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*The Veritas Series for Faith and Culture endeavours to foster learning and dialogue by gathering scholars, artists, and activists who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice.*

*The word veritas comes from the Latin word meaning truth. It is taken directly from the College motto: "Christus est Via, Veritas et Vita" ("Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life").  
The pursuit of truth is at the centre of our mission.*

*The theme of the 2020-2021 series is TELLING OUR STORIES.*

*All lectures this year will be offered online through Zoom webinar. Start time is 7pm ET.  
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## SPEAKERS

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**Principal's Lecture/  
Sisters of St. Joseph  
Lecture**  
**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**JESSE THISTLE**  
Author

### **Finding the Trail: A Métis Life Overcoming Adversity**

This lecture is an autobiographical keynote which explores themes from his debut memoir, *From the Ashes*. He reflects on his story, one that recounts trauma, addiction, and homelessness. Through his remarks, audiences will learn a deeper story of hope and resilience, one that will stick with them for days after.



**OCTOBER 15**  
**MEGAN  
McKENNA**  
Storyteller

### **Healing Through Story**

Stories are powerful and communicate wisdom passed down through generations. In this interactive session, Megan will use stories from Indigenous culture, scripture, and other sources to illustrate the Jewish concept of "tikkum olam" – of understanding justice in all areas – as a pathway to connect with repairing and healing the earth. This is a way of being; of living; of spirituality and asceticism that points us towards a new and hopeful reality.



**OCTOBER 29**  
**KARA SORENSON**  
Feminists for Life

### **The Cause for Life is a Feminist Cause**

Feminists for Life is a renaissance of the original American feminism. Like Susan B. Anthony and other early American suffragists, today's pro-life feminists envision a better world in which no woman would be driven by desperation to abortion: a world in which pregnancy, motherhood, and birthmotherhood are accepted and supported; campuses and workplaces that support mothers in practical ways and do not force them to choose between their education or career plans and their children; a society that supports the role of mothers, values the role of fathers, and helps parents provide both financial and emotional support for their children; and a culture in which parents are respected, whether they decide to stay at home or return to work.



**FEBRUARY 11**  
**DARREN DIAS**  
Dominican Priest

### **Interreligious Dialogue Today: A Christian Perspective**

Famed Canadian ecumenist Jean-Marie Tillard characterized "kissy" dialogue as superficial and saccharine exchanges aimed at making dialogue participants feel good and arriving at easy agreement. Interreligious dialogues could be similarly characterized. But the experience and practice of interreligious dialogue has proven that dialogue can be complex and even confusing. This lecture raises some issues about dialogue that emerge out of our contemporary postcolonial contexts. These issues will be illustrated with examples from the life of Bl. Pierre Claverie, martyr of Algeria whose ministry was dedicated to interreligious healing. **Co-sponsored by the Centre for Jewish, Catholic, Muslim Learning**



**Christ the King Lecture**  
**DECEMBER 3**  
**SHANE CLAIBORNE**  
Activist and Author

### **The Jesus Way in the World Today**

Our faith is not just a way of believing. It is a way of living in the world. Christians are meant to be nonconformists, interrupting the patterns of our world with prophetic imagination. We should be a holy counterculture. After all, the Kingdom of God is not just something we hope for when we die, but something that we are to bring on earth as it is in heaven.



**MARCH 4**  
**ANN GARRIDO**  
Professor of Homiletics

### **Allowing God to Fill in the Blanks: Praying with the Women of the New Testament**

Just over fifty women are mentioned in the New Testament. Yet rarely do we know their names, and even more rarely do we know anything of their stories. A better understanding of first century Palestine helps us to glean a better picture of what their lives may have been like, but much remains to the realm of imagination. Ann Garrido will talk about how prayerful imagination of their stories has been an important part of her own vocational journey as one of the first lay women in the U.S. to earn her doctorate in preaching from a Catholic institution. **Co-sponsored by the Liturgy Office of the Diocese of London**

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