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ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY AND ST. PETER'S SEMINARY PARTNERSHIP

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Assumption University of Windsor and St. Peter's Seminary of London are pleased to announce the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement between two institutes of Catholic higher education. The agreement took effect on January 25, 2023, and will remain in effect for five years.

The new agreement will allow a pathway from Assumption University's new online Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies to two graduate degrees at St. Peter Seminary's. Those who successfully complete courses within Assumption University's Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies may be granted advanced standing into either the Master of Divinity degree or the Master of Theological Studies degree programmes offered at St. Peter's Seminary. In addition to meeting all entry requirement at St. Peter's Seminary, students will need to obtain a least a B- or 70% in their Assumption University courses for advanced standing to be considered.

Principal John Cappucci of Assumption University notes that this agreement is a "historic agreement between two institutes of Catholic learning." He noted that this agreement will provide Assumption's students with a worthwhile opportunity to obtain another credential at a distinguished Catholic seminary. "The key is to continue the learning process by providing exciting opportunities for students across the region," said Cappucci.

Assumption University's new online Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies was launched in the Fall of 2022. It comprises five graduate courses, including courses on Catholic thought, social justice, and interreligious dialogue. The diploma was developed with the working professional in mind offering courses outside of working hours. The diploma is considered a hiring asset by eight Catholic school boards in the province. The diploma courses are available both for-credit and audit. The next intake for the diploma will be for the Spring of 2023. The deadline to apply is May 5, 2023. Individuals can apply by visiting <https://assumptionu.ca/diploma-in-catholic-studies/>.

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