



Students and faculty have completed the race to the end of the semester. The year has been very successful and many students should be graduating next November. We look forward to bidding farewell to this cohort of students next November at our last convocation in Hart House before moving to the St. Joseph Chapel and Great Hall in Christie House for the 2009 ceremonies. No doubt our alums will want to come back and visit us for the housewarming at our new location.

The end of the semester signals the start of the summer session at the beginning of May. This year six courses will be offered in May and June. This again expands the offerings of the past two years. The summer is no longer quiet at Regis. The College almost never sleeps.

The faculty spent their annual retreat reflecting upon the learning outcomes of our research and professional programs. The process builds on existing strengths to bring greater clarity to the learning process. One seasoned faculty member likened the process to the movement from composition of place, disposition, and review of prayer. It is helpful to relate recent pedagogical innovations to the 450-year-old *ratio studiorum* adapted by the early Jesuits from the education strategies found at the University of Paris. As we venture forward, we find the journey takes us back to our roots.

The Integration for Ministry and Master of Arts in Ministry and Spirituality programs have received a real boost this year with the founding of seven new scholarships. Ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, the five Sr. Cathleen Flynn, C.S.J. Awards and the two Mary Therese Gervais Awards will help students prepare for creative lay ministry in the church and the practice of spiritual direction. Thank you to the benefactors who have created these awards. Be assured, these funding initiatives make a major contribution to the life of the church in Canada and around the world.

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JOHN DADOSKY published “Sacralization, Secularization, and Religious Fundamentalism” in *Studies in Religious/Sciences Religieuses*, 36. 3-4 (Fall, 2007): 513–529. He will present a paper, “The Church’s Post-Conciliar Relationship with Judaism” at the Catholic Theological Society of America’s annual meeting in Miami this June.



GILL GOULDING, C.J., will be publishing the paper “The Cardoner Imperative” in the journal *The Way*. The paper was originally presented last September at the Ignatian Symposium Passionate Prophetic and Provocative – The Spiritual Exercises

for Today, held at Regis College. Gill also published book reviews for *Theological Studies* and *The Way*. In November and February, Gill attended the Jesuit Higher Education Commission, where she designed a summer course to be offered this July in Regina as a collaboration between Regis College and Campion College. During the year, Gill also undertook work for the Licentiate in Sacred Theology and was awarded the degree in May. This spring Gill attended the conference The Analogy of Being in Washington, D.C. in preparation for a new course she will team teach with Professor Joseph Mangina from Wycliffe College, “Two Swiss Radicals: The Theology of Karl Barth and Hans

Urs von Balthasar”. She will also attend the Catholic Theological Society of America’s annual meeting and the theological symposium that precedes the Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City. As part of her ministry, Gill is giving retreats to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and another in conjunction with the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University, Omaha.



TIBOR HORVATH, S.J., who passed away on May 17, published *Thinking About Faith Speculative Theology, Volume One: Love*, (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press,

2006), 367 pp. *Thinking About Faith* is a monumental contribution to the understanding of Catholic theological development and deserves a prominent place in all seminary curricula," writes reviewer John-Leonard Berg from the Catholic Library World. "Using the reality of love as the centre point of all theological investigation, this relationship, this love is understood as both the origin and goal of Christian living." Each chapter begins with a precise question posed to the reader, which is subsequently answered in a structured framework employing dogmatic, scriptural, liturgical and pastoral principles.



MEG LAVIN was the keynote speaker at Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, a conference sponsored by the United States Bishops in collaboration with the Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women, and Youth on July 19, 2007, at St. Michael's College, in Colchester, Vermont. Her presentation was entitled, "The Theological and Ecclesiological Foundations of Lay Ecclesial Ministry." On August 8, 2007, Meg was a presenter and panel member at the Fourteenth Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Human Ideas on Ultimate Reality and Meaning held at Regis College, Toronto. Her presentation paper was entitled, "The Particularity of Ultimate Reality and the Contingency of Theological Inquiry." Currently, Meg is studying Hebrew in anticipation of a trip to Jerusalem in July, 2008. She has been invited on a full scholarship to teach and research on Jewish/Christian studies.



MARY JO LEDDY organized a forum for journalists and academics at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto entitled: "Why Refugees from

Mexico?" on January 28, 2008. In the afternoon the session was repeated at Regis College for refugee lawyers and NGOs. This event was sponsored by JRMS Canada. On January 13, she preached at Lawrence Park United Church and was a guest on the CBC Radio One program, *The Current*, entitled: "Spiritual Leadership." February had Mary Jo speaking at a public lecture for the Guelph Seminar "On Being a Christian in Canada Today" at Holy Rosary Church, and speaking at Toronto's Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario. On February 28, she organized reflections with the Ubuntu group of parents of disabled adult children at Romero Centre, and lectured on "Borders and Boundaries" at Regis College. The spring time was equally busy for Mary Jo and included the March lectures: "Justice Has a Face and a Name," at the Shannon Lectures in Catholic Studies, at Nazareth College in Rochester N.Y. and Vic One Class at Victoria College, at the University of Toronto. She also held a Continuing Education Course, "Prayer and Place" at St. Michael's College in Toronto. Also at St. Michael's, Mary Jo lectured on "Christianity and Culture" on April 1. She participated in the April Writer's Market at St. Lawrence Market in Toronto, and hosted the second annual June Callwood Lecture at the Toronto Public Library on April 25. On May 15, she received an honorary doctorate, from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.



KATHLEEN McALPIN facilitated two workshops this spring on "Contemplative Listening and Conversation" for the Loretto Sisters to help animate their Canadian IBVM chapter priorities. In March, she attended the Spiritual Directors International Leadership Institute and Conference in Washington, D.C. where she participated in a panel on supervision entitled: "Formation

and Mentoring of Supervision." In June she will be attending the Catholic Theological Society of America's annual meeting. June also has Kathleen directing an eight-day retreat for the Sisters of St. Martha in Charlottetown, P.E.I., and attending the Mercy Association in Scripture and Theology annual meeting, where she will be a co-presenter with Mary Ann Schofield, on the topic, "Current Trends in the Ministry of Spiritual Direction." In July, Kathleen will be teaching two courses, "Spiritual Direction" and "Supervision" in the Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.



MAUREEN McDONNELL attended the Spiritual Directors International Leadership Institute and Conference in Washington D.C. She currently serves as the Chair of the Leadership Institute, an international committee that planned and coordinated a two-day event on "Supervision: Challenges, Issues and Wisdom Emerging from Enrichment, Formation and Training Programs for Spiritual Directors and Supervisors". She was also the chair of the panel entitled: "Supervision and Accountability for the Ministry of Spiritual Direction." In April, and on behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Maureen participated in two days of national dialogue meetings between the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Canada, where she presented on the topic of marriage. April also had Maureen participate as a representative of Regis College in the Spiritual Exercises Commission at Loyola House, Guelph, Ontario. Maureen was also blessed with the arrival of a new grandchild, Xavier, this year.



OVEY N. MOHAMMED, S.J., presented his paper "Theology and the Future: Asking the Ultimate Questions in a World of Cultural Conflicts" at the Fourteenth Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Human Ideas on Ultimate Reality and Meaning, on August 9, 2007. In November 2007, he was appointed Theological Advisor to the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops' Commission entrusted to write a text *World Religions for Use in Catholic Schools*. He also published: "Toward a Christian Theology of Islam" in *Ecumenical Trends*, 37/3 (March 2008).



JOSEPH PLEVNIK, S.J., was appointed secretary of the Organizing Committee of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament. The organization prepared its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia from July 15 – 20, 2007, and brought in more than 400 scholars from all over the world. It coincided with the year of the Bible in Slovenia and fit into the country's preparation for presiding over the European Community's meeting at the beginning of 2008. Fr. Plevnik was especially involved in editing abstracts of all the papers submitted to the congress and in organizing the exhibit of all manuscripts and facsimiles of the Bible in Slovenia. Fr. Plevnik also published an article in the multi-volume work *Biblia Slavica* on Dalmatin's use of sources for the first Bible translation in the Slovenian language in the third quarter of the 15th century, as well as a book in Slovenian: *Evangelij po Luku*, (Ljubljana: 2008) 218 pp.



JAROSLAV SKIRA recently completed a term as Acting Advanced Degree Director for Regis College, and continues to assist in the

architectural committee for Christie House/Fontbonne Hall. He is also a member of the editorial board of the *Toronto Journal of Theology*. He was recently appointed to the executive committee on membership of the Catholic Theological Society of America. In November 2007 he presented a paper on the Ukrainian Catholic Church and modern ecumenism at the biennial conference Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. He is currently assisting in the translation and editing of the Second Vatican Council diaries of Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Maxim Hermaniuk, which are to be published by Peeters Press in 2009. In November 2007 and February 2008 he presented a number of weekend workshops on the Trinity, Christology and Church history for the Roman Catholic Diocese and Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy's joint Lay Formation Program in Saskatoon.



MONTY WILLIAMS S.J. offered workshops, retreats, spiritual direction, presentations and supervision in Catholic retreat centres in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, Australia throughout the last few months of 2007. He gave the Faber Lecture, "The Incarnation and the Stories We Live By" in Brisbane at Australia's Centre for Ignatian Spirituality. He also gave workshops, retreats, and presentations on the Spiritual Exercises and spiritual direction in Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch in New Zealand. In addition, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Monty was involved in workshops, presentations, and retreats for the Jesuit Apostolate of the Spiritual Exercises, 2007. His work also included a year-end retreat: "Redeeming the Time" at East Point Retreat House, Gloucester, Mass., in December 2007. On March 3, 2008,

Monty gave an open lecture entitled: "Film and Spirituality" for young professionals at the Jesuit Provincial Offices of the New England Province, Boston, Mass. Monty also lectured on "The Incarnation Contemplation and the Stories We Live By" and held a workshop on "Film and Spirituality" at St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, Newfoundland. Finally, Monty's new book *The Gift of Intimacy: An Exploration of the Dynamics of Relationship in The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, (Ottawa: Novalis Press, 2008), will be published in the fall of 2008. It traces the movement of God's generous relationship with us from forgiveness to being co-creators of the world with God. His latest project is a work in progress of approximately 330 pages, entitled *Discerning The Times: Contemporary Critical Theory and Spirituality*. In this book, Monty examines the concept of spirituality through contemporary critical theory, ranging from Russian formalism to post-colonialisms.



Regis College lost 2 of its students during the last academic year. Margaret Ou died on February 10, 2008. Ruth Trimmer died on March 1, 2008.

We mourn the loss of these students. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families during this time of grief.