



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Chief Superintendent

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Dr. Sinda Vanderpool
President and Vice Chancellor
St. Mary's University
14500 Bannister SE
Calgary, Alberta T2G 1Z4

Dear Dr. Vanderpool,

On behalf of Calgary Catholic School District, I am pleased to express my support for renaming the Fishcreek/Lacombe C-Train Platform and Station to recognize St. Mary's University.

For students living in south Calgary, St. Mary's University presents an opportunity to attend a post-secondary institution without having the burden of a lengthy commute. St. Mary's is an alternative to the larger institutions in Calgary, an institution that is based upon the personal learning experiences of its students and small classes that allow professors to interact with – and get to know – their students. Being adjacent to the C-Train line also presents an opportunity for individuals to achieve their post-secondary educational goals regardless of means of transportation.

I am fortunate to be able to see the impact that St. Mary's graduates have on their communities as teachers graduating from St. Mary's renowned Bachelor of Education program. These teachers are always the most prepared to enter their classrooms and lead with dignity and compassion and are often recognized as some of the best in their field. The scope of impact these graduates have on future generations is immeasurable and it is my belief that if we can help increase awareness for St. Mary's University and their programming by changing the Fishcreek/Lacombe C-Train Station and Platform name to include St. Mary's that it would be beneficial for all to do so.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bryan Szumlas
Chief Superintendent
Calgary Catholic School District