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### Respected Scripture scholar Stéphane Saulnier promoted to rank of Professor

**Edmonton, December 21, 2017** – Dr. Stéphane Saulnier, a respected teacher and researcher of Sacred Scripture who has served for 10 years as an associate professor at Newman Theological College, has been promoted to the rank of full professor. The appointment takes effect on January 1.

“It gives me great pleasure to announce this well-deserved appointment for Dr. Saulnier,” said College President Jason West. “His intellect, his energy, his gift for connecting with students, and his commitment to the College all combined makes this a blessing for the Newman Community.”



The promotion follows a review by the College’s Personnel Committee, which considered a number of factors, including professional development, teaching, service to the College, research, publication, scholarly work, professional activities, and service to the broader community.

Sr. Dr. Zoe Bernatsky, who as Academic Dean chairs the committee, said Dr. Saulnier is admired by his students and faculty colleagues alike. “His enthusiasm for the faith and his dedication to theological education is exemplary. He is a true missionary disciple and we are blessed to have him at Newman Theological College.”

Professor Saulnier, who was born and raised in France, holds a Ph. D. from the University of Kent in Canterbury, UK. He joined the Newman faculty in 2007, and his research has been published in French and English in a number of advanced academic publications.

His work has done much to raise the profile of the College in the larger community. In 2011 he began the popular Treasures of the Faith seminars, a series of lunchtime lectures free and open to anyone. He has been actively involved in the development of new undergraduate programs for the theological formation of lay people and permanent deacons, and in the establishment of the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization.

In addition to his academic work at the College, Dr. Saulnier is a popular presenter at teacher conventions in Alberta and faith formation programs in Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba. He is currently working with Rev. John Kohler, a fellow scripture scholar and colleague, on a new video series for Grandin Media.

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