



St. Peter's Seminary

Serving the Catholic Church in Canada and beyond since 1912
An accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools

Our Mission

Inspired by the love of God, St. Peter's Seminary serves the Church in Canada and beyond as the Roman Catholic Seminary of the Diocese of London, providing an integrated program of spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral formation and discernment for those preparing for priestly ministry according to the heart of Christ. The Seminary also provides an integrated program for those preparing for the permanent diaconate and lay ministry, and for those seeking to enrich their faith education.

Founding

St. Peter's was founded in 1912 by Bishop Michael Francis Fallon, fifth Bishop of London. The outbreak of World War I postponed the original plans for the construction of the Seminary. For the first 13 years, the theology faculty was housed in the Bishop's Residence (the former rectory of St. Peter's Basilica). The 25-acre riverside site on which the Seminary stands was donated by Sir Philip Pocock from a prominent London Catholic family. The cornerstone of the present building was laid by Bishop Fallon on May 31, 1925, and the official opening of the facility was celebrated on September 29, 1926. The main entrance rotunda features a marble statue of St. Michael the archangel carved in Rome and presented from Bishop Fallon upon the Seminary's opening.



The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas

Built in 1930, the Seminary Chapel was designed in the late English Gothic style. A new altar was installed in 1969 in accordance with the Second Vatican Council. The intricate woodwork was hand-crafted in dark oak by a team of Bavarian carvers. Of note are the angels swooning with their love for God. The fan-vaulted ceiling and the stone tracery of 14 unique stained-glass windows set high into the walls are a focal point. A documentary on the windows by Salt and Light Television aired in 2011. Some Sunday masses are open to the public for attendance.

Formation & Programs

Over 1,000 priests have been formed at St. Peter's including 23 who have been named Bishop. Starting in the Arts Program, seminarians take courses at the Seminary, The University of Western Ontario and King's University College. The Seminary's Theology Program includes an integrated Field Education Program and a Pastoral Year. There is an emphasis on spiritual growth and mentoring throughout, as well as a Summer Spiritual Formation Program. Both the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) Programs are available to lay students. Seminary faculty, both religious and lay, are recognized scholars with expertise in theology and philosophy.

Library & Archives

Named for its third Rector, Monsignor A. P. Mahoney, the library collection has over 71,000 items with extensive material on Roman Catholic theology, scripture, and philosophy. Stonework and archways frame the reading room, making it an ideal place of study and reflection. The Michael R. Prieur Seminary Archives is rich with rare and treasured historic artifacts.

Institute for Catholic Formation

Inaugurated in 2008, the Institute for Catholic Formation (ICF) at St. Peter's Seminary serves the Diocese of London and beyond. It provides continuing formation and education for priests, deacons, and laity as well as those preparing for ministry. ICF delivers the Permanent Diaconate Program, Parish Nursing Program, Pastoral Ministry Certificate, Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies and more.

St. Peter's Seminary Foundation

St. Peter's Seminary Foundation is the incorporated charitable organization that fundraises for the Seminary, which is almost entirely self-funded. Through faithful supporters and benefactors, the work of St. Peter's contributes immeasurably to the Canadian Catholic Church and beyond.



"I will give you shepherds according to my own heart" (Jeremiah 3:15)

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