



To all the faithful of the Archdiocese of
St Andrews & Edinburgh

Edinburgh, 24 April 2021

Dear friends,

Catholic University campus in our Archdiocese

This September, St Mary's University in Twickenham, a leading Catholic University in the United Kingdom, will open a campus in Edinburgh.

There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. I am writing to encourage you to visit www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh and find out more.

St Mary's University is a beacon of excellence in Catholic education and is widely recognised as one of the best providers of teacher training in the country. The campus will be based at the Gillis Centre, previously home to St Margaret's Convent and School and, more briefly, to the senior seminary of the Archdiocese.

It is a cause for great rejoicing that this site will soon resume a prominent role in the provision and advancement of Catholic education in Scotland.

It is an invaluable means for Catholics to grow in the knowledge and love of their faith. In this way we can respond to Pope Francis' call to invest in the intellectual formation of the laity, and the evangelization of professional and intellectual life.

The riches of our faith, and of the Catholic intellectual tradition, are enormous. Together, let us make the most of what our friends at St Mary's will soon lay at our feet in Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh



St Mary's University, Edinburgh Campus at the Gillis Centre – Opportunity for match-funded bursaries for courses starting September 2021

I am very pleased to be able to write to parishes across the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh to coincide with the pastoral letter concerning the new Gillis Centre Campus.

We at St Mary's feel both honoured and excited by the prospect of bringing our Masters programmes in Theology and Education to Edinburgh. We hope our flexible programmes – which will be taught in the evenings and at weekends - will create significant new opportunities for teachers, those with a keen interest in education and others with an interest in deepening their faith through academic study. As Archbishop Leo said at the time of the original announcement, the Gillis Centre will provide “an ideal location” for this new venture.

Beginning this Autumn, we will be offering the following courses:

- MA Applied Catholic Theology
- MA Catholic School Leadership
- MA Education: Leading Innovation and Change
- MA Education: Pedagogy
- MA Education: Religious Education

Individual modules of each programme as well as full Masters programmes will be available to study.

We will offer bursaries of £500 to parishioners in the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh participating in a full postgraduate programme at the new Gillis Centre this Autumn, provided this is matched by a same contribution towards the fees from the parish. For information on courses, fees and bursaries visit: stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh.

I hope many of your parishioners will find this opportunity appealing. We are looking forward to welcoming first students through the doors of the Gillis Centre later this year. Please keep the success of this new venture in your prayers.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony McClaran'.

Anthony McClaran

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