Newman Theological College

Installation of

Dr. Jason West

as
13th President of
Newman Theological College

Edmonton, Alberta
Dr. Jason West has served Newman Theological College as a professor of philosophy since 2004 and was named Academic Dean in 2011. He has worked on a number of college committees and has co-ordinated the Anthony Jordan Lecture Series. He has taught at Concordia College, St. Joseph’s College (University of Alberta), and St. Jerome’s University at the University of Waterloo. He has held executive roles with the Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers and the Western Catholic Reporter Board of Directors. Dr. West has published several articles on St. Thomas Aquinas, metaphysics and political philosophy. He is writing a book on 20th-century philosopher Jacques Maritain. Dr. West lives in Edmonton with his wife Christine and their six children.
**Order of Service**

- **Gathering Hymn**: Gather us Together (CBW III, 601)
- **First Reading**: Hebrews 10:1-10
- **Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 40 (CBW III, 115)
- **Refrain**: Here I am, O Lord, to do your will
- **Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
- **Gospel Reading**: Mark 3:31-35
- **Declaration of Office**: Most Rev. Archbishop Richard Smith
- **Investiture of the President**: Kevin Feehan, Q.C., Chancellor
- **Robing of the President’s Gown**: Kevin Feehan, Q.C., Chancellor
- **Blessing of the Icon**: Most Rev. David Motiuk
- **Preparation of the Gifts**: Here I am Lord (CBW III, 520)
- **Holy, Holy, Holy**: Celebrate in Song, p. 41
- **Memorial Acclamation**: Celebrate in Song, p. 42
- **Great Amen**: Celebrate in Song, p. 42
- **Lamb of God**: Celebrate in Song, p. 43
- **Communion Hymn**: Gift of Finest Wheat (CBW III, 603)
- **Presidential Address**: Dr. Jason West
- **Recessional Hymn**: You are the Voice (CBW III, 576)

**Liturgical Ministries**

- **Principal Celebrant**: Most Rev. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton
- **Principal Concelebrants**: Most Rev. Gregory Bittman, Auxiliary Bishop of Edmonton
  - Most Rev. David Motiuk, Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton
  - Most Rev. Paul Terrio, Bishop of St. Paul
- **Deacon**: Deacon David Hogman
- **First Reading**: Maria Saulnier
- **Prayers of the Faithful**: Doreen Bloos
- **Gift Bearers**: Jason & Christine West
- **Accompanist**: David Moret
- **Choir**: SJS Seminarians
In attendance:

Concordia University College of Alberta (1921), Edmonton, AB  
Dr. Gerald Krispin, President

Corpus Christi College (1999) / St. Mark’s College (1958), Vancouver, BC  
Rev. Dr. Mark A. Hagemoen, President and Principal

King’s University College (1979), Edmonton, AB  
Dr. Harry J. Fernhout, President

St. Joseph’s College (1926), University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Rev. Dr. Terence Kersch, President

St. Stephen’s College (1908), University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Dr. Earle Sharam, Principal

St. Thomas More College (1936), Saskatoon, SK  
Dr. Terrence Downey, President

The following institutions were unable to attend but sent their greetings:

Brescia University College (1919), London, ON  
Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Principal

Campion College, University of Regina (1917), Regina, SK  
Rev. Dr. Benjamin Fiore, S.J., President

Kings University College (1954), London, ON  
Dr. David Sylvester, Principal

St. Jerome’s University (1865), Waterloo, ON  
Dr. Katherine Bergman, President

St. Mary’s University College (1986), Calgary, AB  
Dr. Gerry Turcotte, President

St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, (1852), Toronto, ON  
Sr. Anne Anderson, President

St. Paul’s College (1926), Winnipeg, MB  
Dr. Christopher J. Adams, Rector

St. Thomas University (1934), Fredericton, NB  
Dr. Dawn Russell, President & Vice-Chancellor

University of Sudbury (1913), Sudbury, ON  
Dr. Pierre Zundel, President
Lay men and women, diocesan clergy from Western Canada, along with several religious orders of men and consecrated women work together to fulfil the mission of NTC. In this way, NTC is infused with the life-giving collaboration of all members of the Body of Christ that is the beauty and grace of the Church.

ABOUT OUR NAMESAKE

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801—1890) was one of the great figures of theological reflection in the life of the modern Church. First as a leading Anglican divine and then as the premier Catholic theologian of 19th century England. Newman articulated a compelling vision of Catholic Tradition in challenging conversation with the modern world. This “illustrious man of the Church and important Catholic thinker” (Pope Benedict XVI) continues to shape Christian reflection and life and so serves as a life-giving model for the mission of Newman Theological College. On Sept. 19, 2010, Cardinal Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Coventry, England.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

Theology is situated within the broader evangelizing, teaching-educating mission of the Church which comes from Christ Himself. As is seen in the formation of the books of the New Testament, the special ministry of theology has been operative in the Church from Apostolic times. Theology is primarily a faith-filled, intellectual, systematic, sustained, comprehensive, and critical pursuit that probes and clarifies the meaning of Christian life in the light of the Revelation of God.
It seeks to understand and integrate in the lived Christian reality the inexhaustible gift of God’s Truth and Love in Jesus Christ and the impact of this gift on every facet of Christian life: contemplative, apologetic, pastoral, spiritual, liturgical, inter-disciplinary, social, and aesthetic. At NTC, we attempt to grasp a right understanding of the main issues of belief and behaviour in response to the needs, problems, questions, and challenges of the contemporary world and to the joy-filled urgency of the proclamation of the Word of God.

Christian theology at NTC is grounded in the divine-human drama which unfolds historically in Israel, Christ and the Church. As a result, at NTC, we study the special documentary witness to this history in Scripture and Tradition with the methodology and perspective embraced by the mind of the Church and required by all the historical documents.

The goal of theological education at NTC is the capacity for Christian service and leadership in the contemporary Church and world. Theological reflection on ministry is a part of every professional degree. Spiritual formation and growth is integral to the preparation of men and women for service and leadership in the Church. Lay spiritual formation at NTC draws from Scripture and the many spiritualties in Christian tradition. It facilitates growth in discipleship and in living gospel values, recognizing the inter-relatedness in light of theological education, human maturing, and the universal call to holiness. We invite students to discover and develop a deeper relationship with God and Jesus Christ and to find the workings of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.

A welcoming, personable, and worshipping community is important to theological studies at NTC. We seek to incorporate in our communal life what is taught and learned. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to participate in worship as well as community and social events. The learning goals of students at NTC are varied. Some students prepare for the ordained ministry, others for lay ministry, others to share in the special ministry of Catholic Education; others attend NTC for personal faith enrichment and theological renewal.

All men and women who have the necessary prerequisites for the various programs are welcome. Various teaching methodologies are used to respond better to the needs and learning styles of the adults enrolled at NTC. NTC, as an academic institution of higher learning in service to the Church, promotes that deepest satisfaction which derives from reflective discipleship of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN AND MEN: LAITY, RELIGIOUS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS**

NTC recognizes, respects, and supports the diversity of churches and church traditions within the Catholic communion. Courses in Eastern Christianity are offered and the Eastern Christian perspective is incorporated into existing courses wherever possible. This sensitivity to diversity also extends to the ecumenical dimension of Christian theology. NTC has students and professors from other Christian churches and it offers courses in some of these traditions. There is also an awareness of the increasing importance of the knowledge of and dialogue with other world religions.

**SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

NTC’s educational mission is to prepare men and women to assume roles of Christian service and leadership in the Church and the
world. This mission is realized through basic and advanced degree programs in theology and religious education, and certificate programs in Catholic studies.

**THE CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA**

NTC strives to remain open to the global dimensions of theology in the Church and in the world today as well as to be particularly aware of the western and northern Canadian context with its own experiences, problems, and approaches. The important ministry of theological education is NTC’s invaluable contribution to the life and mission of the Church in Western Canada.

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