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The Association of Theological Schools' Commission on Accrediting reaffirms the Accreditation of Newman Theological College for a period of seven years.

Edmonton - I'm pleased to inform all members of the NTC community that I received a letter this week from the Association of Theological Schools' Commission on Accrediting reaffirming the accreditation of Newman Theological College for a period of seven years (fall 2023). This approval applies to the Master of Divinity, Master of Religious Education, Master of Theological Studies, and the Master of Theology programs. The Commission also approved NTC's extension site in Saskatoon, SK for delivery of the MRE program as well as approving the College to offer comprehensive distance education.

The letter listed the following strengths:

- a) A creative commitment to the professional education (including, but not limited to, the Master of Religious Education program) of persons teaching in Roman Catholic schools;
- b) A demonstrated attentiveness to opportunities for sharing resources with the archdiocese, local; school districts, and the seminary in order to more effectively and economically achieve the mission of the school;
- c) A resilience of spirit that has carried the school through years described as tumultuous to the hopeful generosity that currently permeates the institution; and
- d) The current impressive level of student involvement in all facets of the institution.

Additionally, the Commission noted areas that require further attention. Of particular importance is the need to develop a comprehensive strategic plan and a more rigorous plan of assessment and evaluation. The Board and Faculty Council have already begun work on these important initiatives.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Faculty, Staff, Students, and other stakeholders who participated in the self-study process that was so vital to this reaccreditation process. We will build on the information learned from this comprehensive assessment as we move forward. Please continue to pray for the success of Newman Theological College in pursuit of its mission.

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