



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

January 2021

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Hi: I prepare this note during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We, at Queen's College, have a series of on-line Morning Prayer gatherings focused on the 2021 theme. *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (John 15:5-9) – which calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. We are so pleased at Queen's College, to give witness to the capacity of unity, collaboration and cooperation to enrich what we do. Our programs and experiences at Queen's College are enriched by the Anglican sponsored and rooted institution being practical and generous by operating with an ecumenical spirit.

Please continue to pray for us. Pray for our students who are discerning their vocations for leadership as lay and ordained people in the Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Please pray for our ongoing work at Queen's to refine our programs to ensure we are equipping spiritually resilient, well educated, and pastoral competent people for ministry. Pray also for trustees of Corporation as they move through the process of recruiting a new Provost.

Blessings

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### **Spring Semester Course Offerings**

We will finalize course offerings for the Spring 2021 Semester within the next week or so. Information will be provided to students in an update and in the next Newsletter.

### **Access to Queen's College**

Our building, like many others on MUN campus and beyond, is under lockdown. Admission is by appointment and permission for matters essential for academic and administrative continuity. To make an appointment, contact the College at 709-753-0116 or email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca)

**Ordination Anniversaries** Are you celebrating an ordination anniversary in 2021 and would like to share with the Queen's Community. We will publish in the Newsletter those celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> etc. anniversary to the diaconate, priesthood and episcopacy. Contact the editor at [jjcourage@mun.ca](mailto:jjcourage@mun.ca).

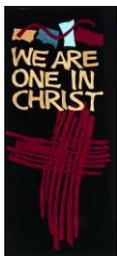
### **The Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood**

of the Rev Dale Careen will take place Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Parish of St Cyprian and St Mary. He will continue his part-time ministry on Bell Island along with part time ministry in Eastern Health.

**Congratulations** to Adjunct Faculty Dr Natalie LaCoste and her husband David Ling on the birth of their second child Norah Charlotte LaCoste Ling on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.5 pounds. Taylor is adjusting to being a big sister and all are enjoying the new family dynamic; and to the Rev. Barbara Boone as Deacon-in-Charge of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Mount Pearl effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for 3 months. Deacon Barbara is a member of corporation and a current student.

**Our Sympathy** to Lynn Vivian-Book, member of Corporation, on the death of her father Frederick Vivian of St John's on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr Vivian was also a member of the Corporation many years ago; to the family of Dorcas (Pope) Noel of St. John's on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Dorcas worked at the 'old Queen's College, Forest Road' and to the family of student Glen Chafe on the death of his father Malcolm E. Chafe of Petty Harbour who died December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



(January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>) devotions have been taking place on-line daily at 8:30 am with homilies by Pastor Fraser Roberts, The Provost, the Rt Rev John Organ, the Rev Dr Andrew Richardson and Dr Anne Walsh. The Theme 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit' (cf John 15:5-9) was prepared by the Monastic

Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, a group of religious sisters from different church traditions brought together by a common vocation of prayer, community life, hospitality and their commitment to Christian unity. On Tuesday, students Darlene and McKinley Winters of Hopedale, NL shared their Moravian story and faith journey. Join us January 25<sup>th</sup> for our closing WPCU worship at 8:30 by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

**Days of Awareness** are scheduled monthly. For this semester will build on the theme of discernment. The theme is selected to assist us individually and collectively to consider to what God is calling us and how we respond ... as we move toward a new normal with new challenges and opportunities. All students and anyone interested, are welcome to attend. The sessions are led by Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ, a seasoned theologian, educator, and spiritual guide. Join us February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m. NST by going to link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

### **The First Day of Awareness** of the Winter Semester began with Morning devotions from the Iona Community. Father Charlie Pottie SJ began his presentation by defining discernment as a 'process to discover the affective movements leading us toward God or away from God, a way to discover or discriminate what leads one to greater life, self-giving to God and others'. He reflected that this exercise is called a "discernment of spirits". While this process does not necessarily lead to a concrete decision to do something, it does deepen the ongoing relationship with God (through Christ in the Spirit) and develops in us a "discerning heart". Father Charlie continued



by giving synonyms or similar terms to discernment: acumen, discrimination, shrewdness, sensitivity, insight, good judgment, intelligence, wisdom, perspicacity, prudence, perceptiveness, good taste, clear-sightedness, sharpness of understanding, acuity, insightfulness, astuteness, exercising judgment, astuteness, sagacity. A time of personal reflection on chosen scripture passages then led to a time of sharing thoughts on our discernment before we looked at the example of St Ignatius with more sharing on how we individually might relate to Ignatius' experience. Mid-day devotions from the Northumbria Community concluded our day.

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Monday

- Morning Prayer @9:00

Tuesday

- Mid-day Prayer @ 12:00  
(Followed by fellowship)

Wednesday

- Morning Prayer @ 8:30
- Holy Eucharist @ 12:00
- Evening Prayer @ 3:30

Thursday

- Morning Prayer @ 9:00



### **Grief and Bereavement Volunteer Online Training Certificate Program**

We are very pleased with the response to this program. We have 84 people registered for the Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Care. The training program is designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to who are dealing with loss. The program is availed of by churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation and outreach volunteers are adequately trained for grief and bereavement support.

**STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Oh, happy day!**

That was certainly the mood around Queen’s College on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. After ten long months, and thanks to MUN’s recognition that some of our clinical training is essential, ordination-track students are allowed back on campus for “Seminary Day” on Wednesdays this semester. We are following a safety plan designed by MUN and everything is working out very well – though some of us have trouble understanding what walking the corridors in a clockwise direction means! It has been a joy indeed to be in the same space as some of our faculty and classmates after such a long spell. With the installation of a new camera in the chapel, our fellow students and friends outside of St. John’s can now participate in worship and training. These Wednesdays are busy days, with Morning Prayer, Homiletics Class, Eucharist, VDS Liturgical, VDS Ministry and Mission, and Evening Prayer, but we are delighted with all that has been arranged for our benefit. As if things could not possibly get better, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany that first day as well, with Deacon David Bell as our homilist. Best wishes to all students for a successful semester.

**Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations**

This six-session on-line Lenten series will guide participants in prayer practices and provide

opportunities for sharing. The sessions will be led by Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie SJ. on Thursdays in Lent Feb, 18, 25, March 04, 11, 18, & 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. NST. If you are interested, send a note to our dedicated address [experiencingprayer@queenscollegenl.ca](mailto:experiencingprayer@queenscollegenl.ca)

**February Newsletter** deadline for submissions is February 16<sup>th</sup> for email distribution February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Our Facebook and Twitter links** provide up-to-date ‘goings on’ at the College. Go to [www.queenscollegenl.ca](http://www.queenscollegenl.ca) and click the links on the homepage top right corner.

**Queen’s College Appeal:** In consultation with the Executive Archdeacons of each of the Anglican Diocese in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Finance Committee of Corporation has decided to postpone the Queen’s College Appeal until the Fall of 2021. We all recognize and appreciate the current financial pressures. We look forward to your support in the fall, and we certainly appreciate donations at any time. You can contribute to Queen’s College by donating on line at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16498>, by mailing a cheque to 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John’s, NL A1B 3R6, or call the General office to use your credit card. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations

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Information on this can be obtained by contacting our planned giving consultant  
Mr. Kevin Smith at [kevinsmith709@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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