

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **St. Mary's University College joins province-wide student application system**

**Calgary, AB (December 9, 2010)** – St. Mary's University College is pleased to launch the ApplyAlberta common application system today, making it easier for prospective students to apply for admission. St. Mary's is the first independent academic institution in the province to implement the online application and transcript transfer system introduced by the Government of Alberta.

ApplyAlberta is a province-wide application system that allows prospective students seeking admission to a particular college, university or technical institute (or multiple institutions) to fill out a single online admission form common to all institutions. Payment of application fees and requests for electronic transcripts can also be made simultaneously to individual institutions. There are currently 19 other institutions using the system, including Mount Royal University, SAIT Polytechnic and the University of Calgary since the Alberta government began its phased launch of the program in fall 2009. It is part of a broader initiative called Campus Alberta, whereby post-secondary institutions work together to put the learner first.

St. Mary's is pleased to partner with the Government of Alberta and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology to deliver a seamless admission process and make it easier for Albertans to access high-quality learning opportunities.

"As a partner in Campus Alberta we are thrilled to be an active participant in the ApplyAlberta system. It gives our applicants the opportunity to have a streamlined application service, especially to acquire their transcripts from ApplyAlberta partner institutions," said Scott Robinson, Associate Dean of Enrolment Management and Registrar at St. Mary's University College. "Being able to quickly and efficiently exchange transcripts electronically will provide a substantial benefit for applicants and our enrolment staff."

### **About ApplyAlberta**

ApplyAlberta is a Government of Alberta initiative to create and implement a web-based application system to provide students with easier access to essential information, services and admission to Alberta's colleges, universities and technical institutes.

### **About St. Mary's University College**

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic post-secondary, liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution open to all faiths and traditions. St. Mary's offers Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) degree and university courses in 33 academic disciplines. For more information, visit [www.stmu.ca](http://www.stmu.ca)

-30-

For media inquiries, contact:

Marcelina Johanson  
Communications Coordinator  
Direct: (403) 254-3705  
Cell: (403) 852-2067  
[marcelina.johanson@stmu.ab.ca](mailto:marcelina.johanson@stmu.ab.ca)