

Highlights of Mr. Sweeney's inaugural address

"Those of you that have been affiliated with universities know that all great universities have both a heart and a soul. There's no doubt that the University of Waterloo, with which St. Jerome's is federated, has a heart – a throbbing, vital heart that spreads itself well beyond its own campus. But I would suggest to you that it is the Church Colleges, including St. Jerome's, that is the soul of this university."



"I am particularly impressed by the fact that St. Jerome's has always reached out, has never confined itself to what the public sometimes refers to as the 'ivory tower' ... It is that reaching out to the community, that giving of yourself through your public lectures, through your institutes, through *Grail*, that St. Jerome's shatters the myth that this University is in any way inward looking, or in any way interested only in itself and its own intellectual pursuits."



"The students of this University, the University of St. Jerome's and the wider University, need to graduate out into the world with a sense of themselves and of their own values and their own dignity – yes! But they also need to graduate knowing that, as human beings, they are communal by nature. That means ... that they must be interested in and work, not only for themselves, but for others."



"Our society so desperately needs ... those of us who have had [the] kind of education [that St. Jerome's offers]. Those of us who have had the privilege of this kind of intellectual experience come out of it fuller people and better people and more sensitive people. That's what St. Jerome's stands for, and that's why it was so easy for me to say 'yes' [to serve as Chancellor]. Because what you do and what you are and what you can become, even more so than what you are, is so needed and so valid."



Board of Governors Chair Mary McLaughlin assists Mr. Sweeney with the Chancellor's robe.

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Prayer for the Chancellor

*All gracious God
Bestow on your servant
John R. Sweeney
The wisdom, fortitude
And good judgement necessary
To provide the leadership and Christian
Witness fitting the Chancellor of the
University of St. Jerome's College.*

*Provide us – faculty, staff, students
Friends, and supporters of St. Jerome's – with
The grace of perseverance as we undertake
The worthy and demanding task of
Educating for the reign of God.*

*Bless us now in all things good and human
And guide our future in your ways.*

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Deborah Pecoskie, Chair of the Graduates' Association Executive Committee, welcomes Mr. Sweeney.

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1992 Distinguished Graduate Award

Nominations are now being received for the **1992 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award**. The award honours a St. Jerome's graduate or former resident who has given outstanding service to their community, province or country; career; church; St. Jerome's College and/or its Graduates' Association. Please forward your nomination, along with three references, to Dana Woito by May 1, 1992.