

THE INSTALLATION OF
DR. ROBERT VENTRESCA
AS THE TENTH PRESIDENT OF
KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Thursday, March 19, 2026
Feast: Solemnity of St. Joseph

Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas at St. Peter's Seminary
London, Ontario

OFFICIAL GREETING

It is my honour, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to welcome you to the Installation of Dr. Robert Ventresca as the tenth President of King's University College. We gather today as a community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, benefactors, partners, family and friends, united by shared purpose and deep commitment to the mission of King's.

This ceremony invites us to reflect with gratitude on the legacy that has shaped King's and to look ahead with confidence to the leadership that will guide its future. We mark this milestone at a time when the post-secondary sector faces significant challenges, including shifting enrolment, sustainability pressures, and rapidly evolving community needs. These realities underscore the importance of principled, visionary leadership capable of guiding institutions with integrity, purpose, and hope.

I extend sincere appreciation to the many individuals and partners whose steadfast support strengthens King's. Your commitment enables this institution to flourish as a vibrant centre of faith informed learning. We are especially grateful for the presence of those from diverse faith traditions, whose participation reflects the openness and mutual respect that enrich our community.

We also warmly acknowledge presidents, clergy, dignitaries, and community representatives joining us today. Your leadership and partnership continue to inspire and support our work.

It is with great pride that we welcome Dr. Ventresca as President. A respected scholar, thoughtful leader, and dedicated member of the King's community, he brings wisdom, compassion, and a compelling vision for the future.

Please join me in offering our congratulations and full support. Thank you for being part of this significant day in the life of King's.



Mr. Paul Tufts,
Chair of the Board of Directors

**Statement from ACCUC on the Installation of
Dr. Robert Ventresca as President of King's
University College**



On behalf of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada (ACCUC), I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Robert Ventresca as he is officially installed as the 10th President of King's University College at Western University. King's is an active member of the ACCUC, the national association of Catholic colleges and universities in Canada officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dr. Ventresca brings a record of outstanding scholarly achievement and senior academic leadership to his role as President of King's. As a long-standing faculty member, he has offered a vision of working collaboratively and cooperatively with all members of the King's community at a critical moment in the university's history. Under his leadership, King's will continue to provide its students access to a rich and personalized educational experience in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Dr. Ventresca will enjoy the full support of the ACCUC as he embarks on the work of leading King's for the next five years. We wish Dr. Ventresca and all his colleagues at King's many blessings and great success as they "renew the promise" for which King's is so widely known and admired.

Carl Still, PhD

Chair, ACCUC and President, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan

The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada (ACCUC) is an organization of Roman Catholic institutions of higher education located across Canada. The ACCUC promotes our Catholic educational mission and identity in a manner that engages with the contemporary world. We support each other in teaching, research, and service to our communities. We also seek to engage in conversations with the Catholic Church and Indigenous communities, with an orientation to responding to critical moral, social, and political issues of our time.

THE SACRED FIRE

Elders and Knowledge Keepers gathered with members of the King's community to begin Installation Day in a spirit of reflection and gratitude. Through teachings, smudging, and quiet contemplation around a Sacred Fire, we honoured the land and the relationships that ground our shared journey.

The Sacred Fire stands as a symbol of:

- Purification of heart, mind, body, and spirit
- Honouring the ancestors whose wisdom guides our steps
- Commitment to walking together in faithful and respectful relationship
- Rooting leadership in humility, responsibility, and service

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members who led and supported this ceremony, and whose guidance enriches this important day.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgments are intended to inspire us to take action to support Indigenous communities, to increase the visibility of Indigenous People and to provide space for Indigenous voices to be heard. At King's University, we are taking steps to reconcile and build positive relationships.

One step is to recognize and acknowledge that our campus at King's University is situated on the traditional lands of the **Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Peoples**, all of whom have longstanding relationships to the land of Southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The First Nations communities of our local area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. In our region, there are eleven First Nations communities, as well as a growing Indigenous urban population. King's University values the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations, and all of the Original Peoples of the Turtle Island (also known as North America).

King's honours the rich cultural and natural landscape our buildings and spaces are a part of and the connection Indigenous Peoples have to the land. In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge our responsibility to address past and present injustices and provide space for Traditional Knowledge and worldviews to shape the landscape of Turtle Island. We are trying to be intentional in our commitment to learning Indigenous ways of knowing, in our recruitment of Indigenous students, faculty and staff, in creating safer spaces for our Indigenous community members.

For our alumni, our current students, prospective students, and King's community, we encourage you to also use intentionality in learning and informing yourself about the traditional lands, treaties, history, and cultures of the Indigenous People local to our region.

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN, WORKER, AND SERVANT LEADER

March 19 is the feast of Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and guardian of Jesus. In the Catholic tradition, Saint Joseph is honoured as a figure of quiet strength, integrity, and steadfast responsibility. Though he speaks no recorded words in Scripture, his actions reveal a leader who listens deeply, discerns wisely, and responds with courage and compassion. Saint Joseph is also designated as patron saint of workers and of Canada.

For a university community committed to forming ethically-grounded changemakers who serve the common good, the figure of Saint Joseph has particular resonance. He is known as a protector of family and community, a worker whose craft reflects dignity and purpose, and a guide who nurtures the flourishing of future generations.



Our Catholic heritage calls us to be seekers and witnesses of truth, and it forms the foundation of our openness to people of all faiths and traditions. United in this spirit, we work together toward the shared hope of bringing God's reign more fully into our world.

Today, with joy and gratitude, we welcome all who have gathered for this celebration. We hope this program serves as a meaningful guide as we journey together through this special moment in the life of King's.

It is with profound hope and a sense of new possibility that our community comes together to welcome Dr. Robert Ventresca into his role as the tenth President of King's University College. Dr. Ventresca begins this next chapter of leadership rooted in a deep understanding of our mission, our history, and our aspirations.

We pray that God will continue to bless Dr. Ventresca, his family, and the entire King's community as we look to the future with faith.

ROBERT A. VENTRESCA



Robert Ventresca is the tenth President of King's. His tenure marks a period of renewal as King's advances the priorities of its 2024–2029 Strategic Plan, *Renewing the Promise*. This period of Mission Sustainability is shaped by three strategic directions: fostering an inclusive, student-centred learning community; deepening excellence in education

and research; and strengthening the mission-enabling culture and organization required for a sustainable future.

Appointed in November 2025, after serving as Interim President beginning in 2024, Dr. Ventresca brings the perspective of both a proud King's graduate and a first-generation university student. He began his studies at King's in 1989, an experience that shaped his dedication to accessible, mission-centred education. After completing his Ph.D. in History at the University of Toronto, he joined the King's faculty in 2000, establishing a distinguished record as an educator, researcher, and institutional contributor.

Before assuming the presidency, he held several senior academic leadership roles, including Interim Academic Dean (2022), Interim Vice President Academic Dean (2023), and Vice President Academic Dean (2024), guiding academic planning and long-term institutional priorities.

As President, Dr. Ventresca is leading King's through a transformative era grounded in *Renewing the Promise: King's 2030*, positioning King's as a national leader in forming graduates who learn throughout their lives, act with integrity, and contribute to the common good through research and service.

An internationally respected historian of the Catholic Church, modern Europe, and the Holocaust, he has authored several influential works, including *Soldier of Christ: The Life of Pope Pius XII* (Harvard University Press). He is a General Editor of *The Cambridge History of the Papacy* and also serves on the Committee on Religion and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Dr. Ventresca and his wife, Yola S. Ventresca, are the proud parents of their daughter, Simona. Their shared commitment to education and service continues to guide his leadership of King's.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

PAST PRESIDENTS/ PRINCIPALS OF KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

1955-1965

**Monsignor Lester A
Wemple**

1965-1968

**Most Reverend Eugene
P. La Rocque**

1968 -1971

Dr. Owen Carrigan

1971-1976

Dr. Arnold McKee

1976-1987

Dr. John D. Morgan

1987-1997

Dr. Philip J. Mueller

1997-2009

Dr. Gerald Killan

2009-2018

Dr. David Sylvester

2019 2024

Dr. David Cruise Malloy

Founded in 1954, King's is a liberal arts university college with its roots in the Catholic intellectual tradition. King's students benefit from a personalized experience, learning in small classes led by outstanding professors, and being part of a close community on a beautiful, green, 34-acre campus. As students of an affiliate of one of Canada's top universities, our students have access to all of Western University's facilities.

Core to King's is the value of each individual and the importance of social justice. Students from all faiths and backgrounds are welcome and included. Respect for the human person underlies our commitment to diversity, accessibility, social justice and to building the common good. Being an inclusive, supportive community is one of King's greatest strengths, and we pride ourselves on creating an environment where every student and employee is seen, heard, and supported.

We are recognized, both nationally and internationally, for our excellent academic programs, commitment to research excellence, generous scholarships and comprehensive student services, and the quality of our graduates. Offering degree programs in the arts, social sciences, management and social work (both BSW [honours] and MSW), King's is home to approximately 3785 full- and part-time students from across Canada as well as 36 other countries.

VISION: A globally recognized educational leader in developing ethically grounded changemakers who serve the common good.

MISSION: An engaged liberal arts university community in which our Catholic character, Catholic intellectual tradition, and commitment to reconciliation and equity inform unique learning experiences that promote critical thought, creativity, and articulate expression.

VALUES: Person Centred | Community | Inclusion | Excellence | Stewardship

PROCESSIONS (ORDER OF MARCH)

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

1. Gonfalon Bearers (King's / Western)
2. Marshal / Assistant Marshal
3. Faculty, including Emeriti
4. Registrar
5. Academic Council Members
6. Board Members
7. Department Chairs and School Directors
8. Associate Deans
9. Visiting Academic Leaders and Official Delegates
10. University Secretary
11. Director of Indigenous Engagement and Wampum Learning Lodge,
Western
12. Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President – Indigenous Initiatives,
Western
13. Divesting/Investing Assistants
14. Installing Officer
15. Interim Vice-President Academic Dean
16. President

LITURGICAL PROCESSION

1. Cross Bearer
2. Master of Ceremonies
3. Bishop

PRESIDER: MOST REVEREND RONALD P. FABBRO, CSB, BISHOP OF LONDON

All stand for hymn and entrance of academic and liturgical processions.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

Michael Perry

THAXTED
Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
Setting by Richard Proulx



All 1. O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
Choir 2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly
All 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-
die, its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our



pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you
high; but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or



send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
sown— though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and



mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-
heav-en's gar-den grown: for Christ the man from
rise to praise you still: to mar-vel at your



fore you and wait up-on your word, we
heav-en from death has set us free, and
beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways, and



hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop: Let us pray.
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession
your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding
of the mysteries of human salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

All sit.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 3:13–18

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **How happy are the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.** (Psalm 146)

SECOND READING: James 3:13–18

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All sit.

HOMILY

The Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London

All stand.

INTERCESSIONS

The response to each invocation: **Lord hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All sit.

PRESENTATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION OF APPOINTMENT

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

CHORAL INTERLUDE

Ubi Caritas (Ola Gjeilo)

Text Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart
Let us love one another. Amen.

VESTING OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S INSTALLATION ADDRESS

GIFTS OF RECONCILIATION AND COMMITMENT

All stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

Bishop:

Let us pray.
God of all Goodness,
may our prayer today strengthen us all in our service.
Look kindly on King's University College,
that it continue to shine as a light to the nation,
leading all to your Son,
who is the Way, the Truth and the Life,
and who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

All:

Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

Go Make of All Disciples



1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples;" We hear the call, O
2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples;" Bap-tiz - ing in the
3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples;" We at your feet would
4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples;" We wel-come your com -



Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In
name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From
stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac -
mand; "Lo, I am with you al - ways;" We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of
age to age the same. We call each new dis -
cents your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the
take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And
ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -
na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -
fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry-where.
deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

Tune: Matthew 28:19-20; Leon M. Adkins, 1899-1996, alt., © 1955, 1961, Abingdon Press
Tune: ELLACOMBE, 7 ♯ 7 G D; Gesangbuch der Herzogt. Württemberg, 1784

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Please remain standing as the academic and liturgical processions depart.

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CEREMONIAL PARTICIPANTS

Prsieder: Most Rev. R.P. Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Chris Gillespie, Priest-Chaplain and Pastor of Christ the King University Parish

Marshals: Dr. Claudia Clausius, Emerita Professor (English, French and Writing); Dr. Allyson Larkin, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Social Justice and Peace Studies (School of Law, Public Policy and Social Change)

President: Dr. Robert Ventresca, Professor

Installing Officer: Dr. Daniel Lang, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, Board of Directors, King's; Emeritus Professor, University of Toronto

Divesting/Investing Assistants:

- Dr. Claudia Clausius, Emerita Professor (English, French and Writing), King's
- Dr. Jane Sanders, Associate Professor; Interim Director and Graduate Chair, School of Social Work; and Board of Directors, King's
- Dr. David Sylvester, President, University of St. Michael's College (University of Toronto)
- Dr. Philip Mueller, Emeritus Professor (Religious Studies), King's

Presenter: Dr. Mark Yenson, Interim Vice-President Academic Dean

Chief Governance Officer: Dr. Paul Wilton, University Secretary and Executive Director, Office of the President

Lectors: Rev. Denis Grecco, Rector, St. Peter's Seminary; Sister Margo Ritchie, Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada; Miss Simona Ventresca; and Ms. Wendy O'Toole

Gonfalon Bearers: Mr. Braedan Lovie; and Ms. Deysha George-Pugliese

Cross Bearer: Mr. Breandén Dunn

Choir: Members of King's University College Chamber Choir and Christ the King University Parish Choir

Trumpeters: Mr. Shawn Spicer and Mr. Rex Mulder

Music Director: Ms. Janet Loo

HONOURING RELATIONSHIPS: PRESENTATION OF RECONCILIATION BLANKETS TO THE OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES AND THE WAMPUM LEARNING LODGE

Blanket gifting is, in many Indigenous Nations, a nation-to-nation practice, or an honour extended by leaders to community members to recognize relationship, responsibility, and shared purpose. In the spirit of reconciliation, we also recognize that some practices must evolve as allies seek to honour and uphold Indigenous traditions in meaningful ways. When approached with humility, care, and a true willingness to learn, these gestures can support relationship-building and deepen understanding.

In this instance, we commend King's for stepping outside of colonial norms and embracing a practice that is firmly rooted in the cultures of many Indigenous Peoples. Their willingness to honour blanket gifting in a respectful and relational way reflects a genuine commitment to making reconciliation not only symbolic, but actionable and impactful. May these actions and the blankets gifted today, serve as a reminder of the ongoing and endless work of truth and reconciliation.

Dr. Christy R. Bressette, Vice-Provost & Associate
Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives),
Western University



Dr. Paula Cornelius-Hedgepeth, Director,
Indigenous Engagement and Wampum Learning
Lodge, Western University



Indigenous Blankets by MINI TIPI (<https://minitipi.ca>)

- **Ceremony** by Morningstar (Alanah Jewell), Oneida Nation of the Thames, Bear Clan
- **Connections** by Emily Kewageshig, Saugeen First Nation

A LIVING GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of the President, Dr. Mark Yenson, Interim Vice-President Academic Dean, formally presents a White Pine sapling to the King's community. Ms. Deysha George-Pugliese, a first-year student and President's Scholarship recipient, accepts the gift in trust on behalf of the community. To be planted in the spring, the White Pine stands as a symbol of rootedness, renewal, and shared growth, marking our commitment to stewardship and the flourishing of future generations.

ROOTED IN TRADITION

Our heritage shapes our purpose.

- Founded 1954
- Grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition that has developed across two millennia
- Western affiliate with a tradition of independent governance and mission-driven leadership
- A community where people of all faiths and worldviews belong
- Liberal arts and social justice at the core of our academic mission
- Liturgies, prayer services, and spiritual life programs offered throughout the year

GROWING IN RECONCILIATION

Learning, listening, and acting together.

- Indigenous partnerships supporting learning, dialogue, and community engagement
- Students participating in Indigenous learning opportunities across disciplines
- Community-engaged learning placements with local agencies
- Student service hours advancing justice, solidarity, and the common good
- Initiatives supporting equity, truth, and reconciliation across campus life

UNITED IN COMMUNITY

A place of belonging, dignity, and shared purpose.

- 3719 undergraduate and 65 graduate students affiliated with King's
- 439 spaces for our community of scholars living and learning on campus
- 448 international students from 36 countries around the world
- A dedicated academic community including professors at all ranks, emeriti, and staff committed to holistic student support
- 25,800 alumni making an impact locally and globally
- Close to 100 industry partners in Canada and over 100 educational partnerships around the world.

LOOKING AHEAD TO KING'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2029, King's will celebrate a remarkable milestone: **75 years of forming leaders, building community, shaping futures and helping students find their purpose.** King's started with an enduring mission: to form leaders of conscience, advance knowledge in service of humanity, and cultivate a campus where belonging is lived every day. Established in 1954 as Christ the King College by the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, and affiliated with both St. Peter's Seminary and The University of Western Ontario, King's began with a clear vision: to offer a rigorous liberal arts education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and committed to the formation of the whole person.

Seventy-five years later, that vision is alive — and stronger than ever.

What started as a small college with a clear sense of purpose, King's has since grown into the largest affiliate in Canada; made up of dynamic, inclusive academic community shaped by generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners. Its story is deeply rooted in London and Southwestern Ontario, strengthened through relationships with Indigenous Peoples, and guided by an on-going commitment to reconciliation and respectful relationship. King's continues to embrace academic excellence, global engagement, and a steadfast belief in education as a force for human dignity and the common good.

The seventy-fifth year will be filled with storytelling, signature events, and meaningful community gatherings that honour the founders who imagined King's, the communities who sustained it, and the students whose aspirations continue to transform it. It will be a time to reconnect, to rediscover, and to reimagine what the next generation of King's can become.

As we install the President who will guide King's into this anniversary era, we do so with gratitude for all that has been entrusted to us — and with bold anticipation for what lies ahead.

The journey to 75 starts now.

Join us in celebrating the legacy.

Stay connected.

And plan to return in 2029 as our entire community comes together to mark this extraordinary milestone.

GREETINGS & LEADERSHIP

Government Representatives

We are honoured to welcome representatives from all three levels of government who join us for today's celebration:

- Mr. Sam Trosow, Councillor, Ward 6
- Ms. Skylar Franke, BA'13, Councillor, Ward 11
- Ms. Teresa Armstrong, MPP, London Fanshawe
- Mr. Terence Kernaghan, MPP, London North Centre
- The Honourable Arielle Kayabaga, MP, London West

Academic Leaders

We are pleased to welcome distinguished academic leaders from partner universities and colleges who honour us with their presence today. Their participation reflects the shared mission, collegial spirit, and deep relationships that strengthen our academic community.

Victoria University, University of Toronto (1836)

- Dr. Rhonda McEwen, President

Trinity College, University of Toronto (1851)

- Dr. Nicholas Terpstra, Provost and Vice-Chancellor

University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto (1852)

- Dr. David Sylvester, President and Vice-Chancellor

Huron University College (1863)

- Dr. Barry Craig, President

Western University (1878)

- Dr. Alan Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor

Universities Canada (1911)

- Mr. Gabriel Miller, President and CEO

St. Peter's Seminary (1923)

- Rev. Denis Grecco, Rector

Renison University College, University of Waterloo (1959)

- Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry, President

United College, University of Waterloo (1962)

- Dr. Richard Myers, President

Fanshawe College (1967)

- Dr. Peter J. Devlin, President

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to today's installation ceremony.

We offer particular thanks to:

- The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, for presiding over the liturgy and installation.
- Government representatives from all three levels, whose presence and support honour this occasion and reflect their commitment to the communities we serve.
- The Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation for their leadership and dedication to the mission and Catholic character of King's University College.
- Rev. Denis Grecco and colleagues at St. Peter's Seminary, for providing the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas and supporting today's celebration.
- Elder Mary-Anne Kecheho, for sharing her teachings; Mr. Joe Henry, for offering the land acknowledgement; and Mr. Russell Green, for his stewardship of the Sacred Fire.
- Visiting presidents and institutional delegates, for honouring the occasion with their presence and collegial support.
- The Ventresca family, for their support and for sharing in this important occasion.

We also gratefully acknowledge the many colleagues, faith leaders, students, alumni, staff, and friends of King's whose participation and behind-the-scenes efforts have shaped today's celebration. Our appreciation extends to all procession participants, liturgical ministers, readers, musicians, choirs, marshals, operational and technical teams, and those joining us both in person and via livestream.

Your contributions, seen and unseen, have made this a meaningful and memorable occasion.

OFFICIAL GREETINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

Algoma University (Sault Ste Marie / Brampton / Timmins ON)
Assumption University (Windsor ON)
Brandon University (Brandon MB)
Carleton University (Ottawa ON)
Concordia University of Edmonton (Edmonton AB)
Huron University (London ON)
Laurentian University (Sudbury ON)
MacEwan University (Edmonton AB)
Nipissing University (North Bay ON)
Queen's University (Kingston ON)
Redeemer University (Ancaster ON)
Royal Roads University (Colwood BC)
Saint Mary's University (Halifax NS)
Simon Fraser University (Burnaby / Surrey / Vancouver BC)
St. Francis Xavier University (Antigonish NS)
St. Paul's College (Winnipeg MB)
St. Thomas More College (Saskatoon SK)
St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver BC)
Toronto Metropolitan University (Toronto, ON)
Université de Moncton (Moncton / Edmundston / Shippagan NB)
Université de Saint-Boniface (Winnipeg MB)
Université TÉLUQ (Quebec City QC)
University of Calgary (Calgary AB)
University of Ottawa (Ottawa ON)
University of Waterloo (Waterloo ON)
University of Windsor (Windsor ON)
Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo ON)
York University (Toronto ON)

We also thank the institutions that have shared congratulatory messages on our virtual message board, available until April 30, 2026, as part of the commemorative keepsake for Dr. Ventresca.

Thank you for your continued support of King's University College.

Message Board:



Installation Reception
King's University College
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, Garron Lounge
Formal Remarks: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

Program of Remarks

1. Opening of the Reception
2. Greetings from Western University
3. Greetings from Indigenous Elder
4. Greetings from Past President
5. Greetings from Faculty Member
6. KUCSC Student President
7. Words of Thanks from the President

In many academic settings, the installation of a President may include spoken greetings from visiting university presidents and institutional delegates. In view of the liturgical character of the Presidential Installation at King's University College, the Order of Proceedings has been constituted such that the official addresses are limited to the invited speakers named in the program.

The University nonetheless extends its courtesies to our distinguished visiting presidents and delegates. During the reception, you are welcome to offer your personal greetings to Dr. Ventresca and to participate in an official photograph. Staff will be in attendance to provide discreet assistance.