MESSAGE FROM PETER BALTUTIS, PRESIDENT CANADIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The highlight of the year for the CCHA is our Annual Conference! Our annual gathering brings together leading historians, archivists, and scholars from across North America to discuss their innovative research on the history of Catholicism in Canada. This year, our 84th Annual Conference, will be held in downtown Toronto at Ryerson University, from Wednesday, May 31-Thursday, June 1, 2017.

This year’s program features a large number of new members to the CCHA, which speaks to the growth of our dynamic association. While the full program can be found within this bulletin – as well as on our website www.cchahistory.ca – there are a few special events that are NOT to be missed:

- **Tuesday, May 30th (2:00 pm): OPTIONAL guided tour** of the newly renovated St. Michael’s Cathedral (65 Bond Street)
- **Wednesday, May 31st (8:30 – 10:00 am): the CCHA Keynote Address** will be given by John T. McGreevy, the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts & Letters and Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. McGreevy will be speaking on his new award-winning book “American Jesuits and the World: How an Embattled Religious Order Made Modern Catholicism” (Princeton University Press, 2016). This event is a joint session with the Canadian Historical Association (CHA) and Canadian Society of Church History (CSCH)
- **Wednesday, May 31st (6:30 pm onwards): the festive CCHA Banquet** at the Bond Place Hotel. This year, our special guest speaker during dinner will be Michael Swan, Associate Editor of The Catholic Register, who will provide commentary on “The Renovations of St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto”
- **Thursday, June 1st (10:45 am – 12:15 pm): Book Launch** for Conscience of a Nation: A History of the Jesuits in English Canada, 1842-2013 (Novalis, 2017). This is the third and final book in the Jesuit History Series. This book launch will feature a roundtable discussion among several of the authors, as well as the series editor, Jacques Monet, S.J.
- **Thursday, June 1st (3:15 – 5:00 pm): Book Launch** for Jubilee: 50 Years of Solidarity – The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (Novalis, 2017). This book launch will feature a diverse cross-section of important people from throughout the rich history of Development and Peace.

Whether you are a regular participant at the CCHA Annual Conference, or this will be your first one, everyone is most welcome to join us for lively discussions and warm fellowship. If we have not already met, please be sure to come find me during the conference and say Hello!

CCHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RYERSON UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, 2017

Program committee members, Peter Baltutis, Robert Dennis and Peter Ludlow have been busy working with local coordinators Edward Jackman, Valerie Burke and MC Havey. The theme for this year’s conference is “From Far and Wide” as put forth by the Congress for Humanities and Social Sciences, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

President Peter Baltutis has given special features of the program in his message. For the Congress events check the website www.congress2017.ca

Please watch www.cchahistory.ca website for updates on the CCHA 2017 conference. Under the conference tab there is a detailed conference overview. We hope you will make every effort to join us. If you wish to call or email regarding any further information, please feel free to contact Valerie Burke, Administrator for the CCHA valerieburke@cchahistory.ca or call her at 705-795-9754 (cell).

Other notable buildings of interest to new visitors:

- **Home of William Lyon MacKenzie** - first Mayor of Toronto, located at 82 Bond Street
- **Allen Gardens Conservatory** (Jarvis Street in front of and slightly left of the ILC building at the Jarvis St. exit)
CURRENT PUBLICATIONS compiled by Fred McEvoy


COAST TO COAST SPRING 2017

Congratulations to Terry Murphy, Professor Emeritus, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is the recipient of a Peter D’Agostino Research Travel Grant from the Cushwa Center and Italian Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Professor Murphy will present a paper on “Rome and the Development of a North Atlantic Community: The Irish Catholics of Nova Scotia, 1785-1860,” at the conference North Atlantic Communities in Rome, 1622–1939, June 5 to 7, 2017. He will also do archival research during his stay in Rome.

Peter Ludlow, the CCHA Vice-President, has been awarded a 2017 Special Collections Centre Visiting Scholar Award at the Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen, for work in the Scottish Catholic Archive on his history of Catholicism in eastern Nova Scotia. He focuses on the relationship between the diocese of Antigonish and the Catholic Church in Scotland. The award citation says that the “Visiting Scholar Award will enable Dr. Ludlow to use the late 18th century Scottish Catholic Archives holdings at Aberdeen in his examination of Scottish Catholicism in ‘New Scotland’.”

Peter Ludlow’s “Raising the Cry of Nationality: The Struggle for an Irish Bishop of Charlottetown,” appears in The Island Magazine, 80 (Fall/Winter 2016).

Edward MacDonald, a CCHA Past-President and Professor of History at the University of Prince Edward Island, has been honoured for outstanding service to heritage. On February 21, 2017, Lieutenant-Governor Frank Lewis presented Professor MacDonald with the Award of Honour of the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation. The award recognizes his contributions to heritage activities in the province, including his publications. He is one of the editors of Time and Place, An Environmental History of Prince Edward Island, and was co-author of The Landscapes of Confederation. His “Tangled Up in Blue, The Island Magazine at Forty,” appears in The Island Magazine, 80 (Fall/Winter 2016).
Robert Dennis, CCHA President General, has been hired into a tenure-track position in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, effective July 1. Professor Dennis reports that the Saint Dunstan’s University Institute of Christianity and Culture at the University of Prince Edward Island is launching an academic programme in Rome in May 2017. The Institute will fund ten undergraduate students and two faculty members to undertake “Rome: Christianity and Culture.” The course funding comes as part of the St. Dunstan’s University Board of Governors’ contribution to UPEI’s capital “Inspire Campaign,” and reflects the commitment of both institutions to “ experiential-learning.”

Farrell McCarthy of Miramichi, N.B. received two medals in recognition of his contributions to heritage activities. The Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable David Johnston, presented Farrell McCarthy with the Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers April 12, 2016 at Rideau Hall. McCarthy has devoted over 30 years of volunteer work to promoting Irish culture. He helped establish many of the existing Irish cultural organizations, events and communications. Farrell McCarthy received another medal in 2016. The Irish Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Raymond Bassett, presented him with the first of the Douglas Hyde Medals. This new award is to be given annually to a recipient nominated by the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick for dedication to Irish language and culture.

Matthew Barlow of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst is speaking on St. Ann’s Church Griffintown (Montreal): History and Memory at the CCHA conference at Ryerson. His book, Griffintown: Identity and Memory in an Irish Diaspora Neighbourhood will be published by UBC Press in May 2017. He and colleague G. Scott MacLeod will release their documentary The Death and Life of Griffintown about the same time. Both the projects concern the Irish-Catholic culture of the community. See Active History January 30, 2017, “Staging an Irish Identity,” for more on these projects.

Peter Baltutis, the CCHA President and a Professor at St. Mary’s University, Calgary, will be part of the contributing authors’ panel at the CCHA at Ryerson for the book launch of Jubilee 50 Years of Solidarity – The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Congratulations to Peter for hosting the CCHA Conference at Calgary in 2016, chairing the 2017 CCHA Conference Program Committee, and contributing to this publication.

Father Terence Fay SJ deserves congratulations from CCHA members this year, for his jubilee of ordination as a priest, for his new book and for two interviews with him about his career. Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins invited Father Terry Fay to concelebrate with him and other priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary ordination at the April 11, 2017, Mass consecrating the Holy Oils at the Cathedral.

Father Terry Fay’s new book, Saints and Sinners in Canada, Catholic Spirituality over 400 Years has just been published by Blessed Hope Publishing.

Congratulations are also due to Father Terry Fay for the interview the CHA did with him and published in the Canadian Historical Association Bulletin 42.3, 2016, pp. 33-35. The interview begins “Recently, we asked long-time CHA member Terence Fay to answer a few questions … and to reflect on his time in the association and as a member of the profession.” The questions range over research, teaching, publications and advice to beginning scholars on the history of religion in Canada. CCHA members who are also CHA members can access the interview in the print Bulletin. or online. Others will have to wait to read the article. As of April 2017 only CHA Bulletin 42.1, 2016, was available online in the public access part of the CHA.
Father Terry Fay was also interviewed by the Le Moyne College magazine in Syracuse NY. LeMoyne College was his first alma mater. The title of the article is “Looking at the Gospel Through a Historian’s Lens.”

Mark McGowan’s new book, *The Imperial Irish: Canada’s Irish Catholics Fight the Great War, 1914—1918*, will be published in June 2017 as part of the McGill-Queen's University Press Studies in the History of Religion.

MC Havey SOS Archives sends this report:

The Sisters of Service have posted a 320-page manuscript about the development of their 70-year apostolate of religious education on their website of http://sistersofservice.ca/religious education/. Entitled *Fragments, Lest they be Lost: Contribution of the Sisters of Service of Canada to Religious Education*, it was completed in 1997 to commemorate the community’s 75th anniversary and has been abridged. Written by Sister Madge Barton, a founding Sister in two of the five catechetical missions, the manuscript outlines the establishment of the religious correspondence schools in Edmonton (1926), Regina, (1934), Fargo, ND (1939) and Clarenville, NL (1975), drawing extensively from the community’s archives through primary and secondary sources. Highlighting the initial 15 years, she wrote a commentary to place in context the correspondence, articles written by the Sisters from the missions in *The Field at Home*, the community’s quarterly magazine, which is online. The history documented the Sisters’ collaboration with the Catholic Women’s League, lay volunteers, the clergy and the Catholic Church hierarchy to bring the Catholic faith to rural areas. In the latter part, she outlines the process of revising catechetics following the Second Vatican Council.


Jacqueline Gresko, Editor of the CCHA Bulletin, has been doing some research at the new location of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Vancouver in the St. John Paul II Pastoral Centre. It replaces a 1920’s warehouse building downtown that served as the administrative centre for the archdiocese from 1958 to 2015. Archivist Jennifer Sargent and her assistant Bronwyn Smyth have been great in assisting with requests for archival material.

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CANADIAN CATHOLIC HISTORY**

Do you have a favourite blog or website or digitization project for research and teaching about Canadian Catholic History? Please send the address and a brief description to jgresko@cchahistory.ca

Let’s assist Valerie Burke with updating links to resources on the CCHA website.

Some archives and historical associations have facebook accounts or twitter accounts, so send those along as well.

**CCHA on TWITTER**

Peter Ludlow, CCHA Vice-President, coordinates a Twitter account for the CCHA. You can find a direct Twitter feed on our website cchahistory.ca. If you wish to TWEET the CCHA please do so by using @cchahistory

**CONFERENCE NOTICES**

North Atlantic Catholic Communities in Rome, 1622—1939, An International Conference, June 5-7, 2017, at Notre Dame Global Gateway, Rome Italy. Details at cushwa.nd.edu/events.


Originally Ontario was a mission territory as part of the Diocese of Quebec City and later as part of the Diocese of Montreal.

In the 1820's as Ontario (Upper Canada) began to be populated with new immigrants from the British Isles a new ecclesiastical jurisdiction was needed. In 1826 Rev. Alexander Macdonell became an Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal with jurisdiction over all of what is now Ontario. He first established his headquarters in Glengarry County where his highland Scottish people mainly resided and which was closest to Montreal. He built his first Cathedral there at St. Raphael's which sadly burned down in 1970 and is now a National Historic site.

Macdonell’s successor built his new cathedral in Kingston, which by the 1840’s, had as a major city become a sometimes provincial capital. This cathedral, St. Mary’s, is slightly larger and older than St. Michael’s Cathedral and is well worth a visit.

When Rev. Michael Power became the first bishop of Toronto in 1841, Ontario was split into two dioceses; Kingston for the eastern half and Toronto for the western half. Right away, Bishop Power made preparations to build his Cathedral, St. Michael’s, in downtown and now central Toronto. Meanwhile he used the already-existing St. Paul’s parish church in east end Toronto as a kind of “pro-Cathedral” until St. Michael’s was completed in 1848.

During our CCHA conference in Toronto, we will have the pleasure of visiting both of these churches, the city’s two oldest Catholic churches. The original new-gothic St. Pauls’ was replaced in 1889 by a neo-Romanesque church. It looks very much like an Italian church and now has the rank of a Basilica.

St. Michael’s Cathedral has recently been entirely restored and renovated and is definitely a site to behold as well as being congenial to visitors. With its choir school next door it very much remains the focus of the Archdiocese as its major centre of worship.
FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK:

I would like to thank Valerie Burke, Father Edward Jackman and Fred McEvoy for assistance with production of the CCHA Bulletin. Thank you to all members who sent information on research, recent publications, notes and comments, news and events and photographs of the latter. Keep up the good work. Your suggestions are welcome.

In the interest of promoting dialogue about Canadian Catholic history I again invite you to contribute a book note, a short essay on archival developments, a review of a digitization project or a review of an historical blog. Professors and students in Catholic Studies programs are encouraged to send reports on their projects, especially field studies.

On May 31 and June 1 if you take photographs of CCHA conference events please consider forwarding copies to Valerie Burke or myself for the website and the Bulletin.

March 1 and October 1 are the deadlines for submission.

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The Canadian Catholic Historical Association publishes the Bulletin in the Spring and the Fall of each year. Notices, letters, calls for papers, and short articles are welcome on topics of interest to historians. Deadlines for submission are 1 October and 1 March. See CCHA website cchahistory.ca

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CCHA BUILDINGS OF INTEREST

- Registration: MAC Mattamy Athletic Centre (Old Maple Leaf Gardens), 50 Carlton Street
- ILC (ILLC) International Living/Learning Centre, use the 133 Mutual Street entrance
- Bond Place Hotel – 65 Dundas St. E.
- St. Michael’s Cathedral – 65 Bond Street
- St. Paul’s Basilica - 83 Power Street (17 minute walk)
- Allen Gardens Conservatory – 19 Horticultural Avenue
- William Lyon MacKenzie House – 82 Bond Street