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### Dr. David Lawless Named Honourary Fellow

**Calgary, AB (June 10, 2006)** - At its third convocation, St. Mary's University College invested Dr. David Lawless with the title of Honourary Fellow in recognition of his pivotal role in establishing the institution and his contributions to post-secondary education in Canada.

Dr. Lawless was appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Mary's in 1996, opening the doors in 1997 to the first group of university-transfer students. His unflagging belief in the key role of the Catholic tradition of post-secondary education in Canada and the need to provide students with the opportunity for academic excellence, have become the cornerstones of the institution. Students come to St. Mary's, donors contribute and faculty members stay on because they share Dr. Lawless's vision of the institution.

After three years as President, Dr. Lawless relinquished the post, but remains involved with St. Mary's. He has continued to teach students in the field of Organizational Psychology, his area of scholarly expertise. St. Mary's has earlier recognized Dr. Lawless's contributions with the title of President Emeritus and with a student scholarship in his name, awarded for outstanding academic performance.

David Lawless has made many other contributions to the Canadian university system. He served as President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Francis Xavier University, Academic Vice-President of the University of Manitoba, Rector of St. Paul's College, Dean of Studies of St. John's College, Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada and Chair of the Association of Academic Vice-Presidents of Canada.

"David Lawless is a man of great faith and commitment to service," said St. Mary's President, Dr. Terrence Downey. "It is with profound gratitude and respect that we welcome Dr. David Lawless to his rights and privileges as an Honourary Fellow of St. Mary's University College."

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

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic post-secondary, student-focused liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution. St. Mary's first opened its doors to full-time students in 1997 and offers Bachelor of Arts degrees and courses in 27 academic disciplines. For more information, visit [www.stmu.ab.ca](http://www.stmu.ab.ca).

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