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## Record number of Saint Paul University graduates and honours for Caroline Andrew

OTTAWA, April 29, 2016 – Nearly 500 people attended Saint Paul University (SPU)’s annual closing ceremony today to mark the end of an exceptional academic year and celebrate the graduates’ achievements.

The atmosphere was festive as SPU rector Chantal Beauvais pointed out that it has been decades since SPU awarded so many diplomas. “SPU is attracting more and more bold and talented people from around the world,” she said. “We are proud to offer a learning environment that supports individuals who want to build a better world and be the face of change.”

During the ceremony, the Eugene de Mazenod Medal was presented to Caroline Andrew. Named in honour of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the medal honours a person who has made a significant contribution to developing human capital in his or her environment or more widely in society.

Caroline Andrew’s career at the University of Ottawa spans more than 30 years. A former dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (1997–2005), she is currently an emeritus professor at the School of Political Studies and director of the Centre on Governance. Her research has focused on creating a more inclusive Canada for women and girls in all their diversity, and on the integration of recent immigrants. With this in mind, she co-founded Youth Futures and Discovery University, two organizations that allow individuals faced with social and personal challenges to learn, grow and reach their full potential through higher learning.

Congratulations to Professor Andrew and to all our graduates!

*Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual and on a human scale, it offers programs in social communication, counselling and psychotherapy, canon law, public ethics, conflict studies, philosophy, human relations and theology.*

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