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Saint Paul University names Monsignor André Drouin Alumnus of the Year 2011

Ottawa, September 21, 2011 – Saint Paul University (SPU) will highlight Monsignor André Drouin's remarkable contributions to the community during a banquet in his honour on Friday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the University's Laframboise Hall (223 Main Street).

Saint Paul University's Alumnus of the Year 2011 fully exemplifies SPU's mission: commitment to the local church, commitment to intellectual research, and commitment to others, especially those who are too often forgotten, and those in special need.

André Drouin was born in 1934 and was educated in various schools of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1958, and was named a Prelate of Honour by Pope John Paul II in 1996. His ministry as a priest was carried out in several different directions at once: as pastor of St. Anne Parish in Ottawa, where he spent 30 years, then as Regional Vicar, where he made it a point to work very closely with his English-speaking counterparts. Later, he served as chaplain to a number of groups, in particular the "Régiment de Hull," the St. Vincent de Paul Societies of Canada, the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabelle, and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), during which time he was also very involved with the Children's Aid Society.

His intellectual life is another key aspect of his work. In addition to his studies in Philosophy and Theology, Monsignor Drouin has degrees and graduate certificates in Geography and Pastoral Studies. His general knowledge and his rich life experience are evident in his carefully prepared homilies and in his teaching.

But of all his countless achievements, what will be remembered most is his special care for the sick, for the dying, for those who are alone, and for prostitutes. André Drouin is especially known for accompanying priests who are dying and for his care for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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