



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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www.queenscollegenl.ca

Greetings from the Provost

Hi: These are certainly different times as we respond to directives and take action to respond to the efforts to reduce risk, spread and threat of COVID-19. New directives are coming each day from the Federal and Provincial Governments, as well as from the University. We are implementing all directives, and we implemented directives from the dioceses. Here is our current status:

- No on campus classes, worship, chapel services, or gatherings;
- Degree courses continue on schedule using webinar;
- Associate courses are by correspondence, and are not impacted;
- Diploma Program sessions are being postponed or offered by webinar. The respective Coordinators will advise students of the specifics for their groups;
- CPE Clinical Placements have been suspended;
- SPM Internships in Corner Brook and in St. John's scheduled for Spring Semester 2020 have been postponed;
- The scheduled webinar and online courses will be available in the spring, no classes on campus;
- Convocation 2020 will be revised to a new date, if and when it is determined that the May 14, 2020 date is not possible;
- The General Office will respond to some business and planning matters, though the hours are irregular. To make contact, we suggest you email queens@mun.ca with your request. You will get a reply within a day. If it is urgent, email r.singleton@mun.ca. The answering machine will be checked daily.

We ask that people not come to the College unless there is urgent business. In such cases, please contact me to arrange a time and receive details regarding implementation of social distancing. See bulletin from Anglican Communion for updated info: <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Covid-19-pandemic-Anglican-Communion.pdf>

Some of our students and graduates have had their ordinations postponed due to COVID-19. We know it is disappointing for them, but it will make the ordination occasion of even greater celebration when they do happen.

There are other interesting updates and information in this Newsletter. Please have a look through it and forward it along to others.

We ask God's blessings on all in this challenging time.

Rick Singleton

Profile of Honorary Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM



Sister Elizabeth is the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland and Labrador. She was born in Fox Harbour, NL. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1966. Sr. Elizabeth was first a high school teacher in four schools in Newfoundland, then

Administrator of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's and founding President/CEO of the Health Care Corporation of St. John's. She has been a member of the Medical Council of Canada, the National Board of Medical Examiners (USA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Catholic Health Association of Canada, the Canadian Biblical Association, the Trudeau Foundation and Regis College in Toronto.

Sister Elizabeth has received honorary degrees (Doctor of Laws) from MUN and the University of Manitoba, has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, She has received the *Bread and Roses Award* from the Canadian Federation of Nurses' Unions, has been named *Alumna of the Year* for MUN, and has been inducted into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sister holds Bachelor and Master Degrees in Arts, Science, Education, and Health Services Management. She holds a PhD in Scripture (2018) from Regis College Toronto.

It is with great pleasure that we honor a woman who contributed so much to the Church, the community, the province, nation and the world as leader in health care and theology by bestowing the degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa).

Profile of Honorary Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa) Ms. Susan Foley



Susan retired from Queen's College after being a true part of the staff from March 1986 to December 2017. During Susan's tenure, she saw many changes come to the College. Susan served with six

Provosts in seven terms (F. Cluett, B. Morgan, J. Mellis, B. Morgan, B. Bellamy, A. Faseruk, and R.Singleton), numerous faculty members and witnessed the graduation of hundreds of students. It was the students that made Susan's time at Queen's special. She saw them arrive at the College, work through their studies in times of struggles and great successes.

When Susan started at Queen's, it was not only the School of Theology, but also the residences: Spencer and Field Halls. The technology was very different. A typewriter was the technology, accounting and correspondence were handled in hard copy, and the telephone was the essential medium of communications. Susan courageously embraced the emerging technologies, program and system changes at Queen's and in the world. She kept herself up to date, and brought the College and the Provost into the current practices of their day. And she did it gently and well.

Susan lives in St. John's, with her husband Kevin who is also retired. They have two children Kimberly and Kyle. Kimberly is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner at St Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's, while Kyle is employed as a Geophysicist with Halliburton in Calgary, AB. Along with hiking and traveling, Susan enjoys time spent in the garden in the summer and curling in the winter.

With the changes in provosts, faculty, staff and students, Susan was certainly the constant and the go-to fountain of knowledge and information on anything that had to do with the College.

It is with great pleasure that we honor one of our own, Susan Foley, with the degree of Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa).

Meet the student:

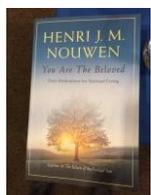


The Rev. Christine Lynch grew up in the little community of Bryant's Cove with her parents and two brothers. In 1989, she married Don and together they have two children:

Kassandra and Cody. Christine was working as an accountant when she enrolled in the Associate in Theology program at Queen's College in 2008. Her goal was 'personal enrichment'. Many courses were completed around the kitchen table as she also worked full time. In 2011, she graduated with a "Thank goodness I am done!" That did not last long when two years later Christine found herself back at Queen's College as she studied full-time to complete courses for her Bachelor of Theology degree. She graduated in 2016 and was ordained a deacon that April and appointed to the Parish of Upper Island Cove where she was ordained a priest that September. It did not take long before she quickly realized that one needs many skills to be able to provide what people need. "Ministry is very challenging and education provides us with the tools we need to be more effective in what we do." Spiritual development and mission are areas that are particularly close to her heart. "I believe that we are always called to stretch and grow. Study at Queen's College has been an exercise program for my mind and heart. Through Queen's, I have learned spiritual practices that I am passing on to those around me. These practices open our

awareness to God and help us to be more loving and compassionate. I feel that is a part of God's mission and I am delighted to be a part of that." Since 2017, she has completed the courses required for her Master of Theology degree and will graduate this May. In her spare time Christine enjoys yoga, reading, and many outdoor activities including walking, snowshoeing, camping, berry picking, and sitting around the campfire with friends. Queen's College is like a home for her and the staff and students are like family. For the Rev. Christine Lynch, this has been a blessing to be a part of our wonderful community.

Our recent Day of Awareness took place on



March 6th with Father Earl Smith S.J. on the theme 'You are God's Beloved'. The day began with Morning Prayer, which led into several reflections, music and opportunity for sharing and silence. Father Earl reminded us that Jesus worked with small as well as large groups of people, and each person brings their own diversity and gifts. We are indeed God's beloved for and with each other. Following the Holy Eucharist, we gathered in the Common Room for pizza. Our thanks to Father Earl for leading us in this Day of Awareness and his book recommendation 'You are the Beloved: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living' by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Continuing Lenten Education: The remaining session on 'Living the Fifth' based on the fifth Marks of Mission by Creation Care Animator for ENL is Wednesday, April 1st from 3:00-4:00 p.m. A Personal Calling – Christians walk by faith in a God who created this world and all that is upon it, and entrusted it to our care. How can we, as individuals, manifest reverence for, safeguard the integrity of, sustain and even renew the life of the earth on which we live?

Session 1: <https://youtu.be/K9Py1Ye6Rso>

Session 2: <https://youtu.be/cqKi5tPJtjY>

The Pastoral & Palliative Care Volunteer Online Training Program came from a

discussion between Dr. Rick Singleton, Provost of Queen's College, and the Rev. Dr. Jacintha Penney, Director of Pastoral Care, Eastern Health. It was felt



that volunteers in Pastoral Care might often feel inadequate to meet the needs of their clients. Clients often have multiple problems facing

them in several areas of health, including not only physical challenges due to disease, but also mental health, substance abuse and spiritual challenges. The client is of course not just an individual dealing with these issues but also the client's family are impacted by the health of their loved one. Volunteers provide countless hours of service to individuals and are thus an important part of Health Care within Canada. Retention of volunteers has a major impact on the Health Care System.

The Order of St Lazarus has a scholarship program with Queen's College. Mr. Lewis Stoyles, Commander of the Newfoundland Commandery of The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, visited with Provost Rick Singleton, to review the scholarship activity. In a subsequent discussion between Dr. Singleton and Mr. Stoyles, it was determined that many of the goals of the Order of St Lazarus were shared in common with the goals of Pastoral Care Services within Health Care.

At the same time, Lewis outlined the online version of the Home Caregiver Support Program (HCSP) that is available nationally at no cost to the participants. The Provost had a particular interest in the HCSP as he had a request from the four Regional Health Authorities (RHA) to provide pastoral volunteer training for training of volunteers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. This proposed program would offer foundational information and skill practice to equip volunteers with competencies to provide supportive visitation and care to individuals and families in times of illness, death and bereavement. They discussed the synergies of both programs. The Programs had similar characteristics so the Provost said he would present the Order with a proposal to help fund a proposed combined Pastoral and

Palliative Care Volunteer Training Program. The proposal for the Order to help fund the combined Program was presented to Council in November 2019 and was approved with \$5,000 being contributed from the funds of the Newfoundland Commandry and \$5,000 from the Order's matching program for a total of \$10,000 which was presented to Queen's College in February 2020. This \$10,000.00 grant was used to develop and offer to volunteers, a program that would focus on education needs of volunteers within the Health Care System. The generous gift from the Order of St. Lazarus enabled Queen's College to offer the program free of charge.



The course itself is offered each Monday evening by Webinar over an eight week period. Participants will receive a certificate at the end of the course. Participants attend weekly Webinars, complete sections of a St. Lazarus Online Training Program for individuals providing care to terminally ill persons, as well as, assigned readings on pertinent topics, such as: Communication & Listening, Confidentiality, Discernment for Effective Pastoral Care, Visitation to Residents in Long Term Care, Mental Illness, Mental Health Legislation & Community Resources for the Mentally Ill and Substance Users, Pastoral Care for those with Active Mental Illness and Addictions, End of Life Matters & Palliative Care, Grief, and Care for the Care Giver.

The Online Training Program began in late February and continues until the end of March. The Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training Program is designed to be accessible by interested individuals throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. While the College was anticipating 30 registrants, the final count is between 150 and 200 as some people without computers gathered with others to participate in the event. While most participants are from rural Newfoundland and Labrador, and many from the North East Avalon, there are also participants in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta and Maine. The program is offered in real time via webinar, enabling participants to attend online from their own home or office using a computer, tablet or

smart phone. Some participants gather together in small groups at remote sites and some attend the College. The sessions are also recorded and can be viewed in it's entirety for a period of time after the week's event. The Home Care Support Program is incorporated into the program design and all participants are required to register and complete certain sections of the program in preparation for that week's presentation. All participants receive a copy of the *A Caregiver's Guide*.

As Mr. Stoyles wrote 'This has been a very worthwhile endeavor and it is anticipated that we could repeat this offering on annual basis which will enhance our visibility in the Province and fulfill our objective of providing Home Care Palliative Care for those friends and family members who are looking after loved ones at home.' As followers of Christ, we remember the words of Jesus as found in the Gospel of St. Matthew 25:35: 'I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

(Editors Note: Thank you to Mr. Lewis Stoyles and the Rev. Derrick Bishop for their contributions to this article)

Recent Ordinations



The Diaconal Ordination of the Rev. Dale Careen took place at St. Lawrence Church, Portugal Cove on Monday, March 2nd by Bishop Geoff Peddle with the Rev. Canon Amanda Taylor as preacher. Despite having to move the date from the Sunday due to weather, there was a very good turnout of Dale's family who traveled distances to be with him, as well as clergy, Queen's Faculty, students and alumni and congregational members from St. Thomas', St. Lawrence and Bell Island. Deacon Dale is currently completing his program and has already taken some responsibilities for the Parish of Bell Island.

The Priestly Ordination of the Rev. Beverley Buffett took place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hodge's Cove on Tuesday March 3rd by Bishop Geoff Peddle with the Rev. Robert Peddle, a son of the parish, as



preacher. There was a very good turnout of Family, Clergy, Queen's College representatives and members of the Parish of the Holy Spirit where Rev. Beverley has been appointed as part time Rector. The Priestly ordination of the Rev. Charlie Cox and the Diaconal ordination of Diana Sacrey and Terrance Coates have been rescheduled. New dates will be announced through our social media, and email.

Student Association News:



Our midwinter food drive for the MUN Campus Food Bank has just concluded. The response was tremendous! Thanks to all students, faculty and friends of

Queen's who contributed so generously.

As another response to our call to love others, on March 14th, for the third year running, we were prepared for Saturday supper for the families staying at Ronald MacDonald House as part of their Home For Dinner program. Due to the COVID-19 this event was canceled.

The semester is winding down and we wish all students smooth sailing as they complete their final assignments. A reminder there is nothing like a Queen's College hoodie to keep you warm and inspired on those long nights of paper-writing. We've got lots of sizes and colours of hoodies and t-shirts in stock; just see Dana in the general office.

Our Sympathy is expressed to the Rev. Gerald Colbourne and family on the death of his brother Arthur Colbourne on February 23rd, and to the Rev. John Nicolle and family on the death of his mother, Faith Nicolle who died March 7th. Faith is widow of the late Rev. Don Nicolle.

Editor's Note: The next edition of the Newsletter will be April 17th

Share the Newsletter: The following is part of a note sent to the Provost. *Dear Rick, I trust this email finds you well. I do keep up with the news at Queens by the Newsletter, and I want to thank the team there for sending them to me faithfully each month. As you know, in last month's newsletter, we were encouraged to share something about Queen's*

in our local communities. Well, I was able to publish an article in our newspaper on a topic I covered in class. Ms. Jill Rose encouraged me to send it off to the paper and I did. Well, I got a response from one man here in Manitoba who is interested in the online courses I am taking. He has completed his high school, and he has completed a college degree in Engineering.... I will send him the link to the Queen's website so he can look the programs over. Dr. Gilbert McInnis, Thompson, MB.

A Reflection



Pandemic

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath—the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now,

on trying to make the world different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected

in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives

are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils

of compassion that move, invisibly,

where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love--

for better or for worse,

in sickness and in health,

so long as we all shall live.

--Lynn Ungar

Our Facebook and Twitter links provide up-to-date 'goings on' at the College. Go to www.queenscollegenl.ca and click the links on the homepage top right corner.



Course Selection for Spring Semester:

Due to the cancellation of the Internships (and many other commitments), some of our students may be interested in doing credit courses toward their degrees. We have extended the deadline for registration to April 3rd. Students will be responsible to order their own books. See update course selections on the website!

Queen's College Apartment A small self-contained apartment with a private bathroom, kitchenette, and bedroom. When it is not in use by the College, it may be rented. We see this as an opportunity for others to come and share in our community life. If you are interested in using the College apartment, it is best to make reservations.

Any questions should be directed to Ms. Dana Bishop by telephoning the General Office at (709) 753-0116 or fax (709) 753-1214. More information at: http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439

The Apartment has recently undergone some refurbishment with new furniture, art, and a smart TV. New rental rates for the Apartment took effect January 1, 2020.

1. Rates
 - First night \$50.00
 - Second & subsequent nights \$35.00
2. Reservations require \$50.00 deposit for the first night. The deposit is non-refundable if cancelled within a week of the reserved date.
3. The College reserves the right to cancel reservations if the apartment is needed for College use.
4. Full refund of the deposit will be made if the College cancels a reservation.

A bequest to Queen's College keeps on giving for years to come.

Please consider us in your estate planning.

Information on this can be obtained by contacting our planned giving consultant

Mr. Kevin Smith at kevinsmith709@gmail.com or by calling 709-739-5667

Also, some individuals and families contribute to the Appeal and to Queen's through In Memoriam, In lieu of flowers, and bequests on the death of a loved one.
