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### **St. Mary's University College launches new online enrolment service**

**Calgary, AB (July 7, 2008)** – St. Mary's University College launched PowerCAMPUS today, making it the only university college in Alberta to offer its students, faculty and staff a comprehensive information system and online enrolment web service that will increase efficiency and reduce student wait times.

"St. Mary's is committed to expanding the services that we offer our students. We believe that the investment in PowerCAMPUS will increase student accessibility to programs and will greatly enhance their student experience," said Dr. Mark Charlton, Vice-President Academic and Dean at St. Mary's University College.

PowerCAMPUS is specifically designed to meet the needs of smaller institutions. The tools and processes within the system help administrative staff streamline routine tasks, such as maintaining and updating academic records, student awards and billing information, allowing them to be performed in a fraction of the time. Coupled with increased self-service functionality for faculty, students and alumni, PowerCAMPUS improves overall customer service while reducing the demands on staff time.

The system features an online self-service area where students can pay tuition, register for courses, print transcripts and check course grades 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Another feature is a personal portal called mySt.Mary's, where students will receive direct communication from faculty and staff, including assignment updates, important announcements and even team schedules for those on athletics teams. Faculty, in turn, will be able to create online course pages, review class lists, post course grades and announcements. Both the online self-service area and personal portal will be accessible from the main page of the St. Mary's University College website this September and link to each student's St. Mary's e-mail address.

A rollout strategy, including training sessions, is being planned this summer and into the fall to introduce students, staff and faculty to the new system. Although implementing PowerCAMPUS now puts St. Mary's University College on par with bigger institutions such as Mount Royal College and the University of Calgary in terms of the level of online service available, St. Mary's Enrolment Services Office will continue to provide prompt and friendly face-to-face service for which it has become known.

#### **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. 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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