

## 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 incredible effort and dedication, both to her studies in the Master of Religious Education Program as well the tremendous contributions she has made to her school division specifically and Catholic education in general. Not only has she achieved distinction in her studies, she has also taught Religious Education in Middle and High School, has served her division as a Faith Coach, has participated as part of her division's Faith Day Planning Team, has created teaching liturgies and activities to celebrate World Catholic Education Day, and has developed guidelines to teach the Sanctity of Human Life in Religious Education and other core subjects. She is prayerful, faith-filled, and has successfully connected her academic work with her day to day practice.

Please join me in congratulating this year's recipient from Red Deer Catholic: **Jo-Ann Kelly**.