



# Life @ SJC



*In the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the church... united to Christ we are never alone, we form one body, of which he is the head*

- Pope Francis

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## SJC News - March 2020

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### **Celebrating Father Terry**

It has been nine years since Fr. Terry Kersch was appointed president of SJC. During that time, the SJC women's residence has been built, a history of the college has been written, SJC's "Identity & Mission" and "Strategic Plan" have been finalized, and the college board and committees has been restructured.

Fr. Terry, who will be stepping down from his role on June 30, has left a lasting impact on the college for which we are very grateful. All of us at SJC wish him the very best as he heads off to the Middle East to continue studying about the politics of that area.



[Read more here.](#)

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### **New Interim President**

With Fr. Terry not seeking renewal for a third term as President of the college, Dr. Shawn Flynn, the current VP (Academic) and Dean of SJC, will be stepping into the role of Interim President of the college on July 1. Since January 2018, Dr. Flynn has provided leadership for the academic affairs of the College, resulting in strong enrollments and increased partnerships with both the UofA and the broader Catholic community.

[Read more here.](#)



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## New Interim Academic Dean

With Dr. Flynn functioning as College President during the coming year, Dr. Matt Kostelecky (currently the Associate Dean) will be taking on the role of Interim VP (Academic) and Dean of SJC as of July 1. Dr. Kostelecky teaches Philosophy at SJC and the University of Alberta and has written extensively about Thomas Aquinas and the history of philosophy.



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## Virtual Masses at SJC

SJC is delighted that the Archdiocese of Edmonton has announced "stage one" of the reintroduction of the Public Celebration of the Eucharist. Here at SJC we are now offering virtual masses on Zoom.

- To register on Zoom, [go to this link](#)
- To volunteer as a lector, contact Fr. Jim ([jstenber@ualberta.ca](mailto:jstenber@ualberta.ca))
- Feel free to pass on this info to others you know in the SJC community so that they can also participate!



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## Grant from Wabash Center

It is our pleasure to announce that SJC has received a large project grant, totalling just over \$18,000, from the [Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#), an organization that supports teachers of religion and theology in higher education in North American theological schools, colleges, and universities.

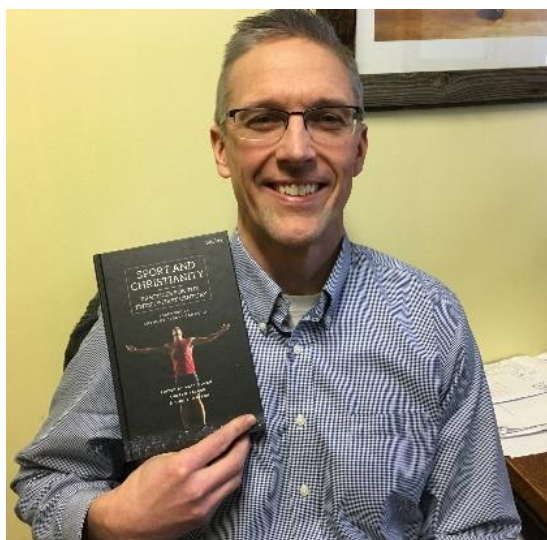
[Read more here about the award to SJC.](#)



## Dr. Matt Hoven on Sport & Religion

Dr. Matt Hoven's new edited book on the complex interactions of sports and faith gets some attention from the U of A's *Folio* magazine. The ensuing interview looks at issues like faith rituals in sport, the paradox of competitiveness and charity, and the contributions of religion to sport.

[Read more here.](#)



## 10 Things to Know About SJC

Former SJC students Rielle Gagnon & Mathew Gorman serve up an interesting overview of SJC for those on campus who aren't really sure whether it's "a place where lots of priests live" or not. Do you know where the women's residence was before Kateri House was built? Wonder whether you have to be Catholic to live in the residences? Unsure what activities residents get up to besides intramural sports? These and other such issues are addressed in the article.

[Read more here.](#)



## Thank You for Your Generosity to SJC

We want to thank all those who gave so generously to the SJC Christmas 2019

Campaign. That campaign brought in 1860 times as much as the Christmas 2018 campaign did! Be on the lookout for a virtual tour of the changes in our men's residence later this summer!

You can support St. Joseph's College by clicking on the **button below**, which will take you to our Giving page, where you can give directly using our secure donation form. Alternatively, call the SJC Accounting Office at 780-492-9240 or send an email to [sjcdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdev@ualberta.ca). If you call and cannot get through to a human, please leave a message; we will get back to you as soon as possible.



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*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*  
- Psalm 46:1

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