



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY
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News Release

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St. Jerome's University welcomes St. Jerome's alumni from the 1950s and 1960s and honours Fr. Brian McCormick with the Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award

WATERLOO, Ont. (Wednesday, July 14, 2010) – 75 St. Jerome's alumni from the 1950s and 1960s travelled back to Waterloo from their homes in the United States to attend a reunion this week. Most of the attendees were seminary students at Resurrection College who studied at St. Jerome's. This group of alumni are wonderful living embodiments of the mission of St. Jerome's University. They are bursting with excitement to be here and see each other again. The fond memories of each other and of the time they spent here at St. Jerome's remain vivid after 50 years.

On Wednesday night, the University will host a dinner for the alumni in the D.R. Letson Community Centre, where Fr. Brian McCormick will be awarded the Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award. This award is presented annually to a St. Jerome's graduate who has distinguished herself or himself in professional or community life. The recipient of the award, which is named for Fr. Norm Choate, CR, a Past President of St. Jerome's University, is selected by the SJU Alumni Association from nominations submitted by members of the St. Jerome's community.

Fr. Brian McCormick founded Martin House in Trenton, New Jersey, more than 35 years ago. This diocesan inner-city ministry seeks to offer hope and opportunity to the people it serves by securing housing, education, clothing and appliances for them. Martin House also provides services to parishes in the Diocese of Trenton with representatives for Sunday Masses, gatherings and prayer-reflection groups. The purpose of these programs is to involve the people of the diocese in thinking about the pervasiveness of racism and the reorganization of inner-city goals with a humanitarian focus.

St. Jerome's University was established by the Congregation of the Resurrection in 1865 and became federated with the University of Waterloo in 1960.

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