



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Hi: I prepare this note early in Lent and as we are back at COVID Alert Level 5. With God's grace, we can make Lent 2021 into a special pilgrimage where we are aware of our connection with others around the world in this time of global pandemic. We can embrace the limitations on our freedom to a glimpse of what it must be like for those who live every day with severe restrictions on their freedom, resources, comfort, and dignity. Maybe this awareness can give shape to our Lenten penance, giving, and prayer.

The COVID Alert Level 5 has triggered some impact on activities and plans at Queen's College. You will see reference in various sections below. I note specifically, access to the building is restricted and Convocation 2021 is even more tentative. In spite of all the adjustments and restrictions of the past year, we are generally doing very well at Queen's. We continue to offer a full slate of courses in all our programs and our enrolment is strong. The economic climate will, undoubtedly, have impact on our finances, as all parishes, dioceses, donors and benefactors are experiencing the strain from the downturn in the economy.

I am confident Queen's College will continue to offer courses and programs that match the needs of the Church for the 21st century. We will continue to attract students into our programs, and they will provide the leadership for the Church that is emerging in the context of the numerous influences on our culture and society, both locally and globally. The work we are doing and impact we will have will continue because of your generous prayerful, financial and moral support.

I wish you well as we move on through the latter part of the winter, as we pilgrimage though Lent, and look forward to the new life in spring and Easter.

Blessings,
 Rick

Intercession Course Offerings for Spring 2021 are now posted. Students are encouraged to select courses early. Degree students are responsible for ordering textbooks on line before classes begin (if you encounter issues ordering online, be sure to check with Dana for assistance). Associate students can order their books via Queen's General Office as their textbooks and manuals are regular stock items.
http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406

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.

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 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th etc. anniversary to the diaconate, priesthood and episcopacy. Contact the editor at jjcourage@mun.ca.

Congratulations to the Rev Dale Careen on his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on January 24th. Father Dale will continue to minister part-time in the Parish St Mary-St Cyprian, Bell Island; to the Rev Jeff and Victoria Blackwood on the birth of their son Edward Terence Matthew on February 12th and to the Rev Dawn Barrett (25th), the Rev Nathan Cutler (25th), the



Rev Fred Parrott (25th) and the Rev David Burrows (20th) who each are celebrating their ordination to the priesthood on February 18th.

Convocation 2021 Students intending to graduate in Degree, Associate and Diploma Programs must notify the College immediately in order to ensure all requirement and compliance audits are completed for program regulations. Please email queens@mun.ca with the information and request with the subject line "Letter of Request to Graduate at Convocation 2021". Convocation has been tentatively set for May 6th, 2021 with further details to be circulated shortly.

Continuing Education Opportunity

Queen's College has received information for a free online Ecumenical Studies course, "Together towards Unity, Being Church in a Fragmented World", offered by the World Council of Churches. Work in this area is important on all levels, including the scholarly. This non-credit course is offered from Bossey University in Switzerland. The application deadline is March 1, 2021 and the course runs from April 5 to June 12. For further information go to: <https://oikumene.org/events/applications-open-bossey-online-course>

The Second Day of Awareness of the semester took place February 5th. Following Morning Prayer, Father Charlie Pottie continued the



theme of discernment with a review of our first session (see January Newsletter) before exploring the guidelines on St Ignatius' discernment of spirits – to discern which are from God, and those which are from opposing spirits. The two sets of guidelines provided a time of reflection on how God's Spirit works with and through our human nature in our prayer life, our daily work, our ministry and our relationships. The second part of the morning continued with emphasis on two Ignatian words/themes on the discernment of spirits, namely, Spiritual Consolation and Spiritual Desolation. Spiritual Consolation is the experience of being on fire with God's love which encourages gratitude for God's faithfulness, mercy and

companionship in our life. Spiritual Desolation is an experience of the soul in heavy darkness where we are assaulted by all sorts of doubts, temptations and preoccupations. Personal reflection provided participants an opportunity to explore and to share before ending with mid-day devotions. For those interested in learning For more on St Ignatius Spiritual Exercises go to <https://sacred-texts.com/chr/seil/index.htm>

Please join us for the next Day of Awareness on March 5th beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:00 and concluding with Mid-day Prayer at noon <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

Our Sympathy to Richard and Deborah Pantin on the death of his daughter Michele (Pantin) Lebouthillier of Belleville, ON on February 15th and to Danny and the Rev Jessie on the death of his brother Gordon on February 13th and his sister-in-law Elizabeth Broaders on February 16th. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Chapel Notes: The College continues to uphold individuals in prayer during our Liturgies. If you wish to add anyone to the list please contact the Chaplain at jjcourage@mun.ca. Please note we use first name only in order to respect privacy.

On-Line Worship Schedule:

Monday

- Morning Prayer @9:00

Tuesday

- Mid-day Prayer @ 12:15
(Followed by fellowship)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Morning Prayer @ 9:00

Please note the time change for Tuesdays for the remainder of the semester. Join us 10 minutes before time at link

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

Order of St Lazarus: Congratulations to the Rev Charlie Cox, the Rev Lisa Cox, Ms Sabrina Short and Ms Charlene Curtis who each received a bursary for the Grief and Bereavement program for the Winter 2021 Semester.

March Newsletter deadline for submissions is March 16th for email distribution March 18th

Our Facebook and Twitter links provide up-



to-date 'goings on' at the College.

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and click the links on the



homepage top right corner.

Lenten Program: This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, many Lenten program are suspended. The program described below is an excellent opportunity to engage in a well structured Lenten program to deepen your prayer life and spiritual practices. We invite all our students to attend and we ask you to pass along the information to others.

Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations

These free weekly Lenten sessions are designed to help participants move closer to Jesus by prayer. Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ., both seasoned Jesuits and Ignatian spiritual guides, will lead the sessions and help participants to encounter Jesus through prayer. Each session will include a short instruction on prayer forms, reading and pondering scripture, reflection, contemplation, guided imagination, and spiritual conversations. The sessions will focus on the following scripture passages (Shared Common Lectionary for Lent, Year A):

1. Matthew 4:1-11; The Temptations
2. Matthew 17:1-9 Transfigurations
3. John 4:5-42. The Samaritan Woman at the Well
4. John 9:1-41. The Man Born Blind
5. John 11:1-45. The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead
6. Matthew 21:1-11. Jesus Entry to Jerusalem

The sessions will be on Thursdays in Lent: February 18, 25, March 04, 11, 18, & 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. NST.

This series is offered as a collaboration between Queen's College and the Jesuit Community, St. John's, NL. Interested individuals please email experiencingprayer@queenscollegenl.ca

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.

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.

