

The Bells Are Calling!



As is the case in most cities, summer is a time when houses are bought and sold as people move for a multitude of reasons. St. Paul's College also has a history of moving about before settling into its current location on the Fort Gary Campus of the University of Manitoba. Each of these moves tells a story in the life of the College, one which we prepare to celebrate during this Centennial year. Some interesting facts which you may not be aware of—

- The idea of a school of higher learning came about when the Archdiocese of St. Boniface was divided in 1915 by Pope Benedict XV, creating the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on December 4, 1915.
- Archbishop Sinnott, the first Archbishop of Winnipeg who was appointed in December 1915 and installed in 1916, wanted a school of higher learning, like the one in St. Boniface which was administered by the French speaking Jesuits.



- He first approached the English-Speaking Jesuits to staff the College, but they declined the offer.
- He then approached the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who agreed to administer the College.
- The first building to house the College was in what now is downtown Winnipeg on Selkirk Avenue. It was the former YMCA building and had 60 rooms. It was limited in size and not the best location.
- After five years the Oblates left the College and Archbishop Sinnott entrusted the administration to his diocesan priests.
- Around that time, the College moved to its second home purchased from the Manitoba College. It was at this time that diocesan priests returned to their parish ministry.
- Faced with the challenge of operating and staffing the College, Archbishop Sinnott reached out a second time to the Jesuits. The Society of Jesus agreed to assume administration and ownership on August 13, 1933. With Fr. Holland installed as the new Rector, thus began the long tenure of Jesuit leadership over St. Paul's College.



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- In 1954 the University of Manitoba made an offer for the College to move to the Fort Gary, providing land and a 99-year lease. It was an offer not to be refused.
- The offer from the University of Manitoba brought with it a long process of building and construction.
- In the fall of 1958, the College became operational and welcomed its first post-secondary students.
- Even though the College at the Fort Garry Campus was operational in 1958, it was far from complete. The vision of the physical structure has not been fully completed to this day.
- Stakes will soon be put in the ground to mark the final building. More on those details in September...

I invite you to register for our first event, *the Centennial Celebrations of St. Paul's College*, with St. Paul's High School, being held at St. Ignatius Parish on September 15, 2026.



Please Register/RSVP via QR or email Kevin at spcfoundation@umanitoba.ca

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