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David Kilgour to Speak in Calgary about Human Rights Abuse in the World

Calgary, AB (September 24, 2007) - Former MP, David Kilgour, will be in Calgary on September 27, 2007 to discuss human rights abuse in the world, most notably in Darfur, Sudan and China's treatment of Falun Gong practitioners.

"St. Mary's is honoured to have Mr. Kilgour speak about such a timely and important issue," said Dr. Terry Downey, President of St. Mary's University College. "His concern for human rights inspires us all to live out the St. Mary's mission to 'lead with integrity, to meet the future with confidence, intellectual acuity, moral conviction and a passion for social justice and the common good.'"

Mr. Kilgour argues that through proactive multilateralism, Canada's peacekeeping and military forces can help maintain peace and security abroad, thereby making the world safer. He also feels that Canada must ensure it acts decisively when the global community needs help. Governments must ensure that the men and women sent out on missions are properly equipped and have all of the resources and information required to do their job. He believes human rights should remain an integral part of the Canadian foreign policy agenda.

Mr. Kilgour was the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He has written numerous articles in defence of international human rights and freedom of speech. Human rights groups in various places have sought his advice and direction on effective ways to deal with government organizations.

St. Mary's Speakers Series lectures are free to the public and take place in the Midlands Building on campus at 7:30 pm.

About St. Mary's University College

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