

Dear Friend of St. Joseph's College,

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My name is Alexis Pfeffer. Like many St. Joseph's College students, although I am a University of Alberta student in the Faculty of Education, quite frankly, my heart is here at SJC. I have been closely connected with SJC for almost three years now. I lived at the Women's Residence and served as a student leader in various capacities (House Committee President, Head Community Caretaker during this interesting Covid year, and Outreach Coordinator for the Catholic Student Association). I've also taken several SJC courses, am enrolled in the Certificate of Catholic Education, and even serve as the student representative for the Search and Selection Advisory Committee for the College's next president.



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I love that St. Joseph's College is a Catholic community; my faith has deepened during my time here. When I was applying for residence, this was the deciding factor that led me to SJC. I am so grateful to be able to connect with people who have the same values and beliefs as me. My faith has grown so much in my time here. Through events, talks, and the weekly student mass, the College and the Catholic Students' Association provided opportunities to truly unpack my faith. As an Education student, another great opportunity I've had is enrolling in SJC courses. After taking a couple of courses my first year, I found them so interesting and engaging that I decided to continue and complete the Certificate of Catholic Education. As a future teacher, these courses are not only preparing me to teach, but also to serve as a witness for Christ. The Certificate adds great value to my teaching portfolio, is a hiring asset, and I hope that it will help me land

a job in a Catholic school after I graduate. The entirety of my SJC experience has prepared me for the vocation of being a Catholic educator.

SJC has been essential to my university life; it is my second home. I came to university from a very small community and didn't know anyone else on campus. Living here allowed me to make connections with people so easily. The residence is a great place to meet people, especially during events that go on throughout the buildings. There is always something going on whether it be a floor event, building activity, CSA event, or even Soup's on Us. All of these events and activities help bring people together and make our college such a special place. I have built so many relationships here that would not have been possible had I not

lived at SJC and been involved in student leadership. The students become like a family. We look out for each other and help each other out. I know that no matter what, I can walk through SJC and someone will say hi or stop and chat, and I think that is pretty special. The UofA is a huge place with so many people, and I am so thankful to have found such a tight knit community to be a part of during my years here in Edmonton.

Scholarship programs are very important to countless students, as they help us to achieve things that may not be possible without them. I recently learned about the new President's Scholarship that SJC will be inviting donors like you to help build. This award will be given to students that enrol in SJC courses, live in either our Men's or Women's Residence, and contribute to the SJC community in positive and caring ways. This shows that the College not only values our contributions but is also supporting our success. Scholarships are what made it possible for me to be able to be a student leader at the college and not have to work a part-time job off campus. I find my role as a student leader much more valuable than working a job just for the money. Through my roles in student leadership at SJC I have been able to make connections with so many people. I have built relationships and became a community-builder for the College. I was able to have experiences that I will take with me for the rest of my life, and I know I would not be able to say the same had I only worked a job off campus.



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This Easter Season, please consider contributing to St. Joseph's College in some way. Whether you support the President's Scholarship that I described above, a Greatest Need gift, one that is focused on Academics or Campus Ministries, or an ongoing Facility Upgrade project, your contribution is certainly needed, especially this year. Not surprisingly, our residences were nearly 70% vacant this past year. While we are hopeful for this upcoming fall, the SJC budget has certainly been impacted. Please prayerfully consider supporting SJC to ensure future students can have a similar life and faith changing experience that I've had during my time here.

Sincerely,

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