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### **St. Mary's University College Expands Degree Programs**

**Calgary, AB (April 4, 2007)** – St. Mary's University College today announced the approval by The Honourable Doug Horner, Alberta Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, of two additional degree programs in history and psychology.

The new three-year Bachelor of Arts degree program with a concentration in history and the three-year Bachelor of Arts degree program with a concentration in psychology join three current degree programs in English and General Studies to make a total of five degrees now being offered by St. Mary's University College since it received degree-granting status in 2004.

"Adding two degrees to our existing degree programs means that St. Mary's University College is expanding to meet the demand for post-secondary education in Calgary," said Dr. Terry Downey, President of St. Mary's University College. "We are proud to offer the new degrees as a reflection of St. Mary's continued commitment to a comprehensive liberal arts and sciences education."

Current students who have shadowed the new programs and fulfilled the requirements will receive their degree at the 2008 convocation. The official start date for the degree programs is July 1, 2007.

Since accepting its first class of 25 full-time students in 1997, St. Mary's University College has experienced steady growth with enrolments increasing significantly in each year of operation. The student population for the 2006/2007 academic year is over 600. The University College limits the size of each class in order to ensure that students are provided with the most stimulating learning environment possible.

"We are grateful to the founders and many supporters of St. Mary's University College who have made this institution's incredible growth and vibrancy a reality," said Dr. Downey. "Their belief in our mission, which invites and challenges all individuals of the community to become compassionate, thoughtful, resourceful members of society, has brought us to this historic day."

#### **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 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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