



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Greetings and Thanks from the Provost

Hi! Well, so much has happened since our last Newsletter ... when we were so prepared for our in-person Convocation 2020. But, with the rise in cases and the related distress, we made a quick and prudent decision on Monday to change to an on-line convocation. Thanks to the cooperation and support of so many, it worked out well.

The convocation is well described in the text and photos below and the recording of Convocation 2020 is available at <https://www.facebook.com/1053002811439684/videos/714139459519429>. It was, I think ... without bias ☺, an impressive event. With warm greetings, an impressive address to convocation, awarding of degrees and scholarships, and inspiring prayers.

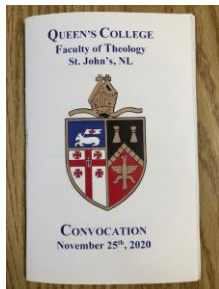
My Provost's Report to Convocation is intended to give account for the activities of the academic year. My main emphasis and intention was to show that our prime role is to equip lay and ordained people for leadership roles in the Church and in the world. My report can be found by clicking this link: <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-Provost-Report.pdf>. And it is a special type of leadership. Leadership that has four features ...

- Being led by Christ;
- Leading like Christ;
- Leading to Christ; and
- Leading with Christ.

Please have a look through our Newsletter. We will have another Newsletter before Christmas.

Blessings,
Rick

Convocation 2020 will be one that will go down in our books for sure. From the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, through numerous pauses and lots of planning, adjusting and revising, the College was ready to proceed, albeit with a scaled back version at the Jack Byrne Arena. Two days before Convocation, a new decision was made to go 'virtual' with only a small social distancing gathering at the College itself.



The Provost, Dr Rick Singleton, as Vice-Chancellor assumed the role of Chancellor as per the College Constitution. After some words of explanation, he declared Convocation open. Bishop John



Organ of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland led the Gathering Prayer. It was a great pleasure to have the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judy Foote bring Greetings, followed by the Honourable Tom Osborne, Minister of Education, and Dr Vianne Timmons, President, Memorial University who each also brought greetings. The Provost gave his annual report mentioning the challenging year it has been with a delay in opening due to last minute refurbishment, to 'snowmageddon' and then 'COVID-19'. He highlighted how we have continued to deliver programs and initiatives through it all. A copy of the Provost's Reports to the Corporation for 2020 can be found at <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-10-14-Provost-Report-to-Corporation.pdf> and <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-05-14-Provost-Report-to-Corporation.pdf>

The Rev Canon Dr Frank Cluett delivered the Convocation address, briefly reflecting upon the 179 year history of the College and his time as Provost before speaking directly to the graduates... "So I wish you well and God's blessing in your ministry in whatever role you exercise it.

And I pray that you will take your learning, your skills to make a living and your skills in how to live into the public square and empowered by your vision seek to build a better world. For I believe now that the goal of our faith is not simply to enable persons after death to escape hell and get to heaven, it is certainly to help people not to create hell on earth but to make the world a better place for all, leaving our eternal destiny in the hand of a loving creator. Ours is a daunting task. Don't expect to change the work overnight! That's impossible. My advice is to have a global vision but you minister in a local context."

The awarding of honorary degrees commenced with



The Rev Dr Boyd Morgan reading the citation for the awarding of the degree of *Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa)* to Ms Susan Foley. Susan was the College administrative assistant for 32 years in which there were many changes in the administration of Queen's College and in the technology available to do the job.

Susan gracefully adapted to all. She is the 17th recipient of a Honourary Degree by the College. The Rev Canon Dr David Bell then read the citation for the awarding of the degree of *Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)* to Sr Elizabeth Davis RSM, a well-known and respected individual who has served our province, the church and her religious community faithfully and became our 18th recipient of a Honourary Degree, and our first to do so 'virtually'. Sr Elizabeth is a faithful supporter of Queen's College in many ways, including as a



lecturer and resource person in many courses and programs.

Dr Carmel Doyle, Director of Student Programs, announced the candidates for the Diploma in Theology and Ministry as a power point photograph was shown for each graduate:

- *Bryan Abrahamse*
- *Jane Allen*
- *John Billard*
- *Faye Coffin*
 - The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry
- *Carol-Ann Devereaux-Yetman*
- *Margaret (Peggy) Doyle*
- *Donald Joseph Dumont*
- *Linda Elizabeth Green*
- *Gertie M. Hodder*
 - The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry
- *Bernice M. Ivey*
- *Karen Ruth (Prosper) Loder*
- *Margaret Ann O'Driscoll*
- *Kathleen Irene Osmond*
- *Ida M. Reid*
- *Beverley Ann Sheppard*
 - The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry
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- *Marie Stoyles*
- *Paula L. Tarrant*
- *Steven Wadden*
- *Pauline Warren*
- *Donna Marjorie Watkins*

College Chaplain, the Rev Canon John Courage announced the candidates for the Associate in Theology with photographs via power point:

- *Glenda Marie Brown*
 - The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship for the Associate in Theology graduate with second place standing

- *Faustina Cornick*
 - *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship for the Associate in Theology graduate with second place standing*
- *Bernice M. Ivey*
 - *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship for the Associate in Theology graduate with first place standing*
- *The Rev. Arthur Kinsella*
- *Nathaniel A. Larkin*
- *Karen Ruth (Prosper) Loder*
- *Terrance Ross Loder*
- *Edna Bernice Parsons*
- *Kimberlee Rogers*
 - *The Rick Anthony Memorial Award for perseverance and dedication to the study of theology in the Associate in Theology Program*
- *Joy Suluk*

Father John also presented the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity (Honours), Master of Theology, and Master of Theological Studies.

For the degree, Bachelor of Theology

- *Beverly Nora Michelle Buffett*
 - *The Archbishop Robert L and Elizabeth Seaborn Scholarship for first place standing in the Bachelor of Theology by Distance Program*

For the degree, Master of Divinity

- *Dale Aloysius Careen - Honours*
 - *The Bertha and Fred R. Earl Scholarship for first place standing in year three of the MDiv/BTh Program*
 - *The Harvey and Doris Murcell Scholarship for overall excellence in preparation for Ministry in Newfoundland and Labrador*
 - *The Venerable Frederick and Lillian Oake Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Pastoral Leadership*

For the degree, Master of Theology

- *Taylor Justine Anstey - Honours*
- *Amanda Ball - Honours*

- *William Henry Neal Buffett*
- *Terry Calvin Caines - Honours*
- *Christine M. Lynch - Honours*
- *Trevor Moss - Honours*
- *Rebecca Christine Soper - Honours*
 - *The Bishop J A and Beatrice Meaden Scholarship for first place standing in the Master of Theology Program*
- *Fronie Beverly Squibb*
 - *The Dr Tom Pope Memorial Bursary for Love of Church and Ministry demonstrated through commitment to continuing theological education*
- *Jamie Eldon Warren - Honours*
- *The Rt Rev John Edwin Watton - Honours*

For the degree, Master of Theological Studies

- *Russell G A Bartlett - Honours*
- *Eli Freeman Cross - Honours*
 - *The Rev Dr Alexander Daley Memorial Award for Liturgical Praxis for excellence in demonstrating a good working knowledge of the directives and practical application of liturgical principles through effective preparation and leadership*
 - *The Venerable Frederick and Lillian Oake Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Pastoral Leadership*
- *Donald Patrick Devine - Honours*
 - *The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's Award in support of Christian Discipleship*
- *Corey Christopher Parish - Honours*
 - *The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship for the first place Graduate in the Master of Theological Studies*
 - *The Canon Frank and Matilda Cluett Scholarship for the study of scripture*
- *Janice Nadine Rowe - Honours*
 - *The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry*

- *Patricia Diana Sacrey - Honours*
- *Linda Saunders*
 - The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry

For the degree, Master in Theological Studies- Thesis

- *Barry Dean Brenton - Honours*
- *Elizabeth Scammell-Reynolds - Honours*
 - The R A Parsons Scholarship for commitment to life-long learning

Convocation 2020 adjourned with Bishop John Watton, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland leading in prayer, and the Provost expressing thanks to our special guests and declaring Convocation closed.

Editor's Note: While the Provost thanked all who had contributed to the planning and adjusting and daily updating individually, The Faculty and Staff and Students extend a sincere and appreciated THANK YOU to Rick for everything he did to see Convocation 2020 become live-stream and to a successful conclusion.

A copy of the slideshow presentation can be found on our website or by clicking this link: <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-Convocation-Graduates.pdf>

The December Newsletter will be ready for circulation on December 17th.

