

## EMMAUS AWARD

The Emmaus Award is presented annually at the Graduation Mass to a student graduating from the Master of Religious Education Program. The Award reflects the experience of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus: the hope that when religious education students attend Newman, they join other colleagues on the journey and through their studies and dialogue with the content, come to recognize Jesus more clearly.

The Criteria for selecting the recipient include the following: the individual has been identified as a person who has fostered community in their learning environment, the individual has interacted with their faculty and has provided evidence of the importance of their personal journey of faith; the individual has grown in faith knowledge and experience; the individual has actively engaged with the academic content of their courses, and the individual has maintained a sound academic record throughout their Program of Studies.

This year the Emmaus Award recognizes a woman who has shown great persistence in her studies. In her work as a Religion Coordinator, she has clearly demonstrated her dedication and commitment to Catholic education. At times isolated from her support network, she has had to work especially hard to inspire her students and colleagues to place Catholic education and specifically Religious Education at the core of their lives. She is prayerful, faith-filled, and has been able to connect her academic work with her day to day practice.

Please join me in congratulating this year's recipient from St. Paul, Alberta: **Cynthia Martin**.