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Dear Alumni and Friends:

I begin by thanking you all for your support as Assumption University marked its **165th anniversary** this past June. I congratulate Dr. Patti France, Dr. Carl Cohen, QC, and the late Dr. George McMahon Sr. on receiving their well-deserved accolades. We are fortunate to honour such distinguished members of our community at this historic event.

I am pleased to share that Assumption has launched a new **Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies** for the Fall 2022 semester. This diploma provides an opportunity to study the Catholic intellectual tradition at one of Canada's most historic Roman Catholic institutes of higher learning. The diploma was established with the working professional in mind. The classes are offered after working hours and delivered in an online and synchronous environment. The diploma is considered a **hiring asset** by seven Catholic school boards in the province, including the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. We have admitted a sizable inaugural class for the fall semester and we will admit students again in the late fall for the Winter 2023 semester. For more information, please email registrar@assumptionu.ca.

Our graduate program is complemented by a new undergraduate course on the Holocaust. The course is accepted for credit at St. Clair College, Brescia University College, and Huron University College. Those interested in auditing the course at a reduced cost are welcome to do so by emailing registrar@assumptionu.ca. We are grateful to the Azrieli Foundation for providing a generous grant to offer this important course.

On October 13, 2022, the Red Mass Society of Windsor and Assumption University will host a Red Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Tracing its origins to 1245, the Red Mass marks the commencement of the Court's new legal term. Its purpose is to call upon the Holy Spirit to impart the gifts of wisdom, guidance, and fortitude for the coming legal year. The emblematic red is associated with the Holy Spirit and the robes worn by judges and justices. The Red Mass has an ecumenical and interreligious spirit welcoming individuals from all traditions and beliefs. The Red Mass will begin at 6:00 PM with Bishop Fabbro as our celebrant. After the Mass, **Chief Justice Bridget McCormack** of the Michigan Supreme Court will receive the inaugural St. Thomas More Gold Medal for her contributions to the legal profession. If you would like to donate in honour of this event, please make your donation online at <https://assumption.plenty.com/#/> or email moira@assumptionu.ca.

I thank you for your continued support of Assumption University and its historic goal of teaching goodness, discipline and knowledge.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOHN CAPPUCCI".

John Cappucci, Ph.D.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor