

EMMAUS AWARD

The Emmaus Award is presented annually to a student graduating from the Master of Religious Education Program. The Award reflects the experience of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus: the hope that when religious education students attend Newman, they join other colleagues on the journey and through their studies and dialogue with the content, come to recognize Jesus more clearly.

The Criteria for selecting the recipient include the following: the individual has been identified as a person who has fostered community in their learning environment, the individual has interacted with their faculty and has provided evidence of the importance of their personal journey of faith; the individual has grown in faith knowledge and experience; the individual has actively engaged with the academic content of their coursework, and the individual has maintained a sound academic record throughout their Program of Studies.

This year the Emmaus Award recognizes **Sandra Lynn Sharp**, a Metis woman who has shown incredible fortitude and dedication over the past four years, earning a 3.97 GPA - the highest GPA in this year's graduating class in all programs. During much of her studies, Sandra worked as a Consultant with Indigenous Learning Services and currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Ben Calf Robe/St. Clare of Assisi; a school whose names reflect the strengths and values of Indigenous culture while also inspiring students to learn, work, and live fully to serve God in one another.

As part of her Field Education Components, Sandra permeated the Catholic understanding of reconciliation, promoting the fusion of Indigenous Spirituality and the Catholic faith in a manner that aligned both traditions. She is prayerful, faith-filled, and has successfully connected her academic work with her day-to-day practice.

Please join me in congratulating this year's recipient from the Edmonton Catholic School Division: **Sandra Lynn Sharp**.