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Seventh Annual Lecture in Bioethics

(Free admission)



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Fredericton, New Brunswick

Broken of Mind, but Not Shattered of Spirit
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University of St. Michael's College, in the University of Toronto
Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary Street

Reception to follow

Dr. Michael Higgins is President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Thomas University where he is cross-listed as a faculty member in the Department of English and in the Department of Religious Studies, and formerly the Director of the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience; Director of the Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal; Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, St. Jerome's University; Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Waterloo; Associate Dean, Vice-President and Academic Dean, as President and Vice-Chancellor. He is the author and co-author of numerous books including the award-winning biography and study, *Heretic Blood: The Spiritual Geography of Thomas Merton*. His book, *Stalking the Holy: In Pursuit of Saint Making*, was also a CBC *Ideas* series with Producer Kevin Burns and Executive Producer Bernie Lucht. Dr. Higgins has also published articles and reviews in several scholarly peer-reviewed publications, including *The American Benedictine Review*, *Cistercian Studies* *The Merton Annual*, and *Studies in Religion*.

Dr. Higgins has an extensive media record as a columnist, commentator, scriptwriter, narrator, researcher, and consultant. He was a monthly columnist for *The Toronto Star* from 1986 to 2006. As a radio documentarian for the CBC, he prepared some fifty one-hour scripts for *Ideas*, *Celebration*, and *Testament* and was a regular contributor to *Morningside*, *This Morning*, *Sunday Edition*, as well as to CTV's *Canada AM* and to TV Ontario's *Studio 2*. Dr. Higgins was the chief consultant for the television series, *Sir Peter Ustinov's Inside the Vatican*, and for John Bailey's film of Ron Hansen's novel, *Mariette in Ecstasy*. He has also served as a consultant for CBC's *Man Alive*.

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