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Preston Manning to Speak at St. Mary's University College **Former MP to discuss "Land Stewardship, Ethics and Faith"**

Calgary, AB (January 20, 2010) - St. Mary's University College in Calgary, in partnership with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Southern Alberta chapter, welcomes Preston Manning to campus on February 4 to discuss the challenges of expressing and practising land stewardship convictions in the context of the global marketplace and the Canadian political arena.

Mr. Manning's understanding of the Christian faith attaches great importance to the establishment of "right relationships," including sustainable relationships between human beings and the environment.



Mr. Manning served as a Member of the Canadian Parliament from 1993 to 2001. He founded two new political parties – the Reform Party of Canada and the Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance – both of which became the official Opposition in the Canadian Parliament. Since retiring from Parliament in 2002, Mr. Manning has released a book entitled *Think Big*, describing his use of the tools and institutions of democracy to change Canada's national agenda. Mr. Manning is a practising Christian with life-long interests in the relationships between faith and science, faith and business, faith and politics, and faith and conflict resolution. As a result, he continues to write, speak, and teach on a variety of subjects including environmental conservation.

Open and free to the public, St. Mary's University College Speakers Series lectures take place in the Midlands Building on campus at 7:30 p.m.

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 disciplines. For more information, visit www.stmu.ab.ca

About the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is Canada's pre-eminent, national community-based voice for public wilderness protection. Since 1963 CPAWS has taken a lead role in establishing two-thirds of Canada's protected wild spaces. For more information, visit www.cpaws.org

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