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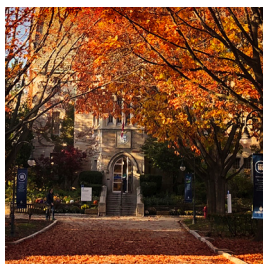
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FROM FOUNDERS HOUSE

The Invisible Things at the Heart of St. Mike's



IHAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE: since I was very young, through my years as a school teacher, right up until today, I have harboured an enduring love of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's children's classic, *Le Petit Prince*. ¶ What child could resist a talking fox, a personal planet with a beautiful Rose, and best of all, depictions of an elephant-swallowing snake?

But it is the simple, seemingly innocent lines spoken by the book's cartoonish characters that inevitably pop into my head like literary ear-worms that keep me coming back to Saint-Exupéry's real purpose, which was to assert his understanding of a few of life's greater truths.

"If I knew you were coming at four in the afternoon, I would begin to be happy by three."

Recently, as we journeyed through Advent, the season of anticipation, I was reminded of the fox's assertion that waiting (in preparation for an important event, or in expectation of the arrival of a loved one) is perhaps among life's greatest joys. As President, one of the privileges of my position is to look out from the Convocation platform into the faces of the family and friends of our graduates as they wait to hear that one name announced and to see their beloved walk across the stage. It can take your breath away.

"What is essential is invisible..."

You've heard me speak frequently about the remarkable beauty of our campus. I am biased, it is true, but you would be hard-pressed to find a more stunning setting for university study in Canada. This magazine, our web site, and our promotional brochures are filled with photos of tree-lined Elmsley Lane, the Brennan rock gardens, the historic neo-gothic St. Basil's Church and Queen's Park buildings, and the remarkable public art. I am sure you have your own favourite corner of Clover Hill.

We call St. Mike's an 'educational oasis in the city' for a reason, and it is indeed a thing of beauty. But that beauty runs much deeper than the physical reality of our campus. If the pandemic taught us anything it is the people (our students, staff and alumni) who bring life to our community. Without the conversations (whether in the COOP, the Kelly



Library, or Teefy, More and Fisher Houses), without the mentoring, the coffee houses and plays, the laughs, the triumphs and celebrations, and even the tears, this place is, well, empty. Our return to campus this year has made that patently clear to us all. I am forcefully reminded of what makes St. Mike's special when I sit with and listen to alumni who tell me the stories of St. Mike's, which are first and foremost stories of relationships, and, in fact, stories of their lives.

Ultimately, what Saint-Exupéry is on about in *Le Petit Prince* is the importance of our relationships. The quality of our personal interactions shape the vitality of our whole community. And this reality is not necessarily visible to the naked eye, and certainly not to the inattentive. It is founded upon our recognition, respect, appreciation, and love for each other, in all our differences, giftedness and brokenness. And these bonds speak not just to our relationship to each other, but to responsibilities to this community and to the world.

And isn't this what St. Mike's has been about all along? The people, the experiences, the memories, and the relationships that are

the essential and often invisible thread that ties us to each other and to this place, and calls us to seek justice for all humanity. Except, it's not that invisible these days. For anyone who is paying attention, the community of St. Michael's is flourishing: you can actually feel it.

Or as Saint-Exupéry explains, in the end, it's not the eyes that help us see what is truly important:

"l'essentiel est invisible, on ne voit bien qu'avec le coeur." ♦



David G. Sylvester

*David Sylvester, PhD
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REGIS ST. MICHAEL'S FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Regis St. Michael's: A New Era in Theological Education



THIS YEAR'S LAUNCH OF THE Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology has brought a spirit of excitement and renewal to campus as students, professors, administrators, and alumni ponder innovative ways to approach and deliver theological education to best serve students, the Church, the academy, and the world. ¶ Pope Francis's latest encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, with its emphasis on the power of positive relationships and the need to view the world as one human family, served as inspiration for the discussions that led to a formal relationship between the two faculties, each viewed around the world as a leader in Catholic theological education.

The idea of bringing Regis College and the St. Michael's Faculty of Theology together has been discussed since the 1980s and the two faculties have worked together on many practical levels, from library to course scheduling, for many years. The current federation discussions began formally in 2021, with a steering committee struck to determine how an alliance between the two institutions could offer enhanced theological education in ways such as expanded course offerings, more robust programming and the creation of an even broader, more diverse student

population. The initiative was formalized in December 2021 and was launched in May 2022.

Regis St. Michael's affirms and brings into conversation the great traditions and charisms of both the Jesuits and Basilians, with the formational influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Loretto Sisters continuing to play a central role. These charisms will remain strong, and inform each other.

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Meet Dr. Jaroslav Skira

Inaugural Dean of the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology

When **Dr. Jaroslav Skira** was a teenager, his plan was to follow in his father's footsteps in civil engineering. His exposure to the humanities as an undergraduate at St. Michael's, however, changed his career path entirely. ¶ "The humanities kindled my passions," he says, citing St. Michael's Christianity & Culture program and professors like Fr. Robert Barringer, CSB, Msgr. Edward Synan, and Dr. Janine Langan as powerful influences.

Today, Skira is the inaugural Dean of the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, leading the initiative to join the two institutions into a single centre of excellence in theology, a place that will serve both the church and the academy.

Skira was born in Toronto to parents who had been displaced from their homes in Ukraine in the aftermath of World War II. That experience, he says, contributed to his desire to reflect on the transcendent in our lives and inspired him to study political philosophy and theology as a way to delve deeper into temporal questions.

Being raised as a Ukrainian Eastern Catholic in a family that includes Eastern Orthodox relatives helped him appreciate the richness and diversity of religious traditions, he adds, noting that his appreciation only deepened as he continued work on an MA and then a PhD at St. Mike's, with its Roman Catholic

roots. All this in one of the most diverse cities in the world, fueling his desire to help build Regis St. Michael's as a place where fruitful, productive conversations between cultures and faiths can take place, adding to the university experience and creating new ways to engage with those too long seen as existing on the peripheries.

Skira, who is a specialist in historical theology, knows both Regis and St. Michael's well, having taught in both institutions, including at St. Michael's Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. He has also taught at the L'viv Theological Academy (now the Ukrainian Catholic University), Ukraine. He received tenure at Regis College in 2005. In 2011, he began serving as the Founding Director, Graduate Centre for Theological Studies of the Toronto School of Theology, a position he held until 2018. A favourite course he's taught looks at Eastern Christian icons.

He describes himself as particularly influenced by Pope Francis's emphasis on social justice and dialogue in encyclicals such as *Amoris Laetitia* and *Fratelli Tutti* and hopes they will factor into the direction the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology is to take in the coming years.

Married with two adult children, Skira enjoys carpentry as a hobby, and is proud of the garlic, hot peppers and cherries he grows in his garden. ♦



The centre for theology brings together two groups of world-renowned faculty members, two extensive library collections, and two keen, intelligent groups of students, lay and religious, from around the world. As St. Michael's President David Sylvester likes to say, the alliance of the two institutions in the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology has been guided by the principle that this dynamic new centre for theological learning and learning is greater than the sum of its parts.

The formal federation also aligns the resources of both institutions in the strategic and most productive way. Course duplications are being eliminated and operational efficiencies will free up funds for students who no longer have to divide their loyalties between two places with global standing. By ending the practice of each theologate duplicating foundational course offerings, for example, professors then have more leeway to develop new course proposals in response to emerging issues, or to offer courses that reflect their unique expertise.

Sharpening the focus and eliminating distractions will allow Regis St. Michael's to better serve all its constituencies, says Inaugural Dean Jaroslav Skira. And he sees the benefits as touching far more than theology students.

"I'd like the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology to serve as a prophetic voice not only for our students but also for other disciplines, and other faiths," Skira says. "We have a role to play in the University of Toronto and the broader world, working to examine

and respond to the important conversations being had relating to the dignity of all people and the common good."

Since the federation was formally launched this past spring, much progress has been made. In the spirit of *Fratelli tutti*, faculty

Campus Ministry team, so St. Michael's undergraduate students are also already reaping the benefits of the alliance.

Professors and administrators are now focused on a range of related issues, included crafting joint mission and vision statements,

“The new Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology gives us the strength and — more importantly, the right mix of people — to serve all our constituencies well.”

members from both Regis and St. Michael's came together as one group in September for the first time for the annual day of the planning for the academic year.

Teams from both St. Michael's and Regis meet regularly to talk about next steps in the federation.

While Regis maintains its Governing Council and St. Michael's its Collegium, an oversight committee has been established for Regis St. Michael's, consisting of the presidents and chairs of each institution's governing body. A five-year financial plan, drawn up by the original steering committee, is in place. There is even a common charitable Foundation to garner philanthropic support for this world-class centre of theology.

Student collaboration is one of the greatest benefits of the Federation. Common weekly liturgies are in place, alternating between the Regis chapel and St. Basil's Church. And two Jesuit students now serve on St. Michael's

conducting a space audit, and considering new course possibilities. They are also examining ways in which degree offerings at each institution will be harmonized, with the launch of degree cohorts in a unified stream beginning in 2025. A common Convocation is in the works.

"We are called to serve in many ways. We want to position ourselves to meet the various needs of our students and we want to serve the Church in these challenging times. We want to facilitate conversations around questions of ecumenism and culture, and the pressing issues of environmental sustainability and Reconciliation. We are called to serve as strong stewards for legacies of the Basilians, the Jesuits, the Loretos and Sisters of St. Joseph's," Skira says. "The new Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology gives us the strength and — more importantly, the right mix of people — to serve all our constituencies well. These are exciting times." ♦

Regis St. Mike's Team Meets Up

September 1st was a day for the history books as faculty and staff members from the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology gathered as a group for the first time.





BEING WELL AT ST. MIKE'S

Safeguarding the Health and Wellbeing of Our Students

ST. MIKE'S HAS ALWAYS PLACED concern for students' physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing at the heart of each and every decision. ¶ But the months and years of COVID have presented our students with unprecedented challenges as they have coped with the upheaval, uncertainty, and isolation caused by the pandemic, a sudden reality that has only added to the stress many students feel today.

Over the past several years, the number of university and college students in Canada with identified mental health issues has more than doubled. The number of students reporting anxiety, depression and suicide attempts have risen dramatically. A focus on the health and wellbeing of young people is central to realizing their potential.

That's why St. Mike's views student wellbeing through a broad lens. Students at St. Mike's have access to the full mental health supports at the University of Toronto, which includes

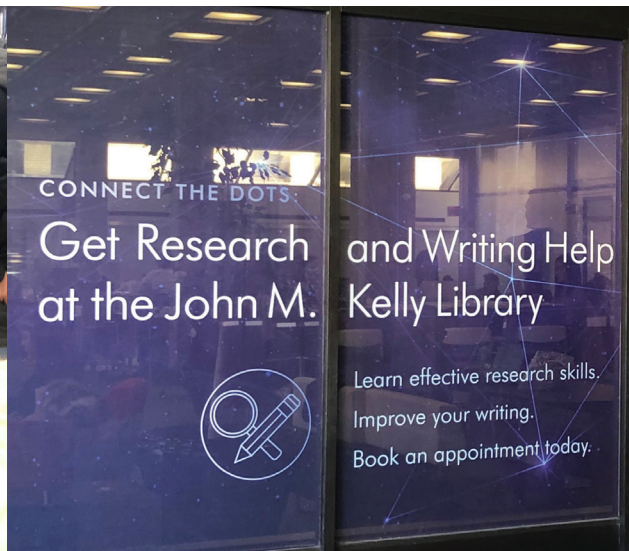
U of T's commitment to same-day counselling services supports students' acute needs during crisis and is delivered virtually—the location of these supports has become irrelevant.

St. Mike's recognizes the tremendous value of the crisis support provided by U of T, and we also remain committed to continuing our approach of providing personalized support and a robust suite of activities that support students through critical moments while developing coping skills that will last a lifetime.

Among our supports we offer:

- **A Wellness Counsellor** provides clinical support and/or counselling services to students who are experiencing personal, social and/or educational distress
- **The First-Year Check-in Program** pairs incoming students with a professor to demystify the relationship and enhance connections within the St. Mike's community
- **The St. Mike's Mentorship Program** pairs trained, upper-year students who model

From left: Our new Wellness Centre, located in Elmsley Hall, offers students space for everything from yoga and dance to listening circles run by Campus Ministry and Student Life. Students welcome therapy dogs at this fall's Wellness Day in the COOP. The Kelly Library offers research and writing assistance.





positive qualities with first-year students to foster personalized relationships

- **Commuter Dons and Residence Dons** connect students to the larger St. Mike's community. We've recently renovated a room in Brennan Hall to become the new Commuter Lounge, a campus location Commuters can consider their home away from home
- **Safetalk** training is provided to all student leaders and Dons, and on request to other members of the St. Mike's community, to empower everyone to play a role in suicide prevention by recognizing the signs that someone is in distress
- **St. Mike's Wellness Council**, a student initiative, is dedicated to providing students access to

wellness-based events

- **The Student Wellness Studio** supports wellness programming such as mindfulness, yoga, and physical activities
 - **Spiritual support** is delivered through St. Mike's Campus Ministry, St. Basil's, and connections to multi-faith and Indigenous groups at U of T
 - **Academic Support and Advising** comes via relationships built with professors, mentors and peers, as well as a range of services such as the Writing Centre
 - **Emergency bursaries** offer Financial support
- In November of 2020, the Student Union wrote to administration, requesting additional support. They requested that we:
- Raise awareness about mental

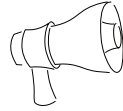
health and decrease mental illness-related stigma

- Provide healthier and safer institutional environments
- Improve opportunities for student success and flourishing
- Promote life and resiliency skills that students can use in daily life

We are proud of our students for their desire to raise awareness of mental health issues and their desire to care for each other. In response, St. Mike's continues to work toward these goals by providing a range of supports and services.

We are deeply grateful for your support in helping us to protect and care for our students. ♦

Being Well at St. Mike's: Should you wish to learn more about how you can help, please contact the **Advancement Team** at 416-926-1300 or at smc.annualfund@utoronto.ca



FIRST PERSON

Celebrating the Loretto Sisters in Canada



A Valuable Legacy

BY ANGELA CONVERTINI



AS WE CELEBRATED THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY of the Loretto Sisters' landing in Toronto on September 16, 1847, I have reflected on my Loretto experience, and the impact it has had on my life and my time at St. Mike's. My introduction to Loretto goes back to elementary school in Niagara Falls, where the Loretto Sisters were my teachers and Principals. From there I went to Loretto Academy, and then to St. Michael's College and Loretto College Women's Residence, where I was active in student government, became a Don, and in 2004 I returned to be Dean of Women.

A Loretto education meant being steeped in the values of the Loretto founder, Mary Ward. Justice, integrity, and freedom were not just words for us. These values became a part of our decision-making, our

interactions with others and, in short, of our lives.

I have so many wonderful memories of my years in residence at Loretto College. The many social activities in conjunction with St. Mike's, including the weekly

Top: The Loretto Sisters have long played a crucial role in the life of the University of St. Michael's College. Above right: Angela Convertini.

Friday night pubs in the COOP and the coffee houses where we could share our musical and literary talents, were great opportunities for the young men of St. Mike's to elevate their language and behaviour in the presence of the young women of Loretto!

Life at St. Mike's was not all social. We did, in fact, attend classes and study. I fondly remember Fathers Charles Principe and Richard Donovan, whose classes in French language and literature provided a wonderful foundation for me as a future French teacher. Father Belyea's lectures were stimulating, thought-provoking, and always generated interesting, and sometimes heated, discussion as varying points of view were debated.

In those days, the student liturgies in St. Basil's basement chapel were very special. We at Loretto were greatly involved in the planning of the "folk Masses". We actively participated as lectors, musicians, and members of the choir. The Basilian priests were not just celebrants at Mass once a week but were present in every aspect of life on campus, from the Chapel and the classroom to the COOP.

During the 70's, social justice was front and centre at Loretto. Through the many workshops and talks we attended and sponsored we became aware of the terrible conditions under which the workers in California migrant camps were living and working. Under the leadership of our Dean at the time, Sister Carolyn Dawson, we decided to support labour activist Cesar Chavez by boycotting lettuce and grapes at the residence. Furthermore, we began to speak of the injustice with our families and friends, thus broadening the scope

of our boycott, while educating the larger community.

The Loretto Sisters have made major contributions to St. Mike's academically. Like many before them, Sisters Olga Warnke, Frances Nims, and Marion Norman were extremely well-respected and loved professors for many years at St. Mike's, and, I dare say, have become legends.

During my years as Dean, the

“I truly believe that Mary Ward's values of justice, integrity, and freedom contribute to making St. Michael's College the wonderful community it is, and to making the world a better place.”

Loretto Sisters were in the forefront regarding environmental issues. They were the first on campus to install solar panels on the roof of the College, and to renovate to conserve hydro and water. With incredible patience, the Sisters, the staff, and the students survived the many months of major renovations. In the end all were delighted with the results.

In collaboration with the Mary Ward Centre at Loretto College, Loretto and St. Mike's students had an opportunity to minister to the homeless in Toronto. On Saturday mornings throughout the winter months, the students would gather at Loretto to make sandwiches and prepare hot drinks to take along on the homeless walk. This ministry proved to be a deeply spiritual experience for many.

In essence, I believe the contribution of Loretto to St. Michael's College can be summarized by the lessons we strive to inculcate in each

of our students, whether they are in our classrooms, or in our residences.

Loretto empowers young women to challenge injustice and to work toward just and meaningful policies and laws. It teaches love of God, love of self and neighbour, and stewardship of creation. Loretto teaches endurance, resilience, determination and even joy in hardship. Loretto also teaches hospitality, generosity, openness, optimism,

and laughter.

I truly believe that Mary Ward's values of justice, integrity, and freedom contribute to making St. Michael's College the wonderful community it is, and to making the world a better place. ♦

Angela Convertini graduated from St. Michael's College in 1977 and received her Bachelor of Education from OISE in 1978. She completed the Degree of Master of Science in Education from Niagara University in 1986. In 1992 she received her Ontario Supervisory Officer certification (SOQP). In September 1978 she began her career in Catholic education at Toronto's Loretto Abbey. In 2004 she was seconded from the TCDSB to be Dean at Loretto College Women's Residence, at St. Mike's, where she remained until 2016.

A version of this piece ran on our website, stmikes.utoronto.ca, on May 20, 2022 as part of our *InsightOut* blog. If you have a St. Mike's memory you'd like to share and want to find out how to submit to *InsightOut*, please contact: [Catherine Mulroney](mailto:Catherine.Mulroney@utoronto.ca)





Embracing a Return to Life on Campus

Above: Wellness Day in the Coop.

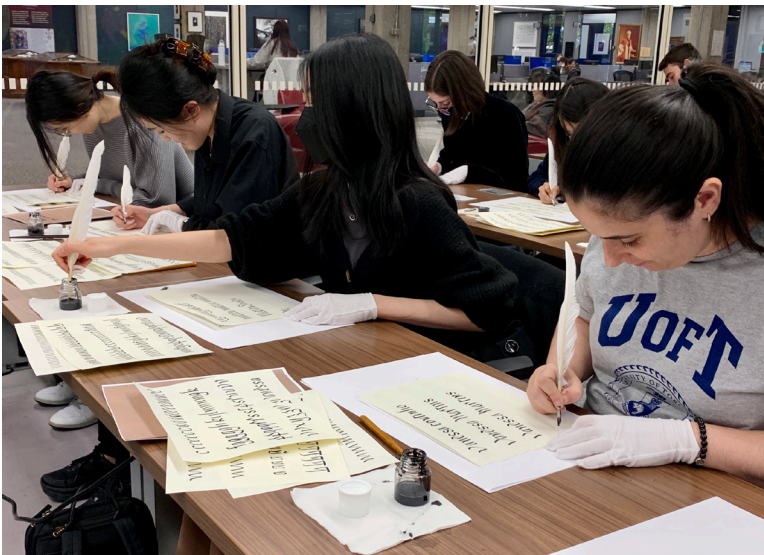
Left: St. Mike's wins the bed races yet again.

Below: Orientation

Back to class: Book and Media Studies students learn the art of Mediaeval script writing.

International students enjoy St. Mike's Welcome Lunch.

THE CAMPUS CAME FULLY BACK TO LIFE as we celebrated the return to in-person Orientation for our undergrads. With events from September 4th through 7th, we welcomed more than 1,000 students to campus for a comprehensive program that featured social, academic and community events — and tons of fun! And the welcome continued with events like a special luncheon for our international students early in October, providing practical information as well an official welcome to help them feel at home. 🍴 It's been an exciting few months, with a new appreciation for how fortunate we are to be part of the St. Mike's community. To keep abreast of what's happening on campus, as well as what great events are coming up, follow us on on social media: @uStMikes.







The St. Michael's community celebrated the day in style, with an impressive display of regalia.

Celebrating Michaelmas

Teamwork across campus helped us mark Michaelmas, our feast day. The celebration began with Mass at St. Basil's, which was followed by lunch and speeches, and then time for fun and festivities. In the evening, Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, who is director of the Vatican Observatory, delivered a lecture —“God's Mechanics” — and then students and young alumni mingled at a pub night. All in all, a wonderful day to celebrate our patron saint! ♦



President David Sylvester and St. Mike's College Student Union President, Evangeline Cowie cut the Michaelmas cake mediaeval style — with a sword.

Previous page: Scenes from Brennan Hall, the COOP patio, Kelly's Korner, and the Kelly Library.



The Campus Ministry team greets students at St. Mike's Clubs Fair.

Community Mass Returns

Remember the good old days of the student Mass? Campus Ministry has brought the tradition back, with the 6:30 pm Saturday Mass at St. Basil's during the fall and winter semesters, followed by a community dinner. ♦





CAMPUS NOTES

News from St. Mike's

UNIVERSITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Alumna Rosanne Rocchi to Chair Collegium

St. Mike's alumna **Rosanne Rocchi** has been elected Chair of Collegium, St. Michael's highest governing body. Rocchi (USMC 7T5), who has served one term as an alumni representative, becomes the first lay woman to hold the position. ♦



Faculty, friends and staff were delighted to meet Irish Consul Janice McGann (second from left).



Thanks to Drs. John McLaughlin and Mark McGowan

We also gathered to say thanks to **Dr. John L. McLaughlin**, who stepped up to the plate a second time as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Theology, as well as to **Dr. Mark McGowan** for his work as St. Mike's Interim Principal. McLaughlin will continue to serve as a Professor of Old Testament /Hebrew Bible at the Faculty of Theology, while McGowan is on sabbatical, then to return to serve as Senior Advisor to the President, of Catholic Education, as well as to his work in Celtic Studies and the University of Toronto's History Department. ♦

Irish Consul Visits

We were honoured by a visit from **Janice McGann**, the new Irish General Consul in Toronto. Also attending our gathering was St. Mike's good friend **Eithne Heffernan**, the honorary consul of Ireland in Toronto. ♦



Many thanks as well to **Dr. Nicholas Terpstra**, who served as Interim Principal this past fall. ♦



And welcome to **Dr. Jaroslav Skira**, the inaugural Dean at the **Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology**. For more information on Skira and the Faculty, please see page 6. ♦



Dr. Anderson (second from left) received a warm reception from all who attended. Right: Clara and Marc Langan.

The Annual Langan Lecture

The fall meant the return of in-person events, including the annual Langan Lecture. This year, the lecture, *Dawn of the West: How the Thought of Indigenous People Ushered in Modernity*, was delivered by **Dr. Emma Anderson**, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa. ♦

CAMPUS NOTES

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Ron Knowles Bursary Founded

A special bursary has been created to honour Ron Knowles, one of the founding instructors and architects of the St. Michael's program now known as the **Graduate Diploma in Social Responsibility and Sustainability**. The inaugural **Ron Knowles Bursary Award** was given this fall to current SR&S student **Suzanne Spragg**, who works as a Business Development and Donor Stewardship Officer with Habitat for Humanity GTA.

Knowles, who died in April of this year, had an extensive career in retail, including serving as Senior Vice President at the T. Eaton Co. He later became a National Director and partner at Western Management Consultants. A beloved mentor to students in SR&S program, Ron was known for his insightful questioning, patience, kindness, guidance, and strength. When he joined the St. Michael's program, his breadth of experience, appreciation of the value that business can bring to society and commitment to individuals as drivers of positive change proved invaluable.

The first award of its kind, the Ron Knowles Bursary Award will improve the accessibility and reach of the Diploma in Social Responsibility and Sustainability to carry forward Ron's legacy of making an incredible difference in the lives of people who want to make a positive social impact in the world. ♦



Winner Suzanne Spragg received her award from Ron Knowles' widow, Linda.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Networking Social a Hit

September's well-attended **Alumni Networking Social**, hosted in conjunction with **Student Life**, brought young alumni together with current students to mingle and to provide insight and advice on the post-grad world. ♦



A Helping Hand for Soon-to-be Grads

Grad Week featured events and programs for upper-year students to learn about post-grad opportunities, including a graduate admissions panel, an alumni wine and cheese night, and a career exploration workshop with St Mike's embedded career counsellor. ♦

LIVES LIVED



Mourning Dr. Barry Brown

The University of St. Michael's College mourns the loss of Professor Emeritus **Barry F. Brown**, a long-time member of St. Michael's Department of Philosophy who also taught in

the University of Toronto's Philosophy Department. Brown died on September 27, 2022. He joined St. Michael's in 1967 as a specialist in Thomas Aquinas but soon became increasingly involved in bioethics. In 1995, he co-founded the University of Toronto's Joint Centre for Bioethics.

The list of Brown's accomplishments is lengthy, including serving as St. Michael's Interim Principal for the 1986-1987 academic year. He also served as associate chair, undergraduate, in the Department of Philosophy and on the University's Governing Council. Outside U of T, Brown was a member of Ontario's Health Research and Development Council and presided over the Toronto Chapter and the National Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada.

While he retired from teaching in 1999, he remained involved with scientific ethics, including serving on the Quality Committee of the Board at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto well into his eighties.

The University extends its condolences to the Brown family, and his many colleagues and friends. ♦



JOHN M. KELLY LIBRARY

Introducing the Library's Multipurpose Room

Thanks to the **Friends of the Kelly Library**, there's a new study space on the library's ground floor where all the furniture is moveable, allowing students to make the space fit their needs. ♦

Kelly Library Exhibit: "Dante's Journey into the Visual Arts"

Even before the printing press, when Dante's *The Divine Comedy* was transmitted in hand-written copies, the text showed its enormous capacity to be accompanied by illustrations.

This fall, an exhibition in the John M. Kelly Library of 19 books from the **Di Giovanni Dante Collection** displayed some of the most important scenes in *The Divine Comedy*. In addition to facsimiles of 14th and 15th century manuscripts, the exhibition included illustrations by John Flaxman, Gustave Doré, William Blake, and Renato Guttuso. ♦



Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale Back with a Bang

Book lovers rejoiced at the return of the annual **St. Mike's Book Sale** this fall. Eager readers and used book connoisseurs returned *en masse* to support the Book Sale after a two-year pandemic-induced break. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the **Friends of the Kelly Library**, this year's book sale was a huge success. Father Madden Hall and the adjacent Specials Room were packed with finely sorted treasures, while hardworking volunteers ensured the four-day book sale ran smoothly. The Friends of the Kelly Library are proud to have raised just over \$35,000, comparable to the pre-pandemic sales, with funds supporting improvements to benefit the students and scholars using the Kelly Library. Planning is already underway to make next year's Book Sale another success, and the Friends will begin accepting book donations again in January 2023. ♦



THE DANTE GARDENS INSTALLATION

Dante and “The Divine Comedy” Arrive at St. Mike’s

We wanted to give you a sneak peek at the **Dante Gardens**, a 100-piece art installation that tells the story of poet Dante Alighieri’s classic work, *The Divine Comedy*. The work, by noted Canadian sculptor **Timothy Schmalz**, is being installed in the southwest corner of campus, with a grand unveiling planned for the spring.

This stunning addition to our campus is thanks to donors, who see sharing a visual rendering of Dante’s classic journey of the soul after death as providing inspiration to students and passersby alike. Donors will be thanked on a plaque placed in the garden. ♦

To learn more about the Dante Gardens, please contact **Ana Maria Faria**, Director of Development, Advancement, at 416-926-7259 or at anamaria.faria@utoronto.ca.



From right: Sculptor Timothy Schmalz and Fr. Dan Donovan at the Dante Gardens installation.



CAMPUS UPGRADES

Keeping our Campus Beautiful

We’re not known as the “oasis in the city” for nothing! Work is ongoing to make our gorgeous campus more sustainable and, if it’s possible, even more beautiful.

One of the latest additions? Jazzy new paving stones on Elmsley Place. ♦





FROM OUR ALUMNI

Building on a Legacy for Women

BY RITA-MARIE HADLEY, THERESA O'KEEFE AND BRENDA SWEENEY

LIVING IN A WOMEN'S RESIDENCE at St. Mike's was more than pajama parties, late-night exam cramming and Sunday ice cream in the cafeteria. As we now realize, life at St. Joseph's College and Loretto College was a thoughtful product of community building by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Loretto.

Through their intentional design, the Sisters created safe and dedicated residences that enabled women students to thrive academically, socially and spiritually. St. Joe's and Loretto offered life-changing experiences for thousands of women. Furthermore, as faculty and administrators, the Sisters broadened the horizons of students, both residents and commuters. From their earliest days on campus, the Sisters contributed to the positive trajectory of the lives of St. Mike's women.

Filling the Gap

While the Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ) and the Loretto Sisters (IBVM) no longer have the same presence on campus, many extremely competent women have stepped into leadership roles to fill the gap in governance, faculty, administration and student leadership. We want to support these women, and by doing so, honour the Sisters' legacy.

Starting in 2020 we began talking with people deeply committed to the lives of women at St. Mike's. These included the Sisters, campus leadership, faculty, current students,

and alumnae. Out of these conversations came ideas for initiatives that could lift women up, align with the St. Mike's 180 Strategic Priorities, and affirm the College's leadership role in the advancement of women students, faculty, and administrators.

These initiatives include:

- Establishing new institutional and existential spaces explicitly for women
- Celebrating historic women by naming places for them on campus
- Engaging women's perspectives in the design and management of residential life
- Overcoming systemic barriers to post-secondary education for underrepresented women
- Supporting female faculty and administrators to help them realize their full potential

Seizing the Opportunity

Recognizing that it will take many hands to realize these ideas, we created the Alumni Initiative for Women at St. Mike's (AI4W). It is an alumni affinity group that

identifies and responds to the needs of women at St. Mike's.

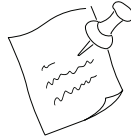
In an effort to demonstrate the value of such an initiative, over the past two years we have:

- Facilitated a strategic planning series to help the IBVM and CSJ Sisters define their hoped-for legacy at St. Mike's
- Nominated a woman for a Doctor of Sacred Letters, honoris causa (Sister Mechtilde O'Mara, CSJ received her degree at the 2022 Fall Convocation)
- Partnered with Alumni Affairs to plan a series of conversations with exciting alumnae in 2023

So far, it has been just the three of us but we hope others will join us because there's so much more we can do. To make this happen we need women from different generations and skill sets who can contribute to this vision from their perspective – and have fun! ♦



Will you join us? Send us a message on LinkedIn or at smc.alumni@utoronto.ca



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Keeping up to Date with our Alumni

News From Alumni and Friends



Congratulations to **Justin Towndale** (SMC 0T7) who was elected mayor of Cornwall, ON, and to **Bonnie Crombie** (SMC 8T2), who was elected for a third term as mayor of Mississauga, Ontario.



Frederick M. Pinto, ICD.D, CFA (SMC 8T9) has been appointed CEO of the CFA Society Toronto. Fred is now responsible for the

overall strategic direction and management of CFA Society Toronto, the largest society of charterholders globally. Core to this mandate is delivering outstanding member value, promoting high ethical standards in the investment industry, and increasing the visibility of the charter with

multiple key stakeholders in the Toronto financial services community.



Nicolina Scanga née Custoza (SMC 9T6) and **Bruno Scanga** (SMC 9T4) are proud to announce that their daughter **Emilia Scanga** (UTSC 22) graduated with a HBA Specialist in Psycholinguists. She now attends Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania,

completing a Master's in Speech Pathology.



Jadea Kelly (SMC 0T8) has been working, recording, and touring as a songwriter since 2008. She also works as a freelance arts grant writer, helping

Canadian artists secure funding for their recordings and careers. Currently based in Los Angeles, Jadea has just released her fourth album, 'Roses'. Her website is www.darthjadea.com. She says her time at St. Michael's helped her "grow up at a slow, encouraging pace and taught me how to write. I'll always cherish the friendships made during this time."

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Greg Rupik (SMC OT8), former Don and graduate of the Faculty of Theology (USMC 1T7), had a lot to celebrate in 2022! In

October he successfully defended his Doctoral dissertation, completed in the University of Toronto's Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology. Earlier this year, he was promoted from Special Projects Manager in the USMC President's Office to its Director, and he also serves as Secretary to the Collegium.



Katharine Stevenson (USMC OT9, OT1) has been appointed Superintendent of Education for the Durham Catholic

District School Board. A former Principal of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School in Milton, Ont., Stevenson has more than 30 years' experience as an educator, consultant and school administrator. She earned her Master of Religious Education and her Master of Arts, Theology at USMC and received a Certificate of Specialization from the Elliott Allen Institute for Ecology and Theology.



Zunwei Du (SMC 1T2) is currently a Director, GRM Technology at Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in Jersey City, New Jersey. At RBC,

she's been developing methodologies for strategies, stress testing, and credit impairment. She's published in the areas of rating-transition-probability model for stress testing and scenario loss weight estimation for International Financial Reporting Standard 9. After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2012, she pursued a Master of Financial Economics degree in 2013, for which she received the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. Other achievements include receiving the Norman Stuart Robertson Scholarship in Mathematics from the University of Toronto in 2011, St. Michael's College Gold Medal for BCOM Commerce & Finance in 2012, and the Competent Communicator award and the Competent Leader award from Toastmasters International in 2007.

Jackie Nguyen (SMC 1T6) recently joined Toronto's Luminato Festival

team. She was hired to establish a new membership program and to oversee the individual giving program.

This past May, **Caroline Nguyen Bélanger-Hilaire** (SMC Class 1T6) joined the Department of Justice as a legal counsel. She worked on the Tech and Digital law team until she returned to school to complete a Master of Laws at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in August of this year. Caroline was called to the Bar of Ontario in August 2021 after having completed a Juris Doctor at the University of Ottawa French Common Law Program.

Vanessa Corridor (SMC 1T8) is a third-year law student at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law at Lakehead University. In September she accepted an articling position with Benson Percival Brown LLP in Toronto.



Kyle Ferguson, who earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2011, and is now a doctoral student, is seen here with his wife, Novella, and their daughter, Annalisa. ♦



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!



What's new? We'd love to hear about you!

Send your updates to smc.alumni@utoronto.ca
High-res photos are encouraged.



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Who Graduated from St. Michael's in the Class Years Shown Here.*

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Damato (née de Lesseps),
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Donnelly, James M.P. SMC 5T0

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Elizabeth A. SMC 5T4

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1960s

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1980s

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Tate, Joseph Hugh USMC 8T3

1990s

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HONOURS

The Fr. Robert Madden, CSB, Leadership Awards



Celebrating the Academic and Extracurricular Achievements of the Class of 2022

FATHER ROBERT MADDEN WAS A MUCH-ADMIRED professor, chaplain and rector at St Mike’s who served as the Director of Alumni Affairs in his retirement. The Father Robert Madden Leadership Awards are presented to students who have made significant contributions to the University of St. Michael’s College community by demonstrating leadership, cooperation, and solidarity in student-run organizations or community endeavours. Here are the recipients of this year’s Fr. Robert Madden, CSB Leadership Awards. ♦



Marcio Gabriel Amancio de Carvalho
Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Biochemistry and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Minor in Physiology



Matthieu Chan Chee
Honours Bachelor of Science, Specialist in Computer Science (Focus in AI), Minor in Mathematics, Minor in Statistics



Cianna Judith Shui-Xin Choo
Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Neuroscience and Molecular Genetics & Microbiology



Simran Dhir
Honours Bachelor of Science, Specialist in Pharmacology and Biomedical Toxicology



Raechelle Farray
Honours Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in Human Geography and Environmental Studies and a Minor in Environmental Geography



Oghogho Abigail Iyekekpolor
Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Neuroscience and Psychology and Minor in Practical French



Fasika Jembere

Honours Bachelor of Science, Major in Human Biology & Double Minors in Psychology and Critical Studies in Equity & Solidarity



Ren Manalo

Honours Bachelor of Science, Major in Genome Biology, Double Minor in Mediaeval Studies and Anthropology, French-Language Citation



Mohammad Kamil Mansoori

Bachelor of Commerce, Specialist in Finance and Economics



Alyssa Marrelli

Honours Bachelor of Science, Major in Human Biology, Minors in Physiology and Italian



Victoria Marinelli

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Major in Women and Gender Studies and Double Minor in History and Political Science



Maya Martin-Spisak

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Major in History with a focus in Law and History, Double Minor in Linguistics and Book and Media Studies



Marie Rachel

Honours Bachelor of Science, Specialist in Immunology, Minor in Physiology



David Ari Rubenstein

Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Biochemistry and Physiology



Angela Sidsworth

Honours Bachelor of Science, Cell & Molecular Biology Specialist: Focus in Molecular Networks of the Cell, Psychology Major, and Physiology Minor



Kendall Sneyd

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Specialist in Archaeology and Major in History



Arjun Thapar

Honours Bachelor of Science, Major in Mathematics and Double Minors in Christianity & Culture and Drama,



Amina Urooj

Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Human Biology and Cell & Molecular Biology



Emily Villani

Honours Bachelor of Science with High Distinction, Double Major in Psychology and Critical Studies in Equity and Solidarity, Minor in Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies



Amanda Wyslobocki

Bachelor of Commerce



Neo Yin

Honours Bachelors of Science, Double Specialists in Math and Applied Math, Minor in Philosophy ♦



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2021-2022

Recognizing, with gratitude,
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for your gifts, and for sharing the stories
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FROM ALUMNI & ADVANCEMENT

Donors Help Make St. Mike's Extraordinary



BY LISA GLEVA, CFRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADVANCEMENT

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, I'VE HEARD FROM ALUMNI about the transformation they experienced at St. Mike's. About an instance, a person, or a club that left an indelible impression. About inspiration. About friendships. About feeling valued and supported. I'm not surprised to hear about these experiences. I see the way the St. Mike's community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—embody the spirit of community and how they make every effort to support one another. A welcoming and inclusive community surrounding students is imperative to support their achievement and their wellbeing and is among the factors that distinguish St. Mike's.

Current St. Mike's students thrive in our 'Oasis in the City' as generations have before them, in large part due to the support of our loyal donors. Your generosity allows us to continue to focus on fostering the physical and existential spaces where students connect with their professors, staff, and each other.

Thanks to donors, we have invested in renovations and upgrades that improve the student experience and reduce our carbon footprint, expanded programs that support student wellness, revitalized Campus Ministry, and maintained our focus on excellent

teaching and research that is fundamental at one of the world's top universities.

Our donors also allow us to provide unique personalized supports when students face an unexpected hurdle. From emergency financial support to counselling that supports students through critical moments while helping them develop lifelong skills, your support allows us to continue offering the many things that make St. Mike's such an extraordinary place.

From all of us at St. Michael's College, thank you! ♦





University of St. Michael's College

Donor Report 2021–2022

We are filled with Gratitude for the Loyalty and Generosity of St. Michael's Alumni and Friends

ST. MIKE'S MAKES A LASTING IMPRESSION. We hear that frequently from alumni who remember extraordinary professors and classes, helpful support staff, and lifelong friendships that began in the quad or the COOP. Your memories mean a great deal as they remind us of the impact of the St. Mike's experience. Each and every gift to St. Michael's helps us continue to create exceptional and innovative programming while offering students the support they need to excel. We are filled with gratitude for the loyalty and generosity of St. Michael's alumni and friends. ♦

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We are grateful to all the alumni listed here. These gifts, which honour their years on campus, mean a great deal to the St. Mike's community – especially to today's students who benefit from your generosity.

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“The pandemic brought challenges but also resilience. The St. Michael’s College community, staff, and professors helped me go through this time. I’ve been supported by the Wellness Centre, and I also have been stimulated by professors who enthusiastically kept giving classes remotely. Receiving this student award will allow me to be a productive student and be able to pay expenses that I have. Thank you, St. Mike’s!”

— *St. Michael’s Student*

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war caught up with me. I wonder how many of my classmates
are still with us. The University gave me a “war degree” in 4T4,
and we are all about to turn 100. All my very best,”



—George Wickes (SMC 4T4)

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— *St. Michael's Student*

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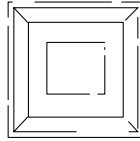
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Between Summer and Winter

The idea of painting autumn as the time between summer and winter is unusual and yet corresponds to something deeply human



BY FR. DANIEL DONOVAN



THE LARGE AND COLOURFUL OIL PAINTING in the collection by Monica Tap is in dialogue with aspects of the rich and varied Canadian tradition of landscape painting. Many of its best-known practitioners were either members of, or associated with, the Group of Seven.

Entitled “Between Summer and Winter” (2009), the work points to both of those seasons even as it celebrates the lush colours of a Canadian autumn. A distinctive feature of this painting is that we have along with it two preparatory studies. They allow us to trace to some extent the process by which Tap gradually transformed an idea into something visual and then added to and modified the original until gradually it was transformed into the remarkable painting we now see.

It began with the artist filming wooded areas on her regular bus ride from Toronto to the University of Guelph where she was teaching. The initial drawing in black and white was based on the film and offered a structure for the painting she would eventually produce.

As the process continued, she intensified some colours and added others, gradually brightening up what was initially a rather subdued pallet. In the process, the painting became brighter and the basic structure provided by the three or four trees in the foreground was



*"Between Summer and Winter" 60" x 80", oil on canvas, 2009,
The two studies are acrylic on paper, 12.5" x 14", Painting and studies: Wynick/Tuck Gallery*

reinforced. Particularly striking in the final stage is the intensifying of the yellow and the addition, as she puts it, of the "Matisse pink".

The studies help us to appreciate the long and sometimes winding journey the artist had to take before arriving at the very successful painting, which we now have and the beauty of which we are invited to enjoy. Although the painting seems so spontaneous and just right in its present form, it is in fact the result of a considerable amount of thought and effort and in many cases of trial and error.

The idea of painting autumn as the time between summer and winter is unusual and yet corresponds to something deeply human. At times, we find ourselves both looking back and looking forward, remembering the past and exploring possible futures. The former often involves nostalgia and/or a sense of loss, a leaving behind of something in which we once delighted but no longer do. At other times, we look to the future, seeking a new experience, a step forward, a promise of something better.

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