

Dear Friends in Prayer,

Much has happened since our last email! We give thanks to God for His many blessings. We have now surpassed 250 Prayer Guild members, and we are excited to share that we also have an [online presence](#).

Praise God for this growth! Each new member strengthens the spiritual foundation of St. Mary's University and joins in the important work of supporting its vision in Christ through prayer. We believe that it is the faithful prayers of our community that will help lift St. Mary's from a place of mission to a place of deep Catholic formation which will shape our entire community.

As the university continues its important work of strategic growth and development, there is exciting news to share. Plans are taking shape to expand the campus footprint by nearly double through the addition of a new gymnasium, student residences, another chapel, and more classrooms. These developments will help St. Mary's serve more students while deepening its Catholic identity and mission.

*** If you are interested in seeing the renderings of the new development of campus [click here](#).***

Specific Intentions:

1. For the Board of Directors as they respond to the rapid pace of change in many areas, that as they make these decisions they will be grounded in the vision that Christ has for His mother's university.
2. As development plans move forward, that university's vision is upheld through prayer, trusting that God will guide, provide for, and bless these efforts for the good of generations to come.
3. For the success of [St. Mary's Stampede BreakFEST](#) that it would be a day of fun and fellowship for all involved and continue to build community and comradery not only at St. Mary's but within the Catholic community of Calgary. (You are all invited to join us!!)
4. For God to bring the right faculty and staff to St. Mary's University who are committed to building up the faith community, and that candidates will come forward and be chosen who will work to build St. Mary's University alongside God's direction and vision.
5. For the students and graduates of StMU, that they would be renewed by summer rest, with students anticipating the return of classes and graduates embracing new vocations, that all will be shaped as disciples of Christ and filled with peace.

In Thanksgiving:

1. For the plans to grow and expand St. Mary's and the many who already have and will step forward to help StMU meet its potential.
2. For Adam Bowen who has so generously worked to get our [online presence](#) launched!

In Christ,

Kimberly Cichon, Deb Oslowy, Kelley Holy and Hilary Vos

P.S. We invite you to join us in this mission of prayer and support as we seek to grow the Guild to 1,000 members. This number reflects the approximate number of our student community which will surround St. Mary's University with a living network of intercession. If you know someone who would be willing to pray with us, please encourage them to become part of this growing act of faith in Christ's work at StMU. Easy ways to promote the Guild include, forwarding this email, [Kelley's Faithfully article](#) or our [website](#).