

Dr. Matthew Kostelecky to Serve as Acting President St. Joseph's College

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As announced on September 2, 2025, Dr. Shawn W. Flynn was renewed for a second five-year term as President at St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta. From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, he will take a sabbatical returning to begin his second term on July 1, 2027.

St. Joseph's College (SJC) is pleased to announce that current SJC Vice-President (Academic) and Dean (VPAD), Dr. Matthew Kostelecky, will serve as Acting President during President Flynn's sabbatical. Dr. Kostelecky has been at SJC since 2009, serving as Associate Dean, and then as VPAD since 2020.

SJC is also pleased to announce that Dr. Kostelecky has been renewed as VPAD for another five-year term, 2027 to 2032.



Dr. Shawn Flynn and Dr. Matthew Kostelecky

"Dr. Kostelecky has been essential to academic leadership at SJC over the past number of years," says Dr. Flynn. "His leadership and experience will be of great service to the College as it prepares for our 100-year anniversary in 2027, and exciting new academic programming coming soon. I am particularly excited to continue working with my colleague during both our second terms, and continue building foundations for SJC's current and future growth."

"I am humbled to serve as Acting President next year," notes Dr. Kostelecky, "and look forward to working with the Board, staff, faculty, students, worshipping community members, and our donors to continue the positive trajectory of SJC under

Dr. Flynn's leadership. I have greatly enjoyed working as VPAD and am also excited to continue that work into a second term."

Dr. Flynn and Dr. Kostelecky are joined on the SJC Senior Administrative team by their colleague Amanda Hritzuk, Vice-President of Operations and Finance. Notably over the past few years, the College has moved from 1900 enrollments to over 3550 enrollments, residence operations are consistently seeing occupancy of 95% or more, and SJC has added 2 million dollars to the yearly operating budget while moving to a more stable financial picture.

"The next years for SJC will be exciting ones, from the creation of a new program, to meeting infrastructure and building needs to ensure future sustainability," notes Dr. Flynn, "and with this in mind, I am pleased to have amazing people working with me at the College."

Dr. Matthew Kostelecky

Dr. Kostelecky received his PhD in Philosophy from KU Leuven in 2008. He was hired at St. Joseph's College (SJC) in 2009 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) in 2016. At SJC he has served in a variety of administrative roles, and has been VPAD since 2020. Dr. Kostelecky's research focuses on the history of metaphysics, with a particular concentration on the philosophical thought and legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Through his teaching at SJC at the University of Alberta, Dr. Kostelecky delights in opening students' minds to new ways of thinking and new possibilities.