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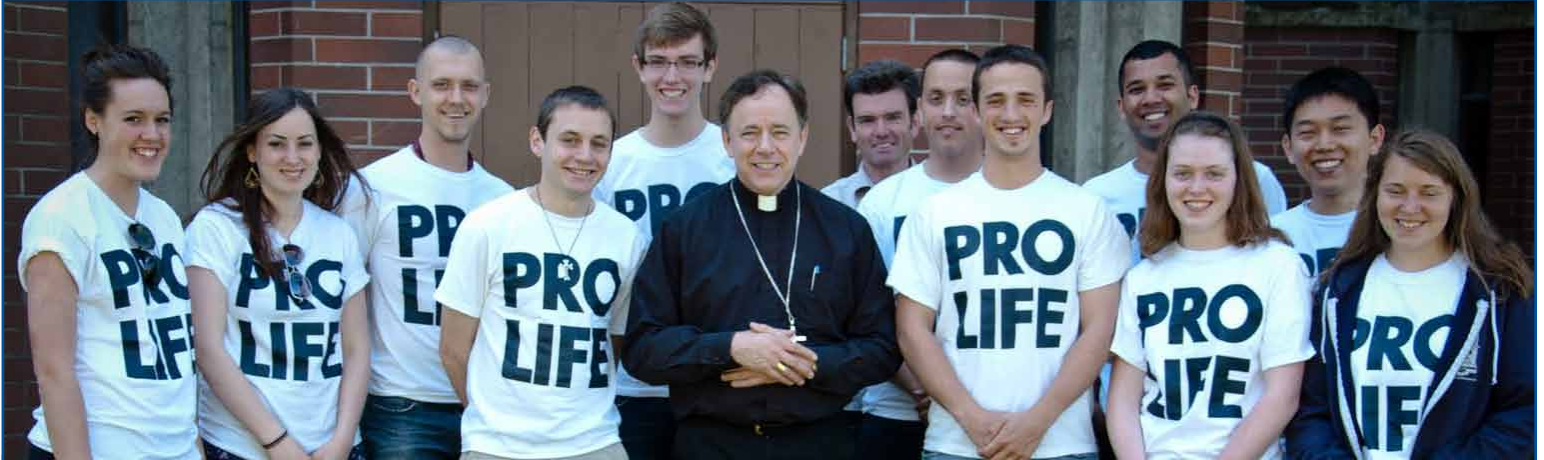
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## Crossroads Canada: Walking for Life



Bishop J. Michael Miller, of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, surrounded by pro-life Crossroads walkers, as they pass through Mission, BC. The OLSWA students on Crossroads are: Jessica Lamb, Jacinta Fox, Matthew Hatcheson, John D'Agostino, Paul Taylor, Ashton Hatcheson, Michael Hayden, Louise Waclawik, and Nelson Morris.

By: JOHN D'AGOSTINO

My summer has consisted of healthy exercise, basking in the sun, and interacting with wonderful people—a typical summer, right? Actually my summer has been anything but typical. I am currently spending my summer walking across Canada with an organization called Crossroads, a pro-life group which sponsors walks across North America every year to raise awareness for the pro-life cause. While walking we wear shirts with the words “Pro-Life” on them to spread the word that the issue of abortion is important in Canada. Every

weekend we stop in major cities to pray outside abortion facilities and to speak in churches about the cause. The families who host us in their homes every weekend are great blessings. The amount of support we receive from these people and countless others is overwhelming. The love shown greatly encourages us to continue walking despite the problems and opposition we encounter along the way.

The team is split into two groups, one walking at night and the other walking during the day. A typical day starts with breakfast, Mass, and morning prayer, and then the day crew begins walking. Each person walks about

twenty-five kilometres a day, and as a group we try to cover about one hundred kilometres in a twenty-four hour period. Although walking has been an amazing experience so far, it has not always been easy. For the first two weeks my knees were so inflamed I could barely move them. Other walkers encountered similar problems with bad knees, ankles, and blisters. Regardless, we continue to push on and embrace our sufferings. Knowing that the walk is for a holy cause, we offer up our troubles to God as a prayer to stop abortion. This is the mission of Crossroads: to end abortion and the Culture of Death in North America.

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## Moving Speeches Mark OLSWA's Eleventh Graduation



Sr. John Mary, of the Sisters of Life, addresses the crowd at the 2011 OLSWA Graduation.

Saint Hedwig's Church was filled with family and friends for the graduation Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Michael Mulhall of Pembroke.

Following the beautiful Mass and warm words of welcome by President Dr. Keith Cassidy, the Commencement Address was given by Sr. John Mary, S.V., a member of the Sisters of Life religious community, and originally from Calgary, AB. The Sisters of Life, founded in 1991 in New York and devoted to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life, recently established a foundation in Toronto, where Sr. John Mary is now serving. In her inspiring address, Sr. John Mary spoke to the graduates about Christian discipleship, reminding them that the deepest question one is asking at this

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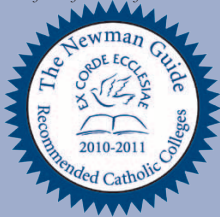
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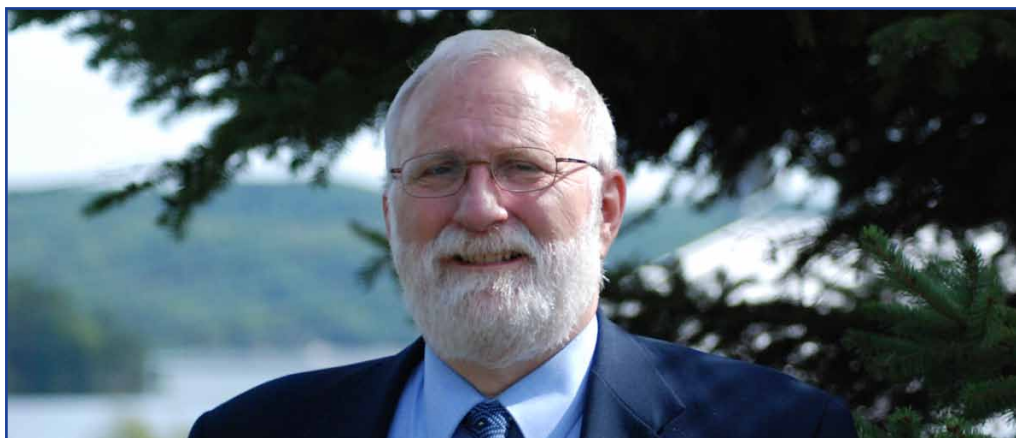
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### Dear Academy Family and Friends,

When talking about the Academy we often focus on its distinctive religious character, namely its unreservedly Catholic identity and approach to student formation. There are other ways in which we stand out, however, and one is our approach to academics.

There are many fine universities and colleges in Canada and the United States, with dedicated faculty members. However, some serious problems have developed in the world of higher education in recent decades which have become the occasion for much comment. A recent book by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa, entitled *Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses*, set off an intense round of soul-searching and public discussion about what is actually being accomplished at colleges and universities in the United States. One suspects that many of the same concerns apply in Canada.

The most eye-catching of the authors' claims is that when measured by standardized tests, the ability of many students to read, to write and to think critically improves little, if at all, during their years of post-secondary education. Thus forty-five percent of students showed no measurable improvement after two years of university education and thirty-six percent showed no improvement after four years. While some students do of course improve greatly, for many more the gains are far from what might be expected.

Across the continent we see the same picture: high levels of student enrolment in higher education, paid for, in many cases, by huge students debts, but often with little to show for it by way of intellectual achievement. What is going on here?

The answer in a word: credentialism. What many students seek is not an education but a credential, a piece of paper that they can take to an employer to "prove" that they are valuable. If the goal of education is a piece of paper then, to many, the reasonable thing to do is to put as little work into it as possible: take easy classes without challenging

workloads, study as little as possible, and maximize your social life.

The book documents this in depressing detail. Thus the number of hours per week that students spend studying, the length of written assignments, and the number of pages assigned for reading are all low. On average students only study for twelve hours a week. Thirty-two percent of students each semester do not take any courses with more than 40 pages of reading assigned a week, and half don't take a single course in which they must write more than 20 pages over the course of a semester. Despite low levels of student effort, averages have soared. Students work less, in undemanding courses, and receive higher marks.

It must be emphasized that this is not the whole story, but it does raise significant concerns about what is going on in higher education.

Here at the Academy we have taken a different path. We have a strong liberal arts core, without an array of fashionable soft options. We expect students to read extensively and intensively. Courses require a significant amount of writing. The result: graduates who perform remarkably well at the institutions they go onto to complete their degrees. What you get at the Academy is an education—credentials are secondary. We are far from perfect, but I think that we have our priorities right. The primary task of our professors is to teach, and of our students, to learn. There is a good community life, and lots of fun—but that is not why we are in business.

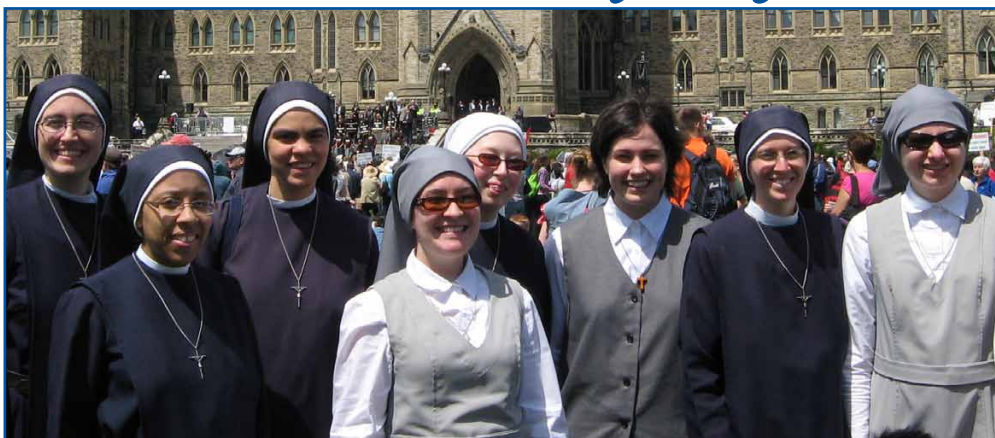
The Arum and Roksa book raises a number of other issues and suggests ways in which we could improve our own performance. I would like to explore these in a future letter.

Best wishes,

Keith Cassidy, Ph.D.  
President

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Shelby Glofcheskie



Shelby, third from right, with SOLI sisters at the 2011 March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, ON.

On March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Shelby Glofcheskie ('10) of Barry's Bay, ON, began her six-month candidacy and period of discernment with the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, a contemplative-active community of religious in Cambridge, ON. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, founded in 1977, have a Eucharistic and Marian Spirituality, and their apostolates are the education of youth as well as the care of the elderly. Since 2008 OLSWA has been blessed to have one or two SOLI sisters among our student body. This spring the SOLI sisters opened a new foundation in the Diocese of Pembroke, the St. Joseph's House of Studies right here in Barry's Bay. The community will serve the diocese through their prayers and apostolic works, and the student sisters will attend OLSWA. Their presence is a great blessing to the Academy and the diocese.

**Q: What attracted you to the religious life? And why the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate in particular?**

A: What attracts me to religious life is the desire to give oneself completely to Christ. I love that a religious is constantly turned towards Christ in the prayers she says and the work that she does. I love how she says "Yes" to the life that Christ lived—living in poverty, chastity, and obedience. It is beautiful how much joy and freedom she has when she lives each day for, with, and in Christ.

What attracted me the most to the SOLI sisters was their deep love for Christ in the Eucharist and their devotion to Our Lady as well as their love for each other in the community. I also love how they spend so much time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I am also attracted to this community because of their willingness to bring others to Christ by educating youth and caring for the elderly.

**Q: Why did you choose to attend OLSWA?**

A: I chose to attend OLSWA not only because

I was discerning a religious vocation, but because I believed it would be the best place for me to learn the truths of my faith. I knew that I would understand in a clear way what I believe and why I believe it. I also wanted to experience the community life at OLSWA. I wanted to meet people who had the same burning desire as I have—to bring ourselves as well as others closer to Christ.



**Q: Did your year at OLSWA help in your discernment?**

A: My year at OLSWA definitely helped me in my discernment. I was able to learn the truths of my faith and I recognized that I have a great love for community life. I have a strong desire to understand my faith more and to bring others to know it as well. Also, it was through the Academy that I met a few sisters from the SOLI community and discovered that their community was the one that I feel called to. As I pursue a religious vocation, I feel at peace knowing that I can stand up for my faith and bring others to know Christ because of all I learned at OLSWA.

# ACADEMY NOTES

Farewell to **Miss Maja Polic**, Dean of Students, who will be moving on from OLSWA after three years of dedicated service in the area of Student Life. Her leadership and her creative and artistic talents brought so much to the life of the Academy and she will be sorely missed. We wish her much success in her future endeavours.

Welcome to **Jason and Sarah Gould** who will be serving in Student Life this coming year. Mr. Gould will be Dean of Students and Mrs. Gould will be Assistant Dean of Students. She will also help out in the Bursar's office. Mr. Gould has over five years of experience in youth ministry, first as Administrative/Pastoral Assistant at York University Chaplaincy, and then as Youth Ministry Resource Person with the Catholic Youth Organization in Kitchener. We are thrilled to have the Goulds on board and are confident that they will do a fantastic job.

Congratulations to **Matthew and Maura Baklinski** on the birth of their first child, **Angela Marie Benedicta**, on March 21, 2011.

Student **Kathleen Dunn** was a guest on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, on July 8, 2011, where she performed a few original songs and spoke about promoting a culture of life.

# FACULTY NOTES

**Dr. Ryan Freeburn** attended the 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies from May 12-15 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He presented a paper entitled "A Greater Honour and Burden": The Predicament of Matthew of Albano, Monk and Cardinal-Bishop" as part of a session on monk-bishops.

**Q: Any final thought?**

A: I am so incredibly excited and filled with joy to be on this journey with Christ. However, I will not forget my time at OLSWA. The staff and faculty work so hard to give the best Catholic education possible and the students work equally hard to bring each other closer to Christ. Being a student at OLSWA is like being part of another family and to me, OLSWA is such a wonderful gift to our community!



## “Do not be satisfied with mediocrity”

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time in their lives is not “What am I going to do?” but “Who am I?” Quoting Blessed John Paul II, whose beatification was on May 1, Sister told the students that it is the voice of Jesus deep in their hearts who tells them who they are as Christians. Sharing her own vocation story and the story of the founding of her community, Sister encouraged students to “Give God permission.” She explained, “These three little words, Give God Permission, are at the root of every mission of every Christian disciple in this world.” She closed by exhorting students to “proclaim the truth of the sacredness of human life.”

After the address, Dr. Cassidy presented the Sisters of Life with OLSWA’s Culture of Life Award for their profound dedication to the task of creating and sustaining respect for the dignity of human life by means of prayer, the support of individuals in need, and evangelization. Sr. Mary Rose, local superior at the Toronto house, received the award on behalf of the sisters.

Over 40 students received either the one-, two-, or three-year Certificate in Christian Humanities. While most first- and second-year students will return for further studies at OLSWA, the third-year students will be going on for a final year at colleges and universities where they will receive their Bachelor of Arts degrees: Redeemer University College, Tyndale University College, Christendom College, and Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Ten scholarships and bursaries were awarded to deserving students, and a new award, the Blessed John Paul II Award, was presented to Amy MacInnis of Whitby, ON, for receiving the highest CGPA among students receiving the three-year certificate.

*Top: The 2011 Graduating Class from OLSWA with Bishop Michael Mulhall of Pembroke, ON.*



*Student Jonathan Baker of Montreal, QC, delivers his farewell address on behalf of the graduating student body.*

Third-year student Jonathan Baker of Montreal gave the farewell address on behalf of the graduating class. He was chosen by his classmates as a student who both demonstrates academic excellence and upholds the mission of OLSWA. Jonathan spoke warmly of his experience of OLSWA which he has always considered, since his first visit, as a “home” and like a “family.” He also expressed his appreciation for the way the faculty and staff call the students higher. He quoted John Paul II’s words to the youth, “It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity... Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” Jonathan ended by offering heartfelt thanks for “all those who have laboured so hard to make the Academy a reality” and for his fellow students “for being a constant source of encouragement, edification, inspiration and friendship.”

Dean of Students, Miss Maja Polic, who will be moving on from OLSWA this summer, was thanked by Dr. Cassidy for her three years of dedicated service to OLSWA in the area of Student Life. In her parting words to the student body, she expressed her love for them and encouraged them in their daily living out of God’s great plan for their lives.

The Academy community offers heartfelt thanks to all friends, parents, and benefactors for their support and encouragement over the past year. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, and Blessed John Paul II, pray for us!

## OLSWA Alumni Graduate from other Institutions

### *Redeemer University College Graduates*



Left (L to R): **Emily Nail, ('08)**, B.A. Honours (Psychology); **Elizabeth Enright, ('10)**, B.A. (Humanities); **Quentin Ferrant ('08)**, B.Sc. Honours (Biology); **Jessica Dunn ('08)**, B.A. (Theology) & B.Ed.

(In absentia) **John Espadero ('10)**, B.A. (Humanities) who will be pursuing a Master of Occupational Therapy at the University of British Columbia this fall.



**Jenna Henry ('10)**, B.A. (Philosophy), graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville.



**Frances Roxburgh ('10)**, (B.A.) pictured with her twin brother, graduated from Ave Maria University in Florida.

# OLSWA Alumni, At Your Service!

While many OLSWA students plan on pursuing a B.A. in the liberal arts, a number choose to enter a trade or other college program after their OLSWA experience.

No matter what length of time students study at OLSWA—whether one, two, or three years—they are always grateful for what they received during their time here, and cherish it. A liberal arts education is valuable no matter what line of work one hopes to enter. Skills of reasoning and logic, as well as the ability to communicate well through effective writing and speaking, are helpful for anyone; employers are increasingly recognizing the benefits of hiring individuals with a liberal arts background.

OLSWA is very proud of its alumni who have opted to enter a trade or to work in public service. Their commitment to excellence in their field, to ethical practices and respect for the dignity of life, and to their love for God and Truth is an important part of transforming our culture.

A number of our alumni are working or pursuing studies in healthcare, such as nursing, personal support work, physiotherapy and medicine. Others are in emergency services such as firefighting and law enforcement. Others are pursuing a trade, such as carpentry, hairdressing, gas fitting, and even costume design.

Here is what some of our alumni have to say:



Ben O'Brien

**BEN O'BRIEN ('09)**

After three years at OLSWA and then graduating from Redeemer with a B.A. in Humanities in 2010, Ben entered Algonquin College's Pre-Service Firefighter Program where he also served as class president. Graduating at the top of his class, Ben received the Ottawa Fire Services Award of Excellence. Ben writes:

"I am very grateful for my three years at OLSWA. The intellectual formation I received at the Academy has been very helpful. OLSWA gave me good thinking, writing, and decision-making skills. More importantly, the spiritual formation I received has been a continual source of strength.

"I am deeply proud to represent Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy in the Fire Service. I am excited to bring the principles I learned at the Academy to this challenging and rewarding career. When I respond to an emergency, I hope to bring Christ to those who are at their lowest and also to my co-workers who may never have heard of Him."

**MARIE KOECHL ('10)**

Marie attended OLSWA for one year and then entered a ten-month hair-dressing program at a recognized institute for hair design. She found the secular environment challenging:

"Students judged you on how you looked every day, and who went out with the hottest guy the night before. I was belittled for doing my work quickly and efficiently. And every so often, there were negative comments made about the Catholic Church. It was a whole new

world—the world of sex, booze, and drugs. Having attended OLSWA for one year was very helpful for me to deal with all these things...When moral issues came up, I was more prepared and knowledgeable on these issues, so I could better defend my faith. And the Catholic friends I met at OLSWA were always there to listen and encourage me through many of the trials I faced.

"My year at OLSWA was the best year of my life. I studied great things, met great people, and above all, I became closer to God. OLSWA allowed me to grow as a person and as a result I was able to learn more about myself and see my own personal limits, in a safe Catholic environment."

**DANIEL FERRI ('08)**

After attending the Academy for one year, Dan decided to enter the police force. He studied Police Foundations at Algonquin College and worked as an OPP Auxiliary Member before entering the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Depot" Division. Graduating this summer with high marks after an intensive six-month training program, Dan is now an RCMP constable and is currently posted in Alberta.

OLSWA's first Mountie writes:

"Attending OLSWA for one year was the perfect first step. Unsure of what field I wanted to enter after high school, studying a variety of subjects at the Academy opened my mind to all the possibilities. The strong writing and communication skills I developed at OLSWA have been very helpful in my work, particularly in writing reports

coherently and efficiently. I am especially grateful for the strong friendships I made during my year. My friends and I were able to connect on a deeper level because of our common faith and shared Academy experiences, and they continue to be a great source of support and friendship."

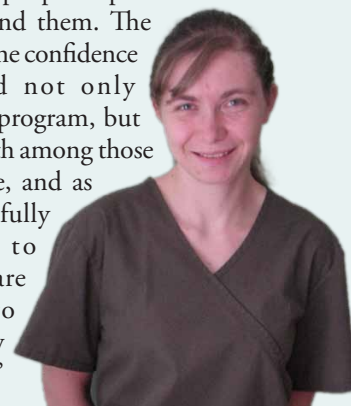
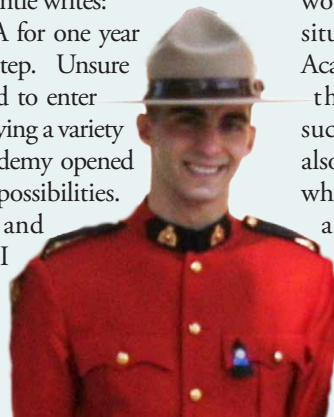
**MARISSA HENRY ('06)**

Marissa attended OLSWA for two years and has since been certified as a Personal Support Worker through Algonquin College. The eight-month program taught her how to care for people in various needs, such as stroke victims, those bedridden or in wheelchairs, or those who simply need assistance in eating or dressing.

She writes:

"Upon graduating I have worked with the elderly and dying in nursing homes, and have learned through this experience that caring for the sick is a great privilege. I am so grateful to be in a profession that truly helps those who are in need.

"After being home-schooled, my experience at OLSWA continued what my parents began; further studies in the Faith, literature and history helped me to be more aware of the world and how people respond to situations around them. The Academy gave me confidence that I could not only succeed in my program, but also live my Faith among those who have none, and as a PSW hopefully bring it to those I care for and to my fellow employees."



# Knights of Columbus Call for Support of OLSWA



In the March 2011 issue of the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Bulletin, the Ontario State Council encouraged K of C councils to support the work of Catholic post-secondary institutions such as Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy.

Elaborating on a resolution carried at the 2010 Ontario State Convention which “called for the State to provide details to councils on how to support Catholic education institutions such as Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy,” Arthur Peters, Ontario State Deputy at the time, wrote: “The Ontario State Board recognizes the importance of our Catholic education system, and encourages councils to support our schools at all levels. With regard to post-secondary education, councils may wish to consider making charitable donations to support the work of Catholic institutions.”

“Many children are turning to universities and colleges that allow them to continue their education in a faith based environment. As a Catholic organization, we can assist with this process by financially supporting these institutions. Although there are many demands on the resources of our councils, Catholic education is an important area with which we, as knights, should be involved. Please consider supporting the important work of these Catholic educational institutions.”

OLSWA welcomes this move by the Ontario Knights to support OLSWA’s important work of providing the quality education in a faith-based environment that an increasing number of students are seeking.

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

### Summer Happenings

One might think that as the academic year comes to an end, things would wind down at OLSWA for a lazy summer by the lake. Far from the truth! There is much life and activity here over the summer.

Here is a bit of what is going on:

**Building of a new duplex residence.** The building of the new residence, which began in April, is going very well, and will be ready at the end of August to welcome students. See page 7 for more details.

**Promotion at conferences.** Summer is the season for many Catholic conferences. One of the best ways to promote OLSWA among various communities is to have an OLSWA display at these events. We were present at the K of C Ontario State Convention and look forward to exhibiting at the Catholic Women’s League’s National Convention in Toronto this August. We’ve had our display at several Pro-Life and Catholic family conferences as well as at Ontario’s Journey to the Father youth conference. There are many home-school conferences that we are fortunate to attend as well, both in Canada and the US. It is so very encouraging to see that interest in OLSWA only grows among prospective students and supporters, and that our new friends are eager to hear what is going on here.

Our success at these events is due in a large part to the generous friends and alumni who offer their time to help out at the OLSWA display. Our alumni, who have experienced first-hand what an OLSWA education and experience provides, are first-rate ambassadors. Thank you to all of you who help OLSWA in this very significant way. And to others: If there are any events in your area that you think OLSWA should be a part of, and/or if you would like to help by promoting OLSWA in your area, please let us know!

**Application for Degree-Granting Status.** This sum-

mer we are making valuable headway in the application to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB), in our bid for degree-granting status. We hope to apply by August 2012. We need to raise \$22,000-\$25,000 for the application fee and related expenses, which include improving our library’s access to scholarly journals online.

**Wojtyla Summer Institute.** Of particular significance



to me is the establishment of our first summer institute named in honour of Blessed John Paul II, which will be held here, at 18 Karol Wojtyla Square. This year’s institute is geared towards providing Catholic teachers with the knowledge and tools to teach their students the liberating truth of the Theology of the Body. We are happy to respond to this need, expressed to us by some Catholic teachers in Ontario. As a Catholic educational institution working towards the renewal of our culture, this is exactly the kind of thing that we want to do during our summer months and for our community.

I hope you are encouraged by what you read in this issue of *Veritas*. We are proud that our students and alumni are seeking to be the most they can be for our world. This fall another one of our alumni will be entering the seminary; please keep Anthony and all our aspiring religious and seminarians in your prayers.

Our deepest thanks to all of you who helped us through another successful year at OLSWA, by means of your prayers and financial support. Thanks be to God, this past fiscal year we met our fundraising goal for operating expenses, raising \$365,500 since July 2010. Our Capital Campaign for building funds continues!

Thank you for all your prayers, enthusiasm, and support!

**Maria Reilander, Senior Development Officer**

### Scholarships and Bursaries at OLSWA

Scholarships and bursaries are a great way to make a difference in the lives of deserving students at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy. While OLSWA strives to keep tuition at an affordable level, there are still many students who rely on the help of bursaries and scholarships to pursue their studies. Your gift makes their dreams possible.

By supporting a scholarship or bursary, you will recognize and reward a worthy student, and you will also received a tax-deductible receipt for your gift. One hundred percent of your gift will go directly to the student.

To find out how to contribute to

OLSWA’s scholarships or bursaries, visit our website.

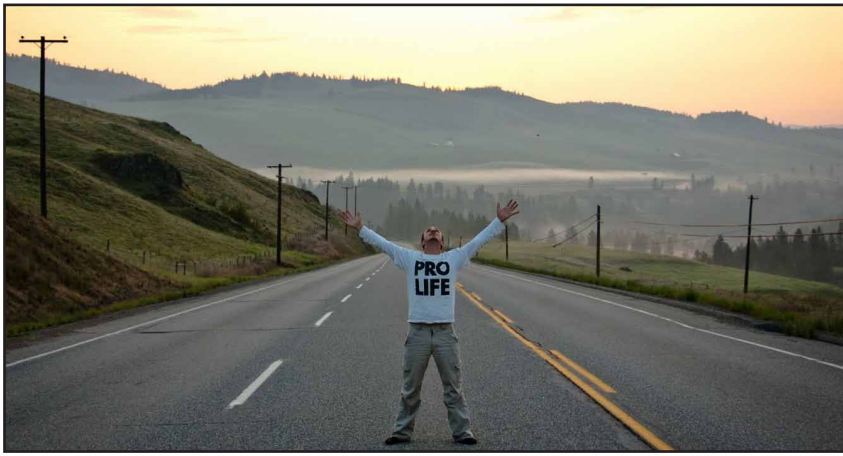
Please ask your Knights of Columbus council, or Catholic Women’s League, about establishing a bursary. This is an excellent way for your group to support deserving students from your area.

Visit our website for more information.

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**Congratulations to Our 2011-2012 Scholarship and Bursary Recipients:**

- St. Scholastica Scholarship: Ann Savidge
- St. Benedict Scholarship: Emily Mott

- Divine Infant of Prague Scholarship: Dayle Sanders
- Mosielski Family Scholarship: Faye Breen
- St. Cecilia Music Scholarship: Alexa Bulman
- Venerable Bede Scholarship: Ian Gallagher
- Janine Lieu Pro-Life Scholarship: Kathleen Dunn
- Paul Sanders Pro-Life Scholarship: John D’Agostino
- Mary Ward Bursary: Maria Wagner
- St. Athanasius Bursary: Elliott Warner
- Father Archie Afelskie Award: Jamie Hanlon
- Pope John Paul II Award: Amy MacInnis



Left: Crossroads walk leader Michael Hayden ('11) soaks in the sunrise after finishing his shift on the night walk. Photo courtesy of Mark Pinto.

## “By their fruits you shall know them”

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Walkers pray outside an abortion clinic in Edmonton, AB.

There are twelve walkers on the Crossroads Canada team and nine of them come from the Academy. That means about ten percent of the student body of OLSWA is participating in the walk and seventy-five percent of the entire Crossroads Canada team is from the Academy. Michael Hayden, OLSWA alum and walk leader of our team, quotes Matthew 7:20: “By their fruits you shall know them’... This large number of Academy students shows the

value of the school and how much good it has done.” We know life is sacred from conception to natural death, and we are able to apply the knowledge gained from OLSWA to situations where we have to defend the sacredness of life. The Academy has also taught us that the most powerful weapon against evil is the power of prayer. We continue to pray every day for an end to abortion and encourage you all to do the same; please keep us and our mission in your prayers. May God bless all of you!

*John D’Agostino hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and will be returning to OLSWA this fall for his second year of studies.*

## Construction of New Residence Underway

OLSWA’s newest residence is going up, and is on-schedule to be available for the Fall semester. “All Glory to God who has kept us safe, on time, under budget and enjoying the process,” says James Hanlon who is overseeing the project. “If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour.” Situated on a lot with a magnificent view of Lake Kamani-skeg, the residence is a convenient walk away from the Academy’s campus. OLSWA supporters can be pleased by the fact that the work is being



done to the highest standards of care and workmanship, and at the same time as economically as possible. The \$65,000 in capital funds which we’ve received since last fall has enabled us to make the down payment on our mortgage. Labour and materials will cost around \$350,000. Your donation to OLSWA will be greatly appreciated and will help fund this building, and our other work.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Congratulations to **Kenneth Walker ('05)** of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, who was ordained to the diaconate in Lincoln, NE on March 19, 2011, by His Excellency Czeslaw Kozon, Bishop of Copenhagen.

Congratulations to **Amanda Thompson (Barbaresi, '10)** and husband Nicholas, on the birth of their first child, Isabel Cesira on May 30, 2011.

Congratulations to **Maura Baklinski (McNeely, '10)** who was elected Alumni Rep. to the Board for 2011.

Congratulations to **Veronica Grossling (Sebanc, '06)** and husband Felipe, on the birth of their first child, Matias, on July 7, 2011.

Congratulations to **John Espadero ('10)** and **Elizabeth Enright ('10)**, who were married on July 16, 2011.

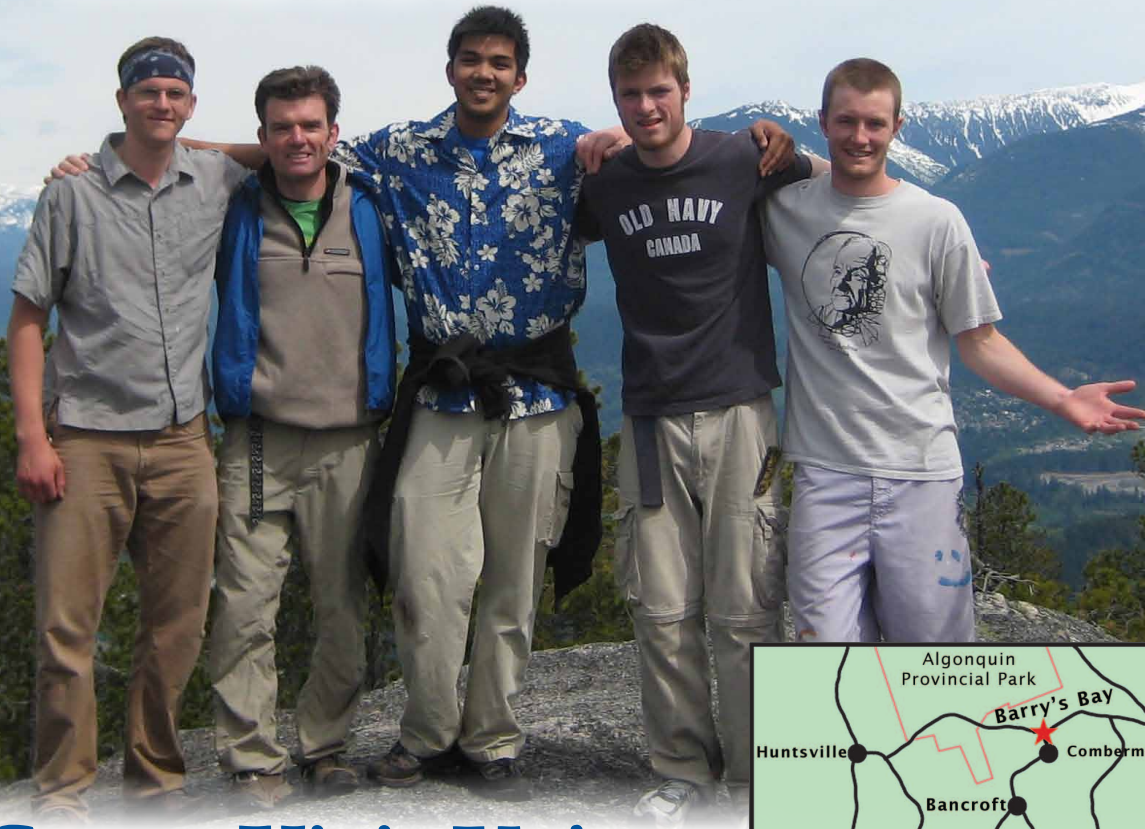
## Alumni Abroad

**Cassie Farrell ('10)** spent two-and-a-half weeks touring Ghana, West Africa, this May. Cassie is now a student of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana, which is run by the congregation of Holy Cross Brothers. All Holy Cross students must spend time with other CSC Brothers’ communities in order to graduate. Here she is pictured with 8-month-old Jeremiah at a primary school in Moree, Ghana.



OLSWA Alumnae **Emma Coates ('10)**, **Hannah Corkery ('10)**, and **Sally Beresford ('10)** (pictured above) attended the **beatification of Pope John Paul II** in Rome on May 1, 2011. Alumnus **Scott Murray ('09)** was also present at the beatification.

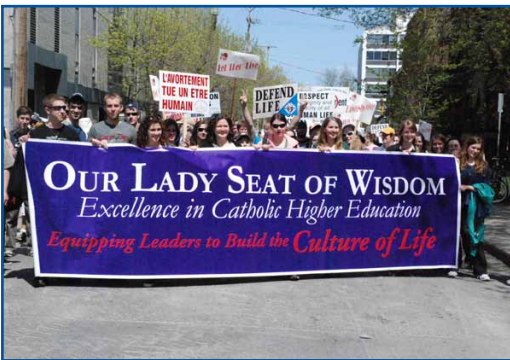
*Summer in the Rockies: OLSWA Student Elliott Warner, Professor John Paul Meenan, and Alumni John Espadero ('10), Patrick Wilson ('11) and Donald McGeragle ('11), after climbing the Stawamus Chief (700m) in Squamish, British Columbia.*



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*First-year students pose on graduation day.*

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