

New Director of Religious Education at Newman Theological College

Edmonton — A respected educator with Edmonton Catholic Schools has been appointed Director of Religious Education at Newman Theological College.

Sandra Talarico's appointment takes effect with the 2010-11 academic year, said Rev. Shayne Craig, PSS, president of Newman Theological College. Her duties will include coordinating and directing the college's degree and diploma programs in religious education, directing Summer Sessions, and some teaching. In addition, she will act as a liaison with Catholic school districts, teachers, faculties and other stakeholders in religious education. The new appointment is to a .5 position, allowing Sandra to continue working half-time for Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Sandra's educational background includes two undergraduate degrees from the University of Alberta, a master's degree in educational administration and leadership from the University of Portland, a pastoral certificate from the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton and graduate diploma in religious education from Newman Theological College. This fall she will graduate with a master's in religious education from Newman Theological College.



Sandra was employed by the Archdiocese for 15 years as a Pastoral Assistant, primarily in the parishes of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare in Edmonton, organizing and implementing sacramental, youth and RCIA programs. She has worked for Edmonton Catholic Schools since 1992, teaching from Grade 3 to Grade 12. She is currently serving as a Chaplain and Religion Department Head at Archbishop MacDonald Catholic High School.

"I am absolutely delighted to have Sandra join the faculty," said Father Shayne. "It's an excellent sign of the different elements of the Church working together. Her background at Edmonton Catholic Schools will help us greatly as we seek to broaden the educational formation of our people."

Sandra said she "looks forward to having our school districts and Newman Theological College work together in new and innovative ways, especially in the area of adult faith formation for our staff."

Sandra will assume the position of Director of Religious Education upon the retirement of Dr. Dan Kingdon, whose 11-year career with the College saw the program's continual growth and expansion.

Newman Theological College is an accredited academic institution dedicated to the study of theology and related disciplines. It currently offers graduate-level programs and classes in theology and religious education. The college is owned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, but its programs are open to all women and men who have the necessary prerequisites.

Newman Theological College will be moving this fall to new premises on the Catholic campus at the corner of 101st Avenue and 84th Street in Edmonton.