise holder in Barrie, ON; she has been a town councilor in Prescott, ON; and from 1986-95 she sat on the Edmonton city council. Since 1995 she has been with Telus Corporation.

She and Barry have three children: Camilla (35), Tara (33), and Matthew(31), and one grandchild: John (6 months).

Of her time at STM, Patricia's particularly remembers Sunday night Newman Club gatherings.

Jack D. McCleary has followed a successful career as a petroleum geologist. From 1963-71 he worked in the oil industry; from 1971-79 he was an oil analyst in the investment industry; from 1979-90 he was the manager of a private oil and gas company; and from 1990-96 he was the president of an independent power company. Since 1996 he has been president and geological consultant of a junior mining company, a firm that raises funds for mineral exploration by selling shares.

Raised in Estevan, SK, Jack lives with his wife Aurore in Calgary. They have six children:

Gregory (38) is computer programmer, married with three children: (Tamera (17), Connor (8), and Dominique (6).

Richard (37) is a biologist, with both a BSc and a Master's degree; he is married but has no children.

Adrienne (36) has a BComm and works as an accountant; she remains single.

Danielle (32) is an independent businessperson in the women's clothing field; she is married with one child: Jack (1).

Suzanne (30) has a BA and a BEd; unmarried, she is a school teacher. Christopher (21) is still a student. **Frank Frederick Miazga** has accomplished a good deal more in his life than his modest biography would suggest. A self-proclaimed "non-expert," he nonetheless is entitled to place quite a few initials behind his name, including BA, BEd, LLB, MPE, and PhD.

Born in Gronlid, SK, Frank was a school principal for ten years following graduation from STM, then taught chemistry at Kamsack Collegiate for eight years. Moving to Manitoba, he taught physics for nine years. When he retired from teaching he was appointed a provincial magistrate by the Justice Department, and is presently employed as magistrate in the province of Manitoba.

A glance at the accompanying news clipping gives some idea of Frank's community involvement over the years.

Married to Mary-Liz (née Corden), a graduate of the University of Manitoba, they have three children:

Elizabeth (30) is a university graduate and an aircraft mechanic; she is married with two children: Kiera (5) and (Tyran) 3.

Jane (27), who has a BSc from the U of M, is a foods supervisor and apartment manager.

Susan (23) trained with the Security Exchange Commission and is a computer specialist; she has one child: Kyla (2).

At STM, Frank remembers "playing cards into the wee, wee hours of the morning and then trying to stay awake in classes."

**Darlene Nimegeers** (née **McIntyre**) grew up in Regina and now lives in Weyburn, SK. She is married to Stafford, a

1960 STM grad, who has been City Solicitor in Weyburn for some three decades. Indeed, her special memories of STM include "the friendliness of everyone — especially one handsome guy, Stafford, my best friend and helpmate."

Darlene has worked as an assistant at the Regina Public Library and as a teacher at Sacred Heart College in Regina. More recently she has opened her own business, Rainbow Recyclers, where antiques and other household goods are restored and sold.

Darlene and Stafford have an impressive list of children (5) and grandchildren (13):

Barron Michael studied computer science and is the owner of Focus Systems; he and his wife, Pam Lewry, an artist, have five daughters.

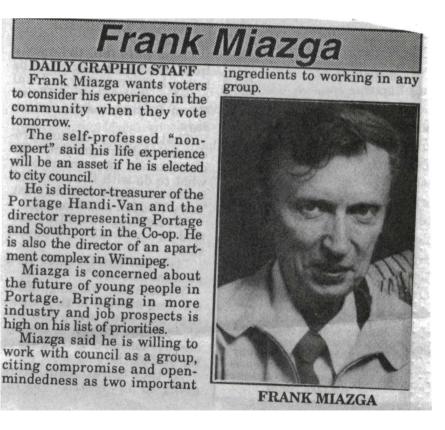
Andrew Rene has a Master's degree in geology; he and his wife Elizabeth have a boy and a girl.

Matthew Thomas is a nurse practicing in the North West Territories; he and his wife Katie have two daughters.

Megan Louise Richter works as a dietary aide; she and her husband Gordon have one daughter.

Sarah Ann Marie Chessall and her husband Brian have a boy and a girl.

The Nimegeers grandchildren are: Kelly Erin (12), Kate (9), Jesse (6), Robin (4), Abby (2) Clare (2 months), Rachelle (6), Andrez (2), Irene (9), Elycia (6), Elizabeth (2), Michael (7) and Rebecca (4 months.)



An undated clipping from an unidentified source about an unnamed election in Portage la Prairie. We don't know if Frank won or not.

"The great times we all had on Sunday nights with the entertainment socials and the dances," are among the things other than Stafford that Darlene remembers about her time at STM, as well as "the great lunches we enjoyed thanks to Ulcers Inc."

Eugene G. Olson, too, remembers those lunches at Ulcers, as well as Shakespeare with Father O'Donnell, skit nights, bowling, and the glee club. But his most embarrassing moment, according to his own testimony, "occurred during a Christmas pageant put on in the white house. It was the mediaeval Second Shepherd's Play being directed by John Teunissen as a graduate school project with some of his teachers in attendance. I was supposed to boom out the voice of God the Father from a microphone offstage to introduce the play. In the first or second sentence, 'God' pompously mispronounced the Holy Family's home town as NAVARZETH."

Eugene grew up in Regina and now lives in Edmonton with his wife Leona Marie (née Junk). After graduating from STM he taught English at SAIT for a year, then took a BLS at McGill.

"I hired on at the University of Alberta library in 1964," he concludes simply, "and retired in 1995."

He writes about his children:

"Brian Joseph Olson (37) has a degree in engineering from the University of Alberta. He worked as an electrical engineer in mobile telephone systems with

Alberta Government Telephones, and then moved to California to work for Airtouch (which was purchased by Vodaphone), and worked in a number of foreign countries, most recently for two years out of the UK. In 1995 he married Edie Moore of California and acquired a stepson, Oliver Moore Mason. They later had a daughter, Claire, in 1998." Claire turned four at the end of May, 2002.

Jan Marie Olson (35) has a BComm from the U of A, a BA in archaeology from the University of Calgary, an MA in anthropology from the U of C, and a PhD from the state University of New York at Albany. "Since receiving her doctorate in 2001, she has taught at the University of Alberta and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, both in Edmonton. She and her husband Dale Chapman were married in 1999 and had a daughter, Kathleen Marie, in 2001."

"In 1966," writes David Plosz, "four months after obtaining my law degree at the U of S, I went to Nairobi, Kenya as a CUSO volunteer (as we were

then called)



and taught law to lay magistrate trainees for the next two years. Then from 1968-69 I was the field staff officer for CUSO for Kenya and Ethiopia."

While in Nairobi, David, who had been born and raised in Melville, SK, met and married Margaret-Anne (née Kleiner) of Calgary, who was employed by the Department of External Affairs in the Canadian High Commission. On their return to Canada in 1969, he articled and practiced law in Yorkton, SK until 1974, at which point he left private practice to become the director of the local legal aid clinic.

"In 1976," he continues, "I accepted a position in Wetaskiwin, AB as Chief Crown Prosecutor for that iudicial district."

That lasted until 1980 when he was appointed a provincial court judge in Red Deer. In 2000 he became the Assistant Chief Judge of the provincial court for central Alberta.

"I thoroughly enjoy my life in the law," he says, "and have no plans to retire for some years yet, God willing."

> David and Margaret-Anne have two children:

> Nancy (27) is married and has a diploma in early childhood development from Red Deer College; she works for Wal Mart in Red Deer.

> Stephen (30), a bachelor, has a BA in political studies from the University of Calgary and a diploma in computer technology from SAIT; he works as a systems analyst for Telus in Calgary.

**Darlene** Nimegeers

David Plosz

David's memories of STM, he writes, "are not unlike those expressed by many other STM and Newman alumni/ae in past STM Newsletters. All fond memories that have lasted a lifetime, to be sure. STM was truly a home away from home."

After a long and varied career as a teacher and civil servant, and raising five daughters with his wife Jennie (née Uchacz), **Ernest Sali** is enjoying his retirement in Kelowna, BC.

Ernest started as a teacher at his old school near Vibank, SK, where he grew up. He spent a year there, then took a seven-year hiatus to work with Federated Co-operatives and then the provincial government. There followed four more years as a teacher — this time in Francis, SK — before returning to university to get his BEd.

"I still can't believe how we managed to get through the full university year at Saskatoon," he writes, "living at the former Community Apartments with three children, without any income, and having a great time with other teachers and university students in similar situations."

After graduation in 1962, Ernest taught for twenty-five years in Estevan, first at Immaculate Heart High School and then at Estevan Comprehensive. He retired in June 1986, and moved to Kelowna in July 1988.

The five daughters and twelve grandchildren are as follows:

Gwen (47), a nurse, has three children: Maura (10), Kelly (9), and Andrew (6).

Elaine (46) has a BEd and is a homemaker; she, too, has three chil-

dren: Jake (12), Eliza (11), and Scott (7).

Lynda (42) is also in nursing; she has two children: Danika (12) and Evan (10).

Paula (39) is an urban planner in Vancouver; her two children are Dana (3) and a six-year-old whose name is unavailable.

Mary Jane (37) has a degree in management; she also has two children: Ellen (7) and Rachael (5).

**Priscilla Stark** (née Novicki) has always been known to her friends and family as Percie. Although she has traveled the world — "I have been to all ten provinces, all fifty states, and over sixty countries," she writes — she continues to make her home in Saskatoon.

Except for one year teaching in Port Alberni, BC, she spent her entire teaching career in Saskatoon. She taught at Bedford Road, Aden Bowman, and Evan Hardy, all high schools. Fortunately, she loved working with teenagers, and counts herself blessed to have had so many of them come into her life. Former students continue to keep in touch with her.



Ernest Sali

"Since I retired in 1995," she says, "I have had the time to get involved in a wide variety of volunteer activities, such as working at Folkfest, being a driver for Homecare, operating a program for recycling used greeting cards, helping the Post Office answer children's letters to Santa, and about twenty-five more.

"My large extended family gives me great pleasure — with dashes of frustration," she allows. "A delightful number of friends and a number of engrossing hobbies mean I have never felt at risk of boredom."

And one thing leads to another, she has learned, as her travel experiences have become the subject of numerous presentations she has done through the Saskatoon library



Henrietta Moser Thompson

system. She has also enjoyed taking a variety of classes over the years, simply for the joy of learning.

"Happily," she concludes, "my todo list is still extensive."

Her memories of STM include The Pit, the dances, the camaraderie, the table tennis, the card games, and studying in the library.

Henrietta Thompson (née Moser) was born in Regina, raised in Medicine Hat, and currently resides in Crossett, AR.

"Forty years?" she asks. "To sum them up in forty sentences or less is a daunting task!"

After graduating from STM in 1962 with a BA in English, she began work as a library assistant with the Saskatoon Public Library, and remained there until 1967. In 1963 she had married Barry V. Thompson (MD '66). In 1964 she received a scholarship to attend the summer session of the School of Library Science at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"During the summer of 1965," she continues, "Barry, who had joined the ROTC, was posted to Metz, France for three months. I joined him there, and we toured Europe for

Henrietta Moser Thompson sent a couple of other shots that may be of some interest to alumni/ae.

Below, November 1961, Faculty Cheerleaders. From the left: Tom Molloy, Frank Bogdasavish, Dave Plosz.





Above, February 1962, Part of the annual SOS Variety Show. From the left: Elsa Tschepurny, Carley McIntosh, Marie Ibach, Henrietta Moser. six weeks. That was a great experience! "

In August 1966 their first daughter, Lesley, was born. The following year they moved to Ottawa, where Barry did a two-year surgical residency at the Veterans Hospital. In 1969 he went into private practice as a general practitioner, and their second daughter, Joanne, was born. At this point Henrietta became a full-time wife and mother — almost; she began writing short stories and poems which were published in a number of literary magazines in Canada and the United States.

"In 1976 1 received a Canada Council grant for poetry, and in 1986 one of my poems was selected for inclusion in Alan F. Pater's *Anthology of Magazine Verse & Yearbook of American Poetry*.

"Over the years, Barry and I traveled extensively throughout the US, including Hawaii, and the Caribbean. In 1978 we moved to Crossett, Arkansas, and Barry continued in the practice of medicine. In 1982 we divorced. In 1985 I became the Director of the Ashley County Library, and I remain in that position. I am also an independent representative for Dynamic Essentials, Inc., which markets the health product Royal Tongan Limu."

Daughter Lesley is married and lives in Jackson, Alabama; she has two children: Rachel (11), and Kevin (4); Joanne is a CPA working for the Medical Center Clinic in Pensacola, Florida.

"I have many, many fond memories of my years at STM," she writes, although "the friends and social events are much more vivid than the classes and studying!"

Among her favourite memories

are the camaraderie over breakfasts and lunches, singing in the choir and the Newman Glee Club, the formals at the Bessborough, her year as secretary of the STM Student Council, and the variety shows in which she participated with her roommates from the Sisters of Service residence.

"St. Thomas More College was a wonderful place," she concludes, "and played a very important role in my life. I'm looking forward to reading accounts from my old friends, and I'd like to hear from them."

Alumni/ae and old friends who wish to get in touch with Henrietta can write to her at:

library@seark.net.

## Mystery Man Revisited

#### Dear Sir,

Reflecting on p. 45 of the Winter issue, MYSTERY MAN REVEALED, a correction is warranted.

The article indicates the three members of the band entertained at social events in the early 1950s. As the other two members of the "band," Roman Lozinski and I attended the U of S in the late 50s and early 60s. As members of STM and residents of Sheptysky Inmusic. I taught both at the elementary and high school in Ituna for seven years followed by 26 years in the Regina Catholic School System. My wife Dolores is a Learning Resource Teacher with the same Board. We have raised one son and two daughters, all of whom had the opportunity to have formal musical training in violin, piano and voice. We have one granddaugh-

stitute, we had many gatherings where our music was highlighted.

Roman and his wife Delores are in the farming business at Ituna. They have raised two sons and two daughters, all of whom are musically inclined. They have five grandchildren.

I am a superannuated teacher residing in Regina, where I still have some involvement in the world of



ter. Our extended family also includes a son-in-law.

Referring to the photograph, Roman is the guitarist on the left and I am on the right. The tune was one with a Latin American beat played at an STM party.

Sincerely, Zenon Smycniuk Regina

#### Dear Editor,

Referring to the STM Newsletter of Winter 2001-02, on page 46 there's a request for identification of people in pictures. The lower right is a photo of the set of a one-act play "The Courting of Marie Janvrin." I am the man sitting on a stool on the left side of the picture. Gerry Lavoie is on the stool on the right side. Ron MacDonald (I think) is the man standing in the middle wearing tie and jacket. This play was staged ca. 1954, directed by Father O'Donnell. I refer you to the 1955 *Greystone* where there are pictures of Gerry and me on the Drama page.

Dr. F. M. Bourassa Regina

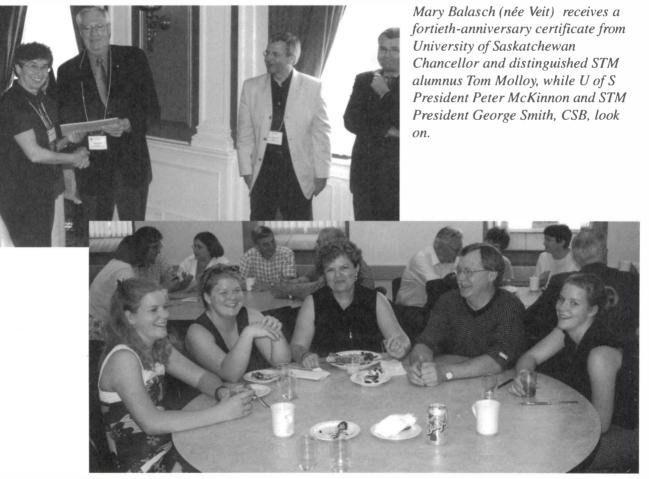




A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered Friday evening, June 21, in the Rev. Peter J. Swan Board Room for an elegant multi-course dinner prepared by STM's own Choices on Campus.

Fr. James Hanrahan, CSB was on hand, having just celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of ordination. The former president of STM had come especially to preach on the feast day of our patron, St. Thomas More. This year it was a multiple celebration, with St. Thomas's feast day, Fr. Hanrahan's anniversary, and the announcement by Fr. George Smith, CSB of the incorporation of the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild (see page 31) During the alumni/ae dinner on Friday evening, Mr. Walter Podiluk, longtime friend of the college and patron of the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, rose to give a spontaneous and generous tribute to the Basilian Fathers. Phil Hammel told the story of Fr. O'Donnell reciting the ghostly speeches from Shakespeare at Devil's Dip (see page 9), and Fr. Hanrahan said a few words about the new auditorium, which has been named in honour of Fr. Joseph O'Donnell, CSB (see page 25).

A number of alumni/ae, he said, had expressed concern that "the pit" was no longer there. Fr. O'Donnell would be spinning in his grave, they opined, if he knew



A TABLEFUL OF GOUGHS — No prizes for identifying Brent, but who are the others, and which one is missing?

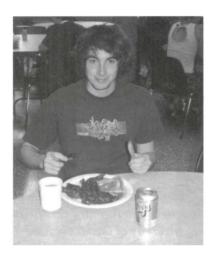
they had filled it in with pea gravel and cemented it over.

But things change, Fr. Hanrahan pointed out. The college has to grow to survive, and in order to grow it must sacrifice some older structures and ideas and accept new ones.

"I assure you," he concluded, "Joe O'Donnell would approve."

There were scattered mutterings of dissent, and one could not help but recall Fr. Kevin Kirley's warning that if one more local superior tried to redesign the chapel it would have to include a monument to the slain. But in the main, Fr. Hanrahan's remarks were met with applause.

The weekend continued with the STM contingent joining the university's celebrations at the Delta Bessborough on Saturday, then returning to STM Sunday morning for mass and brunch.



A young man with an appetite prepares to eat a plateful of bacon, French toast with maple syrup . . . and root beer.



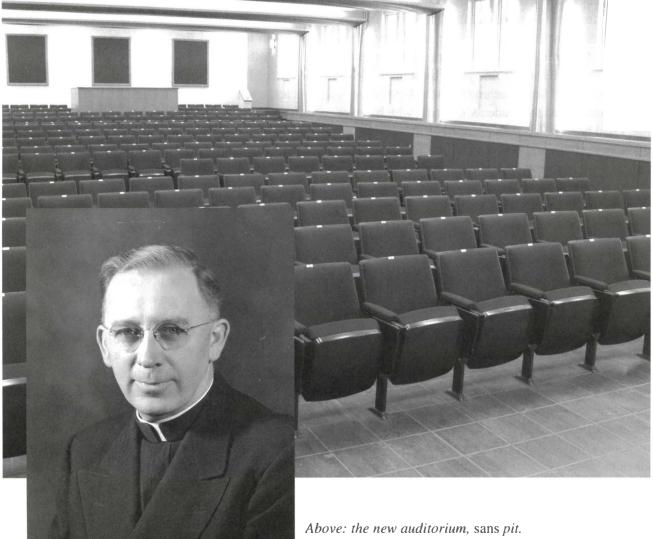
Lorna Stack and Patty Thompson. Behind Lorna is STM campus ministry team member David Peacock.



From the left: Cherryll and Bill Compton, Dolores and Robin Cennon, Margaret Dutli, and Mike Hepp.

## "Joe O'Donnell would have approved."

— Father Hanrahan



Above: the new auditorium, sans pit. Left: Fr. Joseph O'Donnell, CSB (STM years: 1945-69)

## From a letter from Fr. O'Donnell describing his first years in Saskatoon

November 23, 1973

"I remember well... the day that 1 arrived in Saskatoon. Believe it or not, it was raining. It was to be the last time it would rain until the winter had come and gone and Father Mallon and I celebrated the end of the year by going to the Capitol to see something — I know not what — to celebrate the arrival of spring. To tell you about that first year will be to tell you almost all, for whatever followed was only an extrapolation of it.

"I remember that the day after my arrival Father Carr invited me to go down to the club-room and that when we got there he said to me, "Here is your bailiwick." I was to try to take Father McGahey's place and do the things that he had done. He had spent most of his time "with the kids" and that was what I was supposed to do. It was a far cry from what I had been told I would have to do in going to Saskatoon, for I had been promised that my going would give me all the time that I had been asking for to study; I would have only three hours a week of teaching and the teaching would be 'a pipe' after what I had been doing for fourteen years at St. Mike's. But I didn't much care, for I knew that I would be free of all the involvements that had gathered me in a web the last few years back there in Toronto where I had been teaching fourteen hours a week and had monitored the Students' Council, which meant that I had been called upon to manage every activity, dramatics, choir, and the work of the Dean of Residence. I write that with capitals because it used to keep me up till two o'clock in the morning often and

involved me in every sort of student perplexity. There in Saskatoon, there would be only about a hundred students to attend to and the dramatics would consist of nothing more exciting than the presentation of a one acter in College Nights. I didn't anticipate any Shakespearean produc-

tions then and probably wouldn't have attempted anything of the sort if it hadn't been for the number of times that the best we could get in those trials of our theatrical skills was second place. It would only come about with the arrival at the college of Mark Toth. I remember well the day I met him just after he had taken the first five steps inside the door of the club. I asked him what his name was and the rumble and the music of his 'Mark Toth' sent my spirits into a dream world where STM would win College Nights with a continuity from *Macbeth*. That was the beginning of my years of hard work. Up till that time it had been all fun.

"Following Father Carr's orders that first day in the club-room, I was painting the kitchen and washrooms when Nano Nagle came into the club, introduced herself, asked me my name, and stood there watching me. Apparently I measured up to her expectations for I remember her saying as she turned to depart, 'You'll do.' I seemed to her, I took the remark to mean, to be capable of following in the footsteps of Father Joe.

"That was the beginning of it, but there were many other things that I came to accept as the expected. I used to get up at half after six in the morning and go down to the kitchen and make coffee 'for the kids' who would be coming to the seven-thirty Mass. The coffee pot was an indicator of growth. Over the months it grew from an old granite affair with a handle on the back of it used for dispensing, to a copper boiler, the kind my mother used to use for boiling the clothes on wash-day when I was a boy, then to two large granite pots with taps, and finally, during my time, to a ten gallon coffee urn heated by steam....

"After Mass on Sundays we had communion breakfast and a talk from a visitor either from the university or from town or maybe from one of the towns or cities round about. In that first year the club grew from about a hundred members to over six hundred; and I remember well how hard we were pressed for space the first Sunday of that year. But we had benches and tables

> made and finally solved the problem. We had six tea spoons to look after three long tables that stretched the length of the hall and as each member gave his coffee a swirl he passed the spoon on to his neighbour. I remember well the 'buns' we used to get from Bishop Mahoney's father's

bakery over on tenth street; it took me six years to get the kids to stop ordering them and to get real buns from the same source. Those first ones were real sinkers. Each bite would pass from your mouth to your stomach with a thump and lodge there for days. But nothing bothered the kids of those days and after that thumpingly good meal they would break up, some to their homes or boarding house, some to the chapel to practise for High Mass that was sung every other Sunday. We had a wonderful choir in those days. I won't mention the names of any of the singers simply because I know that I would leave out some one who deserved to be mentioned. They were just good and I was proud of them.

"In the evening we had Benediction and the chapel would be filled with devout students who used to sing like larks. And after Benediction we would go down stairs for a concert prepared by the students themselves with very little help from me.... Then the audience would clear the floor and there would be dancing till a quarter to twelve when the boys would appear with their brushes and start cleaning up the mess.... It was all very wonderful and the kids grew to love the place where many of them were to meet their future spouses."

"They were just good and I was proud of them." ... and speaking of Father Carr



#### Mark your calendar and start packing your bags for a trip to Saskatoon next June to participate in:

- \* A Symposium
- \* A Conference
- \* A Gathering of Alumni/ae
- ★ A Celebration
- \* An Important and Timely Conversation

at

ST THOMAS MORE COLLEGE, SASKATOON FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2003

#### A Remembrance and a Celebration of The Life and Work of Fr. Henry Carr, CSB (1880-1963)

&

#### A New Conversation on the Future of Catholic Higher Education in Canada

#### PART I: The Father Henry Carr Symposium June 18 (noon)-19, 2003

Sponsored by St. Thomas More College, with presentations about Carr and his life and work by some of Carr's former students, colleagues, Basilian confrères, women religious, educators, scholars and friends from across Canada — with lots of opportunities for storytelling and celebration.

#### PART II: Conference on Catholic Higher Education in Canada June 20-22, 2003

Sponsored by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada (ACCUC), with key presentations and open sessions by leaders in the field of Catholic higher education in Canada and beyond. As a Catholic alumna/us with university education and life experience, you are especially invited to come and add your voice to this important conversation with college and university presidents, deans, faculty members, bishops, religious superiors and other church leaders, campus ministers, students, and educated Catholics from across Canada. This will be the first of three major conferences on the future of Catholic Higher Education in Canada to be sponsored by ACCUC.

#### While you're here, plan to attend the University of Saskatchewan/St. Thomas More College/ Newman Club Alumni/ae Reunion festivities June 20-22, 2003.

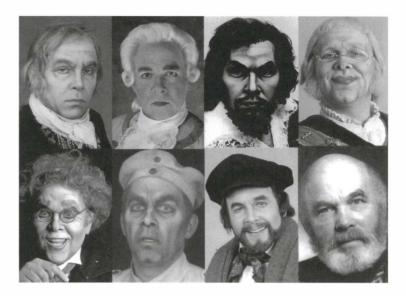
Carr Symposium planning committee: John Thompson (chair), Bernard Daly, Fr. James Hanrahan, CSB, Irene Poelzer, Margaret Sanche

ACCUC planning committee: Fr. George Smith, CSB, Michael Higgins, John Stapleton

Honorary patron: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Halifax, CCCB liaison to ACCUC

## A Gala Evening with Allan Monk, OC

**T** O MARK THE OPENING of the newly renovated St. Thomas More College auditorium/theatre, STM invited internationally acclaimed baritone Allan Monk for a single performance on Saturday, 2 February 2002 to benefit the President's Fund. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, audience members, and especially Mr. Monk himself, more than \$15,000 was raised for special academic program initiatives.







Thomas Nahachewsky of Genesis Architecture and Engineering Inc, whose firm oversaw the renovation of the auditorium and were one of the major sponsors of the evening.

Saskatoon's Bishop Albert LeGatt offers grace before the meal.

#### Sponsors of this magnificent experience included:

#### MAJOR BENEFACTOR

Genesis Architecture and Engineering, Inc.

#### SILVER LEVEL

McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, Barristers and Solicitors Donlevy and Company, Barristers and Solicitors Robertson Stromberg, Barristers and Solicitors Prairie Meats

The students, staff, faculty, and board of St. Thomas More College also wish to express their appreciation to the Saskatoon Symphony for their assistance in promoting this sold-out event.

#### GOLD LEVEL -

McDougall Gauley, Barristers and Solicitors Sanderson Securities The StarPhoenix

#### **BRONZE LEVEL**

Baldwin Yamaha Flowers Cory-Parke Great Western Brewing Company Handy Special Event Centre Maxxium Rayner Agencies



From the left: Gail Henderson, Flowers Cory-Parke; Gene Dupuis, Prairie Meats; Mel Gerspacher. Robertson Stromberg Law Firm; Richard Elson, McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore Law Firm; Brent Gough, Chair, St. Thomas More College Board of Governors; Wayne Sanderson, Sanderson Securities; Thomas Nahachewsky, Genesis Architecture and Engineering Inc; Stephanie Tynan, McDougall Gauley Law Firm; Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Donlevy & Company; George Smith, CSB, President, St. Thomas More College.

Absent from the photograph are representatives of The StarPhoenix, Baldwin Yamaha, Handy Special Event Centre, Great Western Brewing Company, and Maxxium.

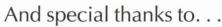


*Mr.* Monk received the traditional bouquet after the concert. . .

... as did his accompanist, Edwin Gnandt.



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Sharlene Cotton (above) who managed the banquet, and the chefs (left) who prepared it. From the left: Ryan L'Heureux, Jason Straker, Layne Ardell, Derek Cotton, Michael Beaule.

## St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild

N JUNE 22, 2002, the Corporations Branch of Saskatchewan gave formal approval to the incorporation of the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon.

The incorporation of the guild is the joint effort of Roman and Ukrainian Catholic lawyers in Saskatoon. Bishops Legatt and Wiwchar have each given their formal approval to the incorporation of the guild, and both will be patrons of it.

The purpose of the guild is to promote the spiritual and intellectual welfare of lawyers in Saskatoon and to promote the study of Catholic jurisprudence. Perhaps the most visible activity of the guild will be the sponsorship of the Red Mass, to be held in late September to mark what was at one time the traditional opening of the fall term of the court, known as the Michaelmas Term.

There are similar lawyers' guilds in other North American cities, including Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton and Vancouver. The Saskatoon guild will thus be joining the long, rich history of other guilds throughout Canada and the United States.

#### THE RED MASS

The Red Mass is traditionally celebrated to invoke the inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice. It has a particular significance for judges, lawyers, police officers and others associated with the legal process.

The Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit is celebrated annually to mark the beginning of the Michaelmas term. It takes its name from the colours of the different judicial robes and those of the vestments worn by the celebrant.

Having been introduced in England in the year 1310 during the reign of Edward I, the Red Mass has been held annually in Westminster Cathedral, London, since 1904. The site of the celebration in France, where it was originated by King Louis, is the Sainte Chapelle Cathedral in Paris. The Red Mass is celebrated in most major cities in North America.

The Red Mass was first held in Toronto in 1925. Its sponsorship was assumed by the Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1931. In 1965, the Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Toronto was formed as a non-profit corporation. Its objectives included the sponsorship of the Red Mass and the promotion of the intellectual and spiritual welfare of its members.

The Red Mass is a reminder to all that law is based on the eternal law of God and Divine Justice.

The Saskatoon Guild's inaugural Red Mass is scheduled for October 2002 at St. Thomas More College, with a dinner to follow. The Honourable Edward Bayda, Chief Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, is the featured speaker. The date is to be announced.

#### A Lawyer's Prayer

St. Thomas More, counselor and advocate, learned in the law, chancellor of charity and jurist of justice, merry martyr, scholar, and canonized saint, may the Lord of all law and of all lawyers make me at your request a little more like you today than I was yesterday.

Pray that for the greater glory of God and in pursuit of his justice, I may be able in argument, accurate in analysis, strict in study, correct in conclusion, candid with clients, honest with adversaries, faithful in all details to the faith. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my client's tales. Read with me in my library and stand be-



side me in court so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my

Pray that my spouse and children may find in me what they have a right there to see — honour and humility, cheerfulness and charity, an approach to wisdom, counsel, sound consolation, and a little bit of the shadow of you.

Saint Thomas More, brother lawyer, who by your membership has proven our profession not only

honourable but also compatible with sanctity, pray for us now engaged in the struggle to imitate our Divine Master.

Lord Chancellor, stand retained by us before the Infinite Lord Justice who will preside when we are to be tried.

soul.

## Our Town

#### THERESA KIRKPATRICK

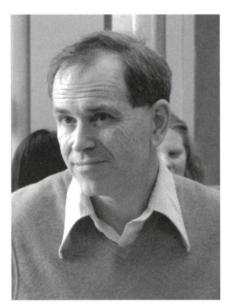
It seems fitting that *Our Town* would be the first Newman Drama production to be staged in the newly renovated St. Thomas More College Auditorium. It ran March 22-24, 2002, with opening night sponsored by the STM/Newman Alumni/ae Association. A wine and cheese party with the cast following the performance was a feature of this special opening night.

"The play communicates the appreciation of the moment and the appreciation of people, because life goes by so fast," explained Fr. Ed Heidt, CSB who directed the play. "That's why we picked it, because of the theme of community and treasuring one another. That's what we're trying to represent here. We wanted

to bring together Newman Players from the past and present, as well as our worshipping community."

The cast of twenty-five was indeed a mix of past and present. Student Anastasia Tataryn was outstanding in the role of Emily. Her vocal interpretation and stage presence allowed the story of Emily Webb and George Gibbs, delivered in a solid performance by Lévi Soulodre, to reach into the hearts of the audience and transcend some of the dated dialogue in Thornton Wilder's 1938 script.

Heidt admitted the play's sexist



language was somewhat problematic, but the beauty of the underlying message was important enough to transcend the difficulty. To help, Heidt changed the play's setting to a Saskatchewan prairie town with local references to help the audience be transported back in time.

Another highlight for anyone who attended the Newman production would have to be the natural and engaging style of Art Battiste in the lead role as the stage manager. Battiste, a Newman alumnus from some 40 years ago whose community theatre credits include Tybalt in *Romeo and Juliet*, Rosencrantz in *Hamlet*, and the Spanish ambassador in *A Man For All Seasons*, wove Wilder's dialogue into a joking ref-

> erence to his "beloved pit" at the STM auditorium and other local references. His natural style and ability to "become" the narrator was critical to keep the action flowing and help the audience to care about the characters and the community on stage.

> Supporting the main characters were a talented cast of alumni/ae, students, faculty and friends of STM, including Ted Fortosky (known for his lead roles in *A Man For All Seasons* and *Hamlet* some 40 years ago) as Dr. Gibbs, Mary Nordick who relished the demand-

Above: Ed Heidt, CSB. Below: three scenes, six actors. From the left: Mary Nordick as Mrs. Gibbs, Michael MacLean as the Clergyman, Lévi Soulodre as George Gibbs, Anastasia Tataryn as Emily Webb, Fr. Mel Fenrich as Professor Willard, and C. Arthur Battiste as the Stage Manager.



ing role of Mother Gibbs, Moira Day from the University Drama department, who brought to life the role of Mrs. Webb, and Bill Compton, who was priceless as Editor Webb.

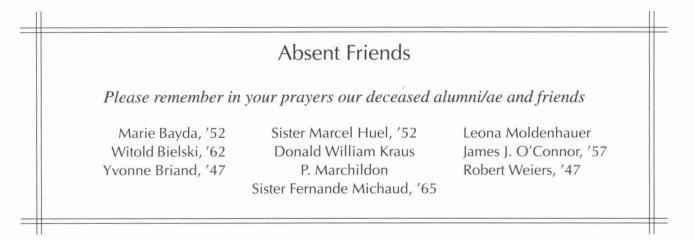
According to STM archivist Margaret Sanche, the Newman tradition at the U of S dates back to 1927 when the first Newman Club began at the University. From then until STM was established in 1936, Newman members interested in participating in dramatic productions at the university would have taken part in their respective colleges' plays. After St. Thomas More College was established in 1936, STM students began to participate in the university's "College Nites," a one-act play festival held each year.

When Joseph O'Donnell, CSB arrived at STM in 1945, drama at STM took a giant leap forward. Newman Players/Newman Drama (both names have been used) was formed, and one or two plays were produced each year while O'Donnell was at the college, including both oneact plays and a major production.

After 1967 there was a nine-year hiatus in drama at STM until Newman Drama was resuscitated in 1976. From time to time since then, enthusiastic faculty and students have kept Newman Drama going. Since 1993, STM English faculty member Ed Heidt, CSB, has been involved in mounting a number of Newman Drama productions.

Changes to the physical set-up at the STM auditorium, showcased with the production of Our Town, included taking out the old pit area, the installation of more comfortable seating, and revamped multi-media capabilities which include new video, lighting and sound systems which have transformed the theatre from a hall to a first-class theatre.

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#### Candid Moments at STM

Lynn Patrick Freistadt, Assistant to the Dean, chats with French major Amanda Marcotte, recipient of the Knights of Columbus First Year Scholarship and the Maureen Haynes Memorial Scholarship

## FOCUS

Scholarships and Awards

#### SAINT THOMAS MORE COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS 2001-2002

Caitlin Basnett Chase Figley Karlene Hamm Bradley Jamison Jessica Karalash Nicole Keith Mindy Loverin Oksana Prokopchuk Kimberly Tsang Polina Vendrova

#### ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Sherilyn Chomey Rebecca Gaudreau Elan Hammel Julia Kerr Jaimie MacLean Melissa Marcotte Brendine Partyka Angela Stang Jennelle Sutter Sheldon Taillon

#### Canada's Best

The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation's mission is "to identify and support talented students who show promise of leadership and a strong commitment to service in the community. We fund these citizens to study on Canadian campuses, to the benefit of their future and ours." Indeed, universities vie for Canadian Merit Scholars, for the award is considered as prestigious as a Rhodes scholarship. Of the recent undergraduates awarded CMSF scholarships to the University of Saskatchewan, all of them have been STM students.

Below, left to right: Canadian Merit Scholars Jordan Velestuk, Sara Knowles, Adrian Frank. Jordan and Adrian are also recipients of the U of S President's First and Best Academic Excellence Awards, and Sara also received a Chancellor's Scholarship.



#### KRAMER SCHOLARSHIP

#### **Bryce Kowalczyk**

#### THOMAS DEIS PIONEERS OF SASKATCHEWAN SCHOLARSHIP Kathleen Wingham

HENRY AND AGNES BROCKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Ghita Nielsen

#### CHRISTOPHER DAWSON SCHOLARS

Margaret Bollman

Stacey Gheyssen Craig Kelly Ka

ly Kathleen Wingham

#### DOUG & IRENE SCHMEISER SCHOLARSHIP

#### **Kyle Plamondon**

#### MAUREEN HAYNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Réanne Lajeunesse Anthony Rolheiser Jennifer Wandzura

JOHN AND ELIZABETH KAUFMANN SCHOLARSHIPS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Meera Kachroo Melissa Mah (Education) Ted View (Education)

#### CARR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Terry Doetzel Nadine Gartner Meera Kachroo Arlene Stevens Kathleen Wingham

FR. JOE PENNY SCHOLARSHIP

Kathleen Wingham

DAVID L. FARMER SCHOLARSHIP Adam Crocker

AULEA ARSENAULT BURSARY Cathy Nilson

NICHOLAS LUCYSHYN BURSARY

#### **Tabbetha Kelly**

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES

Susan Chabot Celine Lévesque

ANNE PHELAN DECOTEAU BURSARY Amy MacKay

> FR. OSCAR REGAN BURSARY Hanna Jodrey

#### STM PARENTS' BURSARIES

Hanna Jodrey Raquel Digness

#### ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERSHIP BURSARIES

Anthony Renneberg Jerry Richard Adam Tkachuk

MAUREEN HAYNES MEMORIAL PRIZE

**Ted View** 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5104 LADIES' AUXILIARY BURSARY

Leann Wright

#### ANNA-MARIE GONDA VOLUNTEER BURSARY

**Brenda Belchinger** 

LOUIS J. VIZER BURSARY

FOUNDING FATHERS' BURSARIES

Jillian Staniec

Philip Brost Monica Cavanagh

HINZ/TEUNISSEN MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Miranda Traub

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

**Karen Mosier** 

#### UNDERGRADUATE AND HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

Lindsey Bedier Patrick Deutscher Tammie Dewan Ami Downs Adrian Frank Jonathon Goossen Candace Herman Marianne Hrabok Kristin Jack Tirawin Kanongkiat Tabbetha Kelly Erin Kemp Pinaki Mondal Evgueni Panasiouk Danielle Stachiw Jennifer Tynan Suzanne Young

#### **GREYSTONE SCHOLARS**

Lakshmi Balakrishnan Carrie Caruk Sherilyn Chorney Lilanie Cruz Breanna Davis Amanda Doucette Timothy Ehmann Kimberley Holmgren Nicole Keith Ashish Mahajan Brette McWilliam Brendine Partyka Carolyn Pink Oksana Prokopchuk Andrew Schindel Aimee Seguin Sarah Stookey Stephanie Wheler Kathryn Wuschke

STM provides more than \$35,000 yearly in scholarships and bursaries.

# STM/Newman AWARDS FOR Academic Year 2001 – 2002

#### STMSU Awards

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Kirsten Derdall** 

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Adam Tkachuk

SPIRIT OF STMSU

**Adam Day** 

HEART AND SOUL OF STM **David Peacock**, Campus Minister

CAMPUS MINISTER AWARD

**Reanne Lejeunesse** 

#### Newman Awards

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Reanne Lajeunesse** 

OUTSTANDING GRAD

Katy Wingham

MOST ACTIVE FEMALE

**Marianne Chabot** 

MOST ACTIVE MALE

**Brennan Sarich** 

NEWMAN SPIRIT

Jeff Kenney & Tammie Dewan

### STM Graduating Student Awards

FR. PAUL MALLON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

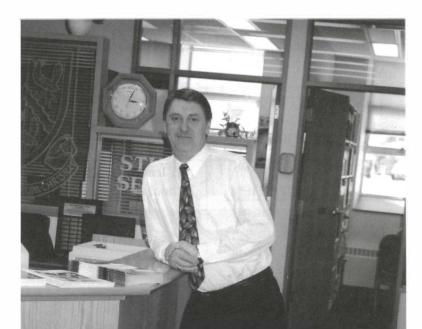
#### **Gordon Laing**

DR. STEPHEN GRADISH AWARD FOROUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

#### Katy Wingham

FR. HENRY CARR AWARD AND THE THOMAS DEIS '38 WWII MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF STM

**Tammie Dewan** 



"'STM is a student-centred college. Years ago Fr. Carr said to the Basilians that their main job was to talk to the students, and we're still doing that. If we can help or enhance their university experience by continuing that conversation, then we're not only following the Basilian tradition, but we're turning out the best-educated students in the university."

> Claude Lang, Administrator Student Services

# Convocation Luncheon 29 May 2002 for STM Grads and Families

#### Sister Roma prayed . . .

#### OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are You, God of all knowledge and wisdom! Generously, You gather us to celebrate our students and their achievements. Together, we give You thanks for the gift of our education, even as You call us to serve the common good, especially those most in need. Bless, now, this meal we are about to share, and all who have prepared it. As we enjoy one another's company, may we recognize You as the Source of all Hope and Life.

Rejouissons-nous! Let us rejoice in You.

Amen.

## . . . and Don Gorsalitz asked for

#### money

On behalf of the St. Thomas More/Newman Centre Alumni/ae Association, I wish to congratulate and welcome the graduating

### Father Mel prayed...

#### CLOSING PRAYER

We gather together to give thanks to God for his help, his grace . . . and the door closes to thepast. But this day another opens, to the future.

For success and joy in your chosen vocation we pray, and we bid you farewell.

I leave you with these words written by my teacher in my grade school autograph book:

Your life lies before you like a field of freshly fallen snow Be careful how you tread it, for all the marks will show.

Go forth, walk with God.

class of 2002 to our alumni association. You are the 65th graduating class in the history of St. Thomas More College.

You have now joined some very distinguished company; you have joined the ranks of those who are leaders in church and society. You will find our graduates leading the way in many professions.

I encourage each of you to be actively involved in the many activities organized by the Alumni/ae Association. These activities include: Reunion Weekends, Alumni Gatherings in various centres across Canada, Annual Golf Tournaments, and many other college events. You will also be asked in the future to provide financial support to STM for its many programs. But don't worry, we won't ask for your support for at least a couple of weeks. This should give you enough time to pay off your student loans.

In closing, I would like to share a quote from Winston Churchill:

You make a living by what you get;

you make a life by what you give.

Today, you got your degree. Tomorrow, and the many tomorrows to follow, may you live a life of giving.

Congratulations, and may God bless you.

### Award Recipients

Tammie Dewan	Anatomy	Cathy Nilson	International Studies
Laura Fortier	Art History	Susan Yakimoski	Land Use and
Johnathon Hanson	Biochemistry		Environmental Studies
Aiden Georget	Biology	Vincent Wourms	Microbiology
Tirawin Kanogkiat	Business Economics	Jeffrey Morton	Music
Michelle Propp	Classical & Near Eastern	Bonnie Leask	Native Studies
	Archaeology	Alexander Parsons	Palaeobiology
Raymond Rabu	Computer Science	Lisa Rasmussen	Physiology
Catherine Harrison	Drama	Raquel Digness	Political Studies
Graham Plosz	Economics	Marianne Hrabok	Psychology
Ami Downs	English	Meera Kachroo	Religious Studies
Jacqueline Bronson	Geography	Tabbetha Kelly	Sociology
Scott Gordon	History	Heather Beauchesne	Studio Art

### HIGHEST OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Tabbetha Kelly

### STM's Top Students



Front row, from the left: Ami Downs, Tabbetha Kelly, Alden Georget, Laura Fortier, Tammie Dewan, Susan Yakimoski, Bonnie Leask, President George Smith, CSB. Back row: Dean Wilfrid Denis, Meera Kachroo, Lisa Rasmussen, Heather Beauchesne, Alexander Parsons, Raymond Rabu, Kathy Nilson, Johnathon Hanson, Vincent Wourms.

# FOCUS

Campus Ministers at STM continue to offer a broad range of activities and services to students and faculty at STM and also to the university and the wider community. Here are a few examples of what they've been up to throughout the 2001-02 academic year.

SERVICE & JUSTICE. We believe that the quality of an undergraduate degree is significantly enhanced by service in the community. We also believe that faith impels us to serve our sisters and brothers. The STM Service and Justice Project links students with a range of volunteer opportunities and assists them in integrating those experiences with their learning.

PREPARING FOR PEACE. A weekly gathering for students and faculty committed to engaging in prayer and action for peace in the world.

NEWMAN RETREATS. A winter weekend of contemplation and activity in the pastoral surroundings of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, SK (see page 41).

TAIZÉ PRAYER. Contemplative chant and a silent reflection weekly during Lent.

THE BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT during Lent has become an annual activity, linking prayer to everyday life and everyday life to prayer. A participant prays for an hour a day for a week — half an hour alone and half an hour with a spiritual director.

THE STM FILM CLUB is open to all who want to watch a good film and discuss its meaning.

SERVICE & JUSTICE SUPPERS take place every four to six weeks. Participants share a meal and reflect on a presentation from a community organization. Immigrants and refugees, health workers, peace activists, inner-city ministry workers and many others have come to STM to share their experience, their vision, and their wisdom.

LITURGICAL SUPPERS begin with a prayer serv-

ice in the chapel, followed by supper and a presentation from a woman or man of faith we've had bishops and even a pope (St. Gregory the Great made an appearance at one supper to talk about his fellow saints!).

> PATHWAYS TO THE SPIRIT lunch hour discussions engage students and faculty in such issues as war and peace, bioethics, and Catholic understandings of sexuality.

> CLC. Fr. Mel's Christian Life Communities use Ignatian discernment to assist students in their faith lives.

THE MULTI-FAITH STUDENT COUNCIL is a new initiative on campus developed by STM Campus Ministers and their U of S Chaplain colleagues. The Multi-faith Student Council hopes to educate, inform, and celebrate our religious traditions.

WORLD YOUTH DAY has been high on the agenda at STM throughout 2001-02. More than twenty students — as well as our high school liaison officer (see page 40) — undertook to travel to Toronto to discover the universality of their faith and its call to personal and social fidelity, and to meet the Pope.

Above: Pope St. Gregory the Great cunningly disguised as Alan Reese to speak at a Liturgical Supper.

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# STM High School Liaison Officer Goes to World Youth Day (again)

As part of the Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA), STM High School Liaison Officer Richard Medernach has been actively involved in World Youth Day 2002. Leaving for Toronto on July 15, Medernach served as the University Café music director, and the communications director for the CCSA. World Youth Day is actually a multi-day celebration of youth sponsored by the Vatican. World Youth Day 2002 was hosted by Toronto July 23-28. Over 800,000 young people aged 16-35 from around the globe attended the celebration.

He was also the M.C. for University Day featuring Jean Vanier.

Originally joining the CCSA as a student, Medernach stayed on the national executive to assist with preparations for WYD. Having previously attended the International Youth Forum and WYD 2000 in Rome, his experience has been a definite asset.

"I am very excited to have this opportunity," he said before he left. "I am sure that this World Youth Day will be as profound and enriching as the last one. As I have traveled to high schools this past year, I have met a number of other youth from Saskatchewan who will also be going to Toronto. This is exactly the kind of the event the world needs."



Richard Medernach being blessed by Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day 2000 in Rome.

As part of Canada's preparations for World Youth Day 2002, the Pilgrim Cross — a gift from John Paul II to the youth of the world was taken from community to community across Canada on its way to Toronto. It arrived in Saskatoon in December, but the cold did not deter these hardy young pilgrims from attending a prayer service with the Cross in front of Ogle Hall. Later the Cross was taken to the STM chapel for a special mass. Since the first World Youth Day in 1984, the Cross has travelled around the world several times and has been touched by millions of people.



# Retreat Focuses on "Vocation"

#### KATY WINGHAM

"You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!" Forty-two people associated with Saint Thomas More College gathered at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster to discern the meaning behind this passage from Matthew which is also the theme for World Youth Day 2002.

The annual Newman Retreat, held Jan. 25-27, was a huge success for all who attended. Facilitated by Maria Truchan-Tataryn and Rev. Myroslaw Tataryn, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and head of the religious studies department at STM, the retreat was centered on the meaning of "vocation" in our lives.

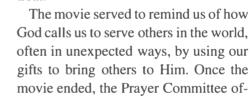
For many of us, it was discovered that our "call to holiness" is not some future goal eventually to be achieved. Rather, this call is really very simple and applies to our everyday lives, here and now. The testimony of the Tataryns was a powerful reminder of Jesus's most important commandment: to love one another.

On a personal level, I was deeply moved by the profound love witnessed by this family. As the parents of three daughters, two of whom are physically challenged, the Tataryns discussed both the challenges and rewards of their role as Christian parents. Their message clearly showed the tremendous need for us to love beyond all limitations, regardless of what society has to say about it.

Suddenly, the light came on that "vocation" is not merely a career choice; it is much more than this. Vocation entails allowing God to act within us, and sharing love with all around us. The underlying message of love, as portrayed by the Tataryn family, is to create, embrace, and include within the human community.

Arriving on Friday evening full of energy and anticipation, we were treated to a delicious meal provided by Celene Sidloski and the students of St. Peter's College. Celene has been the campus minister at St. Peter's for the past three years, and she taught English there as well as at STM. The evening progressed with an inspirational talk by our facilitators and we enjoyed the opportunity to watch *Chocolat*, an impor-

> tant contribution to the theme of the retreat.





First-time Newman retreatant Dean Schmidt was absolutely floored by the experience.



Maria Truchan-Tataryn and Myroslaw Tataryn were the facilitators of the annual Newman retreat, entitled, "Salt and Light, Our Call to Holiness," Jan. 25-27 at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster.

fered a brief, inspiring, candle-light prayer service before we all departed for social activity and sleep.

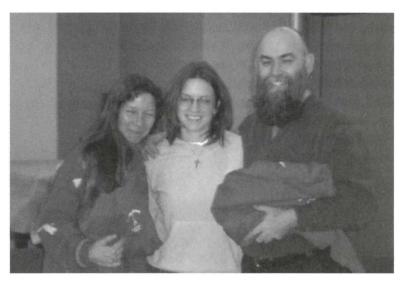
The weekend was further enriched by three important guest speakers who provided us with optional sessions on the place of faith in their career choices. Included were Celene Sidloski, Rhonda Gough, executive director of Catholic Family Services, and Dr. Bernard Lawlor, a surgeon in Saskatoon and member of the STM worshiping community. They offered concurrent sessions on athletics, social work, and medicine, giving an account of their vocations and how they have applied their Christian faith to their careers, and to their lives in general. The day was further enhanced by an exciting event for Alan Reese, an STM history professor, who became a Benedictine oblate

dedicated to living Benedictine spirituality in his daily life and work.

Those who attended the retreat shared a great sense of spirit that was fully alive within the dynamic group. The beautiful surroundings of the monastery were a treasure for most of us enjoying our escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Saturday night provided an opportunity for us to enjoy each other's company. We were treated to music, poetry, and comedy, presented by talented students, staff and faculty of STM. The night was topped off with lively folk dancing led by STM professor Edna Froese and her husband, Don.

Sunday came much too soon, but gave us the opportunity to have mass with the monks before wrapping things up with expressions of thanks and a group photo. In short, the Newman Retreat was a great opportunity for meeting people, finding Christ at a deeper level, and for having plenty of fun. I would personally recommend this annual event to anyone, as it has given me a great sense of community while emphasizing the importance of being the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" through Christ.

Katy Wingham, past president of the Newman Centre at the University of Saskatchewan and a student at St. Thomas More College, has just completed her final year of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a doublehonours in English and Religious Studies.



Katy Wingham presents retreat facilitators Maria Truchan-Tataryn and Myroslaw Tataryn with 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition Newman redhooded sweatshirts.





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# "Whom you served so well. . . ."

#### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO ROMA DE ROBERTIS, SCIC

It was with sadness that the STM community learned of Sister Roma De Robertis's decision to resign her position with the campus ministry team. The decision, however, came only after a long period of prayerful discernment with her religious community, the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

Ever since Roma joined the campus ministry team in 1995, she has played a prominent role in the college's ministry and outreach to students, and she has witnessed powerfully to the Gospel through her commitment to charity, justice, and prayer.

To give thanks for Sister Roma's work and witness, a reception was held in her honour April 25.

#### Remarks by Margaret Dutli

Well, Roma, we are gathered to bid farewell to you as we have come to know you in these seven years, and to wish you well as you move on to other experiences and challenges.

In the years I have known you, I have admired many things about you — your honesty, your wisdom, and your courage (one friend has remarked that you have the heart of a lion under that meek exterior) and we have in

exterior) and we have indeed found that though you are outwardly unassuming, inwardly you are persevering and feisty.

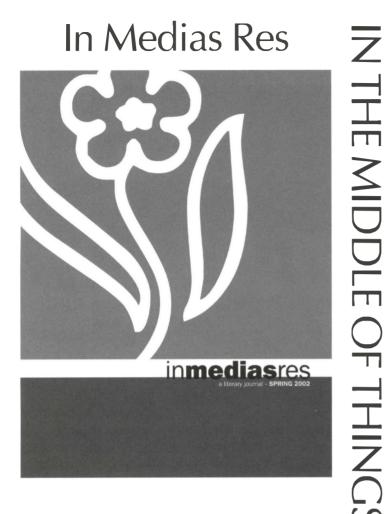
Like many small women who are shy and soft- spoken, you have experienced the pain of not being taken seriously, and especially in ministry when in honesty you must both criticize and defend the church which you love, as you seek for justice and struggle to assume the authority of a baptized, faithful woman. I think it was difficult for you after Carol left, but you continued quietly to insist on issues of justice and equality, both social and indivi-



FAREWELL PARTY, APRIL 25 — Sister Roma with friends and colleagues Jonal Rolheiser (left), a social justice co-ordinator with the Newman Club, and Katy Wingham (right), past president of Newman.

dual, and have won the respect of your colleagues here and in the other colleges across the campus.

We have admired your compassion, tact, and fidelity: to the liturgy, to ensure that it be beautiful and reverent; to your own congregation, to other congregations in the diocese; to the various groups working for social justice; to the Gospel of compassion and love; and to the students whom you served so well.



The student-run literary journal In Medias Res published two issues during the 2001-02 academic year under the editororship of Stacey Ghessen and with a dedicated group of volunteers. "The title In Medias Res," states their editorial policy, "describes our editorial policies best: it comments on the situation of university life in which we are always caught in the middle of things. We did not entirely invent this life, but we find ourselves with a responsibility for participating in it and developing it, so that whoever comes after us will not inherit an empty space or a cramped planet. Consequently, In Medias Res will not attempt to cover major news; we already have such a newspaper on campus. Our objective is to speak about what constitutes news in a university; that is, the university as a meeting place for the mind, and of the multifaceted world of knowledge which the mind seeks to discover, interpret, and develop."

Stacey is spending the 2002-03 academic year teaching in Korea, while her place at IMR is ably taken over by Tracy Stebner, assisted by Alana Trumpy.



November 17, 2001, STM Cafeteria: guest facilitator Rita Novakowski (left) demonstrates a hand position with Teresa Herperger in Dances for Universal Peace, hosted by STM campus ministry.

# Good-bye, Elaine, and Thank You



Longtime College employee Elaine Zerr retired at the end of April, and a luncheon was held in her honour at the Parktown Hotel April 30. Although breaking every speed limit along the way, the editor still could not manage to get from Muenster to Saskatoon in time to attend. Elaine insisted that she understood, and that to understand was to forgive, but that doesn't explain the wax dolls stuck with pins I keep finding by my door.

One of the most endearing things about Elaine, of course, was her sense of humour — and her tolerance of other people's sense of humour, particularly mine. I knew I could walk into Elaine's space at any time and be greeted with a smile and a friendly word, no matter

what outrageous statement I was about to utter.

Everyone at STM counted on that smile and those words of greeting. If you weren't having a good day, Elaine sensed it immediately. She was always sympathetic, helpful, and patient, and humility was part of her charm; if she didn't know what to say to you, she knew who to send you to.

Elaine took a deep and personal interest in the students and staff of STM — and that interest, I am convinced, was motivated by her Christian faith and her innate love of humankind.

Good-bye, Elaine, and thank you for the years you gave to us.

— DBW

# Moving On

Celene Sidloski, a longtime student, employee and English professor at STM has been awarded full support for a doctorate at the University of Toronto — a considerable accomplishment (and at least partly owing, we like to think, to her undergraduate training at STM).

During the past few years, Celene has taught English at both STM and at St. Peter's College in Muenster, where she also worked on the campus ministry team. She will be sorely missed at both institutions.

But congratulations, Celene!





# The Annual St. Thomas More College/ Newman Alumni/ae Association Golf Tournament

Participants must answer the following skill-testing question:

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# Future Alumni/ae

Brooke Olivia Fowler came into the world March 25/01. 9 lb 5oz. at birth, she outweighed her nearest competition, brother Jordan, by 1-1/2 lbs. She is the third child and first daughter of Greg and Cindy Fowler, whose marriage and subsequent family have been exhaustively documented in these pages. (see the Winter '96, Winter '97, and Fall '99 issues of the Newsletter.) Watch this space for future developments in the life of STM's controller.



Oleksa Jerome Sharman, son of Andrea Sharman of STM's English department, and her husband Dave, was born 22 June 2001.

STM's Development Officer Don Gorsalitz and his wife Caroline were recently blessed with twins: Thomas (left) and Elizabeth (below).





### Candid Moments at STM

Fr. Ed Heidt, CSB discusses essays with a class of English 114 students studying Reading and Culture.

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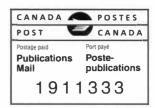
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