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NEWS and NOTES



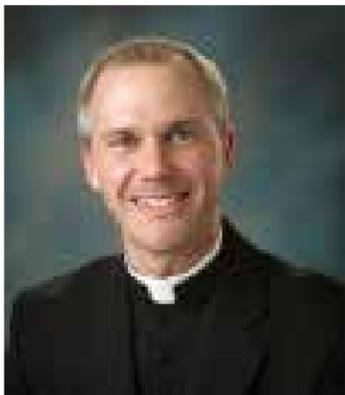
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Pictured: Fr. Robert Lee ordained to priesthood at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton on June 28, 2018 (top). Fr. Carlos Nunez & Fr. Roger Niedzielski at the 2018 Newman Golf Classic (right).



Welcoming a unique mix of personalities and gifts

Rev. Stephen Hero, Rector, St. Joseph Seminary

As I begin my seventh year now as Rector of St. Joseph Seminary and after thirteen years on the formation team, I have to say that I am always impressed by the young men whom God assembles in the

to the Provincial Council of the Society of St. Sulpice in Montreal. Fr. Myles Gaffney, a priest from Calgary, has returned to his diocese to be the pastor in Pincher Creek. One of Edmonton's younger priests, Fr. Michael Schumacher, upon completing a License in Moral Theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, has joined our team at the seminary and is bringing his own gifts and energy to priestly formation. It was not long ago that Fr. Michael was himself a seminarian in our care.

We are grateful to God for the community of faith that he has brought together again this year at St. Joseph's and are mindful of the unflagging support of our many friends and benefactors. Please keep us all in your prayers as we continue to seek God's will and try to prepare holy priests who will, alongside many faithful people, "put out into the deep" waters of this world seeking nothing other than to share the joy and truth of the Gospel.

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Seminary year after year. Each year is, in some ways, very much like another but is even more a unique mix of personalities, gifts, and, of course, weaknesses ... things to work on.

Seminary began this year after learning about the very sad scandals in the Church in the United States. But I have to say that I have been edified by the faith and courage of the men in our seminary who have still managed to hear God's call, who love the Church, and want to be trustworthy and compassionate shepherds of God's People today.

Our community is about the same size as last year (42) but eleven of these men are on pastoral internship in parishes in their respective dioceses. Eight new men began formation and, this year, 13 dioceses have seminarians in discernment with us.

The formation team has experienced a few changes as well. We said au revoir to Fr. Robert Gauthier, PSS After his five years of service here and at Newman Theological College, Fr. Gauthier has been appointed



Current Edmonton seminarians (back row left): Jonathan Quist, Curtis Berube, Zachariah Black, Adam Rieger, Jake Mullin, Joseph (Joey) Spiller (front row left) JD Carmichael, Andrew Sheedy, Isaac Nibourg, John van den Bosch, Chad Miciak, Michael Linner



Developing disciples and ministers of Christ

Dr. Jason West, President, Newman Theological College

The beginning of a new academic year always brings excitement and a renewed sense of purpose. This year this has been enriched through welcoming the seminarians of Holy Spirit Seminary (HSS) and their Rector Fr. Michael Winn to

the Newman Community. HSS is the national seminary of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies of Canada. Their presence at the College has already been a considerable blessing, from their input in the classroom to the celebration of the Eastern Divine Liturgy at 11:30 each Wednesday, this new addition to our community is teaching us how the Church is enriched through the mutual complementarity of the Roman and Eastern traditions of theology, liturgy and spirituality.

As you might expect, much of our work this year is focused on implementing the strategic plan approved by our Board of Governors last January. Of particular importance is the ongoing development of a marketing plan which will focus on increasing enrolment and making the College and its activities better known, so that we can become more effective as a centre of theological voice in Western Canada.

Naturally, the College's strategic plan has been situated within Archbishop Smith's pastoral vision for the Archdiocese of Edmonton which he set out last year in the pastoral letter "Living in the Word." In this text he reminded us: "An authentic disciple of Jesus Christ is one who first listens to his Word and then puts it into practice" and urged that the institutions of the

Archdiocese make this the focus of their efforts in the coming years.

At Newman Theological College we have responded to this call from the Church in several ways big and small. One of the most important initiatives this has sparked is the establishment of a new Certificate in Sacred Scripture that was developed by Dr. Stéphane Saulnier. This ten-course undergraduate certificate gives students the opportunity to "listen to the Word" more deeply and to understand Scripture in a way that integrates academic study with our personal faith and spiritual development. The certificate can be taken part-time on campus or at a distance, an expression of the College's commitment to increased accessibility. Sacred Scripture nourishes our faith and keeps us in dialogue with the heart of Christ. As a College we are proud to make this opportunity available in response to the Archdiocese's pastoral plan.

We are also in the process of developing new and exciting initiatives for the future. Of course, all of these efforts take resources. The faculty and staff of the College have been incredibly generous in their commitment to this work. I can say with confidence that everyone on our staff is fully engaged in their work as a vocational commitment in service to Christ and the Church. I thank you for your generous support of Newman Theological College in the past and hope that you will continue to support us in our vibrant and essential vision of developing life-long disciples and ministers of Christ through the formation of minds and hearts.

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Leaving a Legacy of Faith

The many Catholics who came before us built the Church we grew up in. This was a beautiful way of ensuring that the gift of faith they held so dearly could be passed onto us.

Rosemary remembers growing up on a farm outside of Red Deer and her father's careful way with money. "We

had what we needed, but not always what we wanted." She sometimes wondered as a child whether her father lacked generosity but then discovered at his death that he had been a supporter of St. Joseph Seminary through all those years. She decided to do the same.

For Rosemary, and her father before her, the decision to include a bequest in her will to support the work of St.

Joseph Seminary in its mission to train and form men for the priesthood is an expression of love for the Church. It is a gesture of gratitude for the faithful pastors who journeyed with them through the good times and the bad throughout life. It is also an expression of gratitude to God for all she has received in life and a way to help others in their faith journey.

Have you ever considered the impact you could have on the faith of generations to come after you through a gift in your will to St. Joseph Seminary and/or Newman Theological College?

In addition to leaving a gift of faith, most people are not aware that a gift made through their will can also have a positive impact on estate taxes. It offers an opportunity to provide for the needs of loved ones as well as a

way to ensure a strong future for the Church. Charitable gifts in Alberta enjoy a 50% tax credit (after the first \$200) while you are alive and also on your final tax filing after death.

For more information, please contact Joan Harrison Donor Engagement, Legacy Gifts at 780.469.1010 or plannedgiving@caedm.ca

Rosemary Paetz



College grads make a 'massive difference' in Catholic schools

As principal of St. Joseph's High School in Edmonton, Brad Koshka appreciates the gift of education at Newman Theological College.

"I grew up in a staunch Catholic family; I thought I understood my faith tradition," says Brad. "I came to realize pretty quickly after becoming a department head that I really didn't.

"I came to realize that on a daily basis, eight to nine hundred times a day in Edmonton Catholic schools, there are teachers who are referring to a Newman grad for support."

Brad himself studied at Newman for a graduate diploma in religious education, an experience he describes as transformative both personally and professionally.

"Not only does it change you as a teacher, it changes you as a human being. It really helped me get a newfound understanding of my faith tradition," he says.

"The fact of the matter is that we have a lot of people that we work with in our schools who are broken people, and you can't fix that with money, status or possessions. Christ's message is just as valid today, if not more so. It's impossible to educate the whole child void of faith."

Stephanie Bajac is a teacher also at St. Joe's High School. She has found the enrichment of her own faith while studying at Newman a priceless gift that assists her daily with her students. "The teenagers I work with are never satisfied with surface level answers. The more I learn about Christology and moral theology and Scripture, the more I actually have some substance to back up my answers when in class."

For Brad, Stephanie and many other Catholic school teachers, studying at Newman has been both a privilege and a blessing, and they are grateful for your gifts of prayers, time and treasure that help make it possible.

"Your support is hugely appreciated, and you need to know it's making a massive difference in our Catholic schools at a time when it is so desperately needed. Thank you so much for your ongoing support, and here's to many more years of changing lives, because that's what this experience does."

Watch the video of Stephanie and Brad at: www.newman.edu



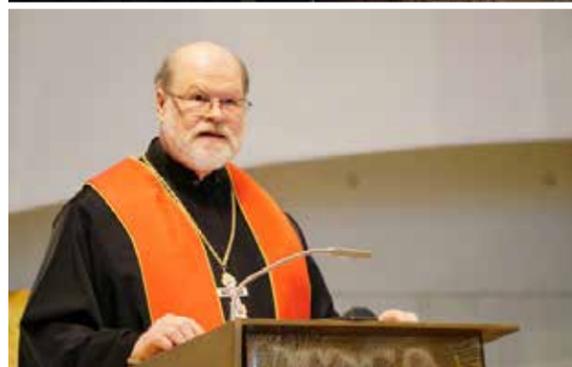
Brad Koshka and Stephanie Bajac

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FOUNDATION AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation of SJS & NTC has been set and you are invited!

Friday, December 7, 2018
11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Seminary
12:00 p.m. Lunch at Newman Theological College
AGM to follow

Please contact Jenny to RSVP at rsvp@caedm.ca or 780-469-1010



From Convocation 2018



2018 NTC Graduates

Master of Theology
Harrison Ayre, B.A., M.Div.*

Master of Divinity
Kendrick Anthony Beler, B.A.
Emmanuel Aniekani Ekanem, B.A.
Joshua Gundrum, B.P.E.
Belinda Halbach, B.Ed.*
Robert John Lee, B.A.
Bernadette Marie Mandrusiak, B.A., B.Sc.*
Joshua Basil Pimentel, B.Sc.
Derek Richard Remus, B.A.*
Barry Tkachuk, B.A.
Darryl William Tymchuk*

Master of Theological Studies
Andrea Lee Halisheff Leader, B.A.*

Bachelor of Theology
Yaroslav Lutsyuk
Mathew Alexander McPhee
Arun Prakash Menezes, B.A., B.Ph., M.A., M.Sc., PGDHRM*
Michael James Perras*

Master of Religious Education
Curt L. Baron, B.Ed.
Elizabeth Marie Dokken, B.Ed.
Caroline Biollo Giammarioli, B.Ed.
Billie-Jo Grant, B.Ed.
Jo-Ann Kelly, B.Ed.*
Trish Lema, B.Ed., G.C.C.S.A.*
Heidi M. Maas, B.Ed.*
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Marlys Phillips, B.Ed.*
Christine Lori-Ann Piro, B.Ed.
Oriana Profiri Giordano, B.Ed., Dip.B.A.
Peter Lev Schreiber, B.A., B.Ed.*
Heather Standish, B.Ed.
Joshua Peter Van Uden, B.Mgt., B.Ed.
Maria Bernadette Wagner, B.Sc. (QTS)*

* graduating with distinction

The Fall Campaign 2018 hopes to raise \$120,000 in support of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College. Thanks to our great volunteers, our administrative costs are kept down to 6.5%. Thank you very much for your continuing support that ensures well-formed Catholic leaders of faith (both lay and ordained) in our parishes, schools, institutions and families.

2018 Award Winners



Mike Paonessa, 2018 recipient of NTC's Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award.



Darryl Tymchuk, recipient of the Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Outstanding Student Award presented by Friars. Pictured with (from left) Sal Corea, Friars Co-provincial General 2018, Dr. Jason West, Darryl Tymchuk, Archbishop Richard Smith. Also recipient of the 2018 Sr. Anne Honig Service Award.



Jo-Ann Kelly, recipient of the Emmaus Award. Pictured with Sandra Talarico (right).



Adam Rieger, the recipient of the Doreen Melton Scholarship presented at the Edmonton Diocesan CWL Convention in April 2018. Pictured with Cheryl Boom (right) and Jessie Sandmaier (left)

“...To Study Scripture, the soul of Theology...”

Dr. Stéphane Saulnier, Professor of Sacred Scripture

As a response to Archbishop Richard Smith's 2017 Pastoral Letter "Living in the Word of God," Newman Theological College has recently launched the Certificate of Theology – Sacred Scripture route. This undergraduate program offers ten courses, six of which are to be taken in the area of Sacred Scripture.

Teaching Sacred Scripture is nothing new at Newman Theological College. Since its foundation by Archbishop Anthony Jordan in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, many seminarians, ordained, religious, and lay people – Catholics and from other Christian denominations - have received instruction in what has been termed the soul of theology. Nor is it anything new in the Church. Dei Verbum, the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, explicitly synthesizes what the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has continuously taught: that Sacred Scripture, the Old Testament and New Testament in their entirety, are inspired by God and have God as their author (Dei Verbum 11). Secondly, Sacred Scripture together with sacred tradition, 'flowing from the same divine wellspring' that is Christ (DV 9), form 'one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church' (DV 10). And finally, the authentic interpretation of this word of God has been 'entrusted exclusively to the teaching office of the Church', so that 'sacred tradition, Sacred Scripture and the teaching authority of the Church ... under the action of the Holy Spirit contribute effectively to the salvation of souls' (DV 10; emphasis added).

The belief that Sacred Scripture reveals Christ and speaks of him is present from the very beginnings of the Church and is found in Sacred Scripture itself. Consider briefly three short examples taken from the

Gospels. First, in the context of the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus declares "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them" (Mt 5:17). The expression 'the law and the Prophets' in Jesus' time is used to refer to the Scriptures of Israel – what today we call the Old Testament. What Jesus is saying, then, is that he fulfils the entirety of Israel's Scriptures. This speaks of a profound unity between what the Scriptures of Israel proclaimed and what Jesus did and said in the context of proclaiming the Gospel and entrusting the Apostles with its Truth.

Second, in John's Gospel, in the context of a heated discussion with the Pharisees, Jesus declares 'if you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he (Moses) wrote of me' (Jn 5:46). In this context the reference to what Moses wrote is also a reference to Israel's Scriptures. Jesus' claim that the Scriptures speak of him could not be clearer. Finally, in the last chapter of the Gospel of Luke one comes across the account of Jesus' apparition to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who, while they 'had hoped that he (Jesus) was the one to redeem Israel' (Lk 24:21), are moving away from Jerusalem, all hope seemingly dashed after having witnessed the events of Passion week. Dialoguing with them the Risen Jesus exclaims:

"O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself' (Lk 24:25-26).

While the hope of salvation they held as a result of having followed Jesus during his ministry was well founded, their temporary despair seems to have resulted from their failure to 'read' (i.e. interpret) the scriptures. So Jesus himself teaches them that in order to understand them properly, Israel's Scriptures must be interpreted in light of his life, death, and resurrection. The outcome? "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened the Scriptures?" (Lk 24:32). This suggests that Scripture properly interpreted – that is, with the guidance of the Risen Jesus on the way to Emmaus; with the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our time – verifies the hope that Jesus is indeed the one who saves us, so that our hearts burn within us as the Scriptures' revelation of who the Christ is comes to light.

This new lens for reading (understanding and interpreting) Scripture given them – and the Church – by Jesus himself, from then on becomes the template to be applied to the task of interpreting Sacred Scriptures, including this time the witness of the sacred authors of the New Testament, from a faith perspective. In other words, the Christ event is the only lens through which the one word of God - Sacred Scripture and sacred tradition - can be properly interpreted and understood. This is the lens adopted and applied

authentically by the Church ever since. In the last decade alone the Church has continued to unpack this principle, not least through Pope Benedict XVI Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, in which the Pope reminds us of the place and role of the Word of God in the life and mission of the Church. Implicit to this is the necessity – not just the option - to study Scripture, the soul of Theology, with the Mind of the Church, so that we may live by it.

This invitation is echoed in Archbishop Richard Smith's 2017 Pastoral Letter 'Living in the Word of God.' At the heart of the letter is the teaching found in Scripture that the true family of Christ are those who 'do the will of my Father' (cf. Mt 12:50), and the invitation to abide by this teaching. The study of Sacred Scripture with the mind of the Church is an important tool we the faithful can use in order to come to know what the will of the Father is. The new Certificate of Theology – Sacred Scripture route is designed to address this particular priority in the Church today.

Let me finish by expressing our profound gratitude to you, the many donors whose generous gifts enable us to continue the mission of Newman Theological College in Western Canada and beyond. It is your generosity in sharing the gifts God has entrusted to your care that sustains us in our endeavour to 'do

the will of the Father.' Equipping the faithful to interpret Scripture with the Mind of the Church, a Mind that is configured by Christ himself, is indeed an important part of that task. To Philip's request 'show us the Father' Jesus replied 'he who has seen me has seen the Father' (Jn 14:9). Sacred Scripture witnesses to the Christ, to the Father who sent him, and to the Holy Spirit. On this the traditional date (September 30) celebrating the Feast of St. Jerome, the Great Doctor of the Church, it is fitting to recall these words of his: 'ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.' Let us continue to labour together to promote among the Faithful the study of the Sacred Scripture with the Mind of the Church.

God bless you and keep you. Please pray for us.



Speaker
**Rev. Raymond
de Souza**

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Saturday, November 24 at 9:00 am Mass followed by

Chastity and the Credibility of the Gospel: A discussion with
Fr. Raymond on the state of the Church today

Location: St. Thomas More Parish * 210 Haddow Close, Edmonton

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2018 winning team from top left: Sam Amelio, John Szaszkiwicz, Jason Milligan, Peter Duckett, Sal Corea and Ethan Corea.



Congratulations to Doug Hawrelak (left) who got a **HOLE IN ONE** at this year's tournament. Pictured with Dave Wolsegger (right).



Lisa Turchansky, ECS Trustee (left) and Mary Beth Jankovic, Foundation Board Member (right) taking a photo with the Holy Father at the tournament.

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13th Annual Faith Fitness & Fun Run/Walk

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in this year's Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk - the runners, walkers, volunteers and sponsors.

A new participation record was set this year with 402 runners & walkers. An amazing \$40,000 was raised through donations, pledges and sponsorship.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 14th annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk coming up on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Newman Theological College.

Please email funrun@caedm.ca for more information.

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