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## Saint Paul University's Faculty of Theology honored to accept accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools

**OTTAWA, June 23, 2015** – Saint Paul University's (SPU) Faculty of Theology is honored to have become an accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) following a thorough evaluation report and accreditation visit that took place in April 2015.

Among SPU's strengths listed by the ATS, the elements that stood out included the quality of teaching and accessibility of the Faculty of Theology, as expressed repeatedly by current and former students; the school's ecumenical focus, as exemplified by the presence of Eastern Christian and Anglican programs of study within a pontifically—chartered school; the bilingual nature of the school's faculty and students, possibly unique among Canadian schools of theology as well as the school's world-class library collection of theological resources.

The ATS is made up of over 270 graduate schools of theology in Canada and the United States. It provides a host of programs, services, research, and other resources to support the work of administrators and faculty at member schools. An accreditation offered by the ATS represents a significant accomplishment since it is the primary means of quality assurance in North American higher education and a significant resource for quality improvement.

"We are absolutely delighted with this news. An accreditation from ATS is the ultimate seal of quality of Theological studies and will constitute an important draw for our future students. We feel privileged that our Faculty was recognized with such an honor," said Yvan Mathieu, Dean of the Faculty of Theology at SPU.

*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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