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***St. Mary's University College recognizes
Fr. Thomas F. Mohan, CSB, as Honourary Fellow***

Calgary, AB (June 24, 2009) St. Mary's University College presents distinguished Catholic educator Fr. Thomas F. Mohan, CSB, with the designation of Honourary Fellow at convocation ceremonies Saturday, June 27, 2009. Fr. Mohan receives the honour in recognition of his contributions as a founder of St. Mary's and to developing Catholic education in Alberta and Ontario.

"It is always a privilege to recognize exceptional leadership within the Catholic community," says Dr. Terrence Downey, President of St. Mary's University College. "St. Mary's is a unique place that came into being, in large part, due to the tenacity and wisdom of Fr. Mohan and contributions from individuals with a similar passion and vision to develop Catholic education."

Fr. Thomas Mohan played a fundamental role in working with the Calgary Catholic School Board to translate aspirations for a Catholic university college in Calgary into reality. After gathering support, assembling a working committee and petitioning the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the development of such an institution, St. Mary's College was formed and offered its first accredited course in January 1994. This grew into a full-time academic program by September 1997.

"I am pleased to receive this honour," says Fr. Mohan, CSB. "I accept it in the name of the many teachers, administrators and lay people who worked to found St. Mary's."

Fr. Mohan's contributions to St. Mary's are only part of his stellar resumé. A member of the Congregation of St. Basil (CSB), he has made landmark contributions to the development of Catholic education. He worked with the Canadian Catholic School Trustees for 25 years. He is the founding principal of two Toronto high schools, Henry Carr and Don Bosco, and was Principal and President of St. Michael's College School in Toronto from 1993 to 2000.

Now the sixth person to receive the designation of Honourary Fellow at St. Mary's, Fr. Mohan joins a distinguished group of individuals who act in the interests of the greater community and model the values, mission and vision 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 in Calgary, Alberta. Program offerings include five Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) degree and university transfer programs in the Arts, Sciences and Management. For more information, visit www.stmu.ab.ca.

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