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St. Mary's University College Welcomes Linda Dudar as New Director of Education

Calgary, AB (July 15, 2010) – St. Mary's University College is proud to announce Linda Dudar as Director of Education effective July 1, 2010.

Linda holds a BEd from Brandon University and an MA in Administration and Curriculum from Gonzaga University. She is in the final stages of a PhD program in Educational Leadership at the University of Calgary where her dissertation addresses time-sensitive organizational change in schools. Linda has 25 years of experience with the Calgary Catholic School District both as an award winning teacher and as an administrator. In her last administrative appointment, she served as principal of the St. John Fine Arts School in Calgary. In addition to her teaching and administrative experience, Linda brings to St. Mary's a keen interest in the fine arts, both in the areas of music and drama. She has served as choir director at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church for the past 25 years and has experience in dance instruction and choreography work.



"All members of the St. Mary's University College scholarly community are delighted that Linda has joined us in this crucial role of leading the only Bachelor of Education program in Canada that is directed to the formation of teachers for Catholic schools," said Dr. Terry Downey, President. "She brings considerable experience and expertise in both administration and teaching to the role as well as remarkable talents that extend well beyond the specific demands of the program. We look forward to working with her in the months and years to come as we continue to further develop this already outstanding education program."

The Bachelor of Education program was introduced at St. Mary's in 2008. Its first cohort of graduates received their degrees in June 2010. Graduates of the BEd program are prepared to teach in a K-6 program in any school, public or private, faith-based or secular, but the program is particularly focused on preparing teachers to teach in Catholic schools in Alberta and beyond.

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.ab.ca

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