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### **New Vice-President Academic and Dean**

**Calgary, AB (April 4, 2007)** - The Board of Governors and the President of St. Mary's University College are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mark Charlton as Vice-President Academic and Dean who will take over the position on July 1, 2007.

Dr. Charlton has extensive experience in academia and administration. He comes to St. Mary's from Trinity Western University where he is currently Professor of Political Studies and Dean, Research and Faculty Development. Dr. Charlton has also served as Trinity's International Studies Coordinator.



"Dr. Charlton is a fine scholar and teacher who brings with him solid knowledge of the Canadian university system and a profound appreciation of the rich intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education. He is capable of providing the academic leadership required to take St. Mary's to the next level of its scholarly development. We all very much look forward to having him in our presence in the near future," said St. Mary's President, Dr. Terry Downey.

Born in Fort Erie, Ontario, Dr. Charlton earned a MA in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario and a PhD in Political Science from the Université Laval, Québec. He has held academic positions including Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor and St. Thomas More College.

Dr. Charlton has been an Ontario-Quebec Fellow, Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex and Visiting Scholar at St. Benet's Hall, Oxford University. In addition, Dr. Charlton has served on the boards of several non-governmental relief and development agencies and has taught in Africa.

Dr. Charlton's appointment was recommended to the Board of Governors by a selection committee after an extensive national search.

#### **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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