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## **St. Mary's University College partners with the Ukrainian Catholic University to promote academic, research and cultural exchanges**

**Calgary, AB (March 22, 2010)** – The Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine, and St. Mary's University College, Calgary, Canada, have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Institutional Cooperation. This formal collaborative agreement is designed to promote academic, research and cultural exchanges and considers the Catholic nature and purpose of both universities and similar areas of scholarly interests, teaching and research objectives.

The Memorandum, signed by Rev. Boris Gudziak, PhD, Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, and Terrence J. Downey, PhD, President of St. Mary's University College, originated during Rev. Gudziak's visit to St. Mary's University College in October 2009 and is for an initial term of three years. During this period, the universities are committed to encourage and implement exchange programs for students and professors. The agreement stipulates that "both parties propose to cooperate in developing teaching and research projects for the mutual advantage and technological enrichment of the two institutions." The Ukrainian Catholic University and St. Mary's University College "will exchange information, documentation and invitations to academic congresses and conferences" in those research and scientific areas in which each has expertise.

### **About the Ukrainian Catholic University**

Founded in 2002, the Ukrainian Catholic University, a centre of the educational, spiritual and cultural life of the Church in the Ukraine, grants Bachelor's and Master's degrees and is the only Catholic university in the former Soviet Union. For more information, visit [www.ucu.edu.ua/eng](http://www.ucu.edu.ua/eng)

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

Founded in 1986 as St. Mary's 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. It is the only Catholic university west of the Maritime Provinces to grant its own liberal arts degrees. The St. Mary's Bachelor of Education degree is the only one in Canada specifically directed to the formation of teachers for Catholic schools. For more information, visit [www.stmu.ab.ca](http://www.stmu.ab.ca)

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