

## News Release

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### **Newman Theological College announces 2013 recipient of Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award**

#### **Mary Molloy**

**Edmonton** – A woman described as a loyal friend, dedicated CWL member and tireless volunteer in Edmonton's Catholic community is being honoured by Newman Theological College.

Mary Molloy was named August 15<sup>th</sup> as this year's recipient of the 2013 Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award. The award, named for the first layperson to serve as president of the college, recognizes individuals whose outstanding Christian leadership reflects the values of the college and the qualities that Carr cherished and exhibited in his work as president.

An active member of St. Joseph's Basilica Parish, Mary has served on the Liturgy Committee and helped organize many major liturgical events at the Basilica, including the annual Chrism Mass, the 75th Anniversary Masses for the province and the Archdiocese, and the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1984. She is currently working on the Basilica's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

Her leadership roles have included chairing the Sign of Hope Campaign in 2001 and co-chairing the Cornerstone of Faith Campaign in 2008-09. She has also served for six years on the Board of Governors for St Joseph's College at the University of Alberta.

Mary has great affection for the Catholic Women's League and has shared her gifts there in many capacities over the years. She has served recently as president of the St. Joseph's Basilica CWL, resolutions chair for the Edmonton Diocesan CWL, and on the organizing committees for the Alberta Mackenzie Centennial Gala and the CWL National Convention.

Susan Casey, a CWL sister and one of the nominators for this year's winner, calls Mary a true leader who inspires and encourages others. She noted that Mary volunteered to take responsibility for the Catholic Girl's League at the Jean Forest Leadership Academy in Edmonton, encouraging girls in Grades 7 to 9 in spiritual development, leadership, and social justice.

"As with everything else Mary does, she approached this responsibility with gusto and fervour and has accomplished so much with these girls," wrote Susan. "It is truly amazing to see how she inspires them to achieve their goals and makes it fun at the same time."

Father Mike McCaffery, who has worked with Mary on numerous projects, noted that she was always willing to lend a hand or share her wisdom to ensure the annual Friar's Ball was a success. She also worked on the Franciscans' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

"Mary, in her own unique quiet way, had that gifted leadership skill to make others want to follow and be involved," Father Mike wrote in his nomination.

Father Don MacDonald OFM, who has known Mary for 40 years, marvels at her "willingness to offer her services in so many areas of the Church's life. I can think of no one more worthy of this award."



Mary managed to share her gifts as a volunteer while working for 30 years in intergovernmental affairs, protocol and stakeholder engagement for the City of Edmonton and then for a major utility company. She now works part time as an advisor for Poirier & Associates, as an independent insurance broker.

Mary Molloy will be honoured at the 10th Annual Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award Luncheon on **Tuesday, October 15 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club at 11:30 am**. For ticket information please contact Lorraine Kasha at 780.392.2450.

**Previous Award Recipients:**

2012 – Kae Neufeld  
2011 – Rosanna Saccomani, Q.C.  
2010 – Ben Hochhausen  
2009 – Sr. Annata Brockman  
2008 – Don Zinyk  
2007 – Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.  
2006 – Tim Spelliscy  
2005 – Ernest Chauvet  
2004 – Hon. Jean Forest

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