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St. Mary's University College Announces Site Planning Project

Calgary, AB (February 16, 2011) – Dr. Terry Downey, President of St. Mary's University College, is pleased to announce today that St. Mary's is developing a long-range vision for its South Calgary campus in Midnapore. St. Mary's, home to nearly 700 full- and part-time students studying the liberal arts, anticipates continued growth in the coming years. The resultant site plan will guide future expansion and building while maintaining the historical integrity of the site.

Under the guidance of the Board of Governors and its Site Planning Committee, St. Mary's has engaged the Urban Lab from the University of Calgary's Faculty of Environmental Design to assist in identifying guiding principles and producing digital models of development options and concept plans for its 35-acre campus adjacent to Fish Creek Provincial Park on the original site of the Father Lacombe Home, a designated provincial historic resource.

The Site Planning Committee is beginning a series of meetings with the Urban Lab to fully define the scope of the project and the process. A stakeholder engagement session is planned for this spring and communications plans are being prepared. The project is expected to be completed in the fall and will seek input from the St. Mary's community, including students, staff, faculty, alumni and other key stakeholders.

St. Mary's is excited about the opportunity to establish a long-term vision for continued campus growth which will, in turn, enable the development of additional degree programs and increased student recruitment, keeping true to its mission of preparing students to become compassionate, thoughtful and resourceful members of society.

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 subjects. In 2011, St. Mary's celebrates its 25th anniversary. For more information, visit www.stmu.ca

About the Urban Lab, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary

The Urban Lab is a research group dealing with urban design, community planning and urban development issues. Established in 2000, the Urban Lab is an ongoing experiment in education, research and outreach, and is an example of university-community collaboration involving faculty, students, and the public. For more information, visit www.ucalgary.ca/urbanlab/

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