

In recent years, teachers have been able to identify more easily the need for special education, defined as any form of education outside the ordinary. Increasing provisions are being made across the province to teach the physically handicapped, the emotionally disturbed, and those children with any of a large number of learning disabilities.

To some extent, the bill will formalize some provisions which already have been implemented. "Although this bill is controversial in some areas," Dr. Orlando points out, "one very important aspect is that thousands of children in need of special education will have access to it."

## New Certificate in Catholic Studies established

Dr. Walter J. Bildstein, Director of the College's Christian Living Programme, has announced the establishment of a Certificate in Catholic Studies within that programme.

Requirements for the Certificate are successful completion, with an average grade of 65% or better, of 10 term courses in Religious Studies and Philosophy taught through the College's Christian Living Programme.

Eight of the 10 term courses must be in the area of Catholic theology offered by St. Jerome's College through the Christian Living Programme and the two remaining term courses may be taken from either the Religious Studies or Philosophy courses taught within the Christian Living Programme. Of the 10 term courses, five must be at the 200 level or higher.

This programme provides an integrated package of theology courses within a general or honours degree. Further, many adult students are not interested in pursuing formal degree studies but find attractive a focused package of credit courses leading to a Certificate.

## Alumni Reunion Planned for June

Have you ever got together with old friends and reminisced about your days at St. Jerome's or wondered what happened to "good old what's his name?" Many of you return to K-W for Oktoberfest or similar occasions but there is never a time when **everyone** has the chance to get together. Several alumni have suggested that it would be great to have a reunion at St. Jerome's and try to get as many people together as possible.

Ken Lavigne and Kevin Donelson have talked to several former students about a reunion and are encouraged by the enthusiastic response.

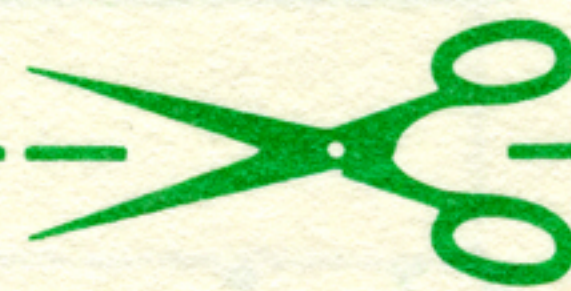
In order to plan such a gathering,

Ken and Kevin need some feedback from alumni regarding possible activities and also need some organizational help. The tentative dates for the reunion are June 5, 6, and 7.

It has been suggested that we kick things off with an informal social on the Friday night, then have some campus activities on Saturday, followed by a banquet Saturday night. The reunion would wrap-up on Sunday with an outdoor liturgy and brunch. If you are interested in attending, please complete the reply card below. We will make final arrangements based on your response and suggestions. Final programme and registration information will be published in the April *Update*.

Courses in the Christian Living Programme are an effective forum where traditional faith can be examined, questioned and renewed. In addition, the Certificates will be welcomed by many Ontario separate school boards because they will provide evidence that recipients have had recent post-secondary education in Religious Studies and Christian Living and, therefore, are better prepared to teach in these areas.

"We are happy to announce that this new Certificate will become a permanent part of the Christian Living Programme," said Dr. Bildstein. "The Certificate is a mark of commitment and achievement which will open the way for students to pursue further studies in theology." For more information about the Certificate, readers should contact the Office of the Registrar at St. Jerome's.



Return to: **Alumni Reunion, St. Jerome's College, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is your spouse a St. Jerome's College graduate? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in a reunion at St. Jerome's? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Would you plan on coming for the whole weekend? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If not, which day(s) would you take part? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you help organize? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Will you require hotel accommodation? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Programme/activity suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

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