

# Happy Anniversary!

We celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the École Biblique et Archéologique Française

The 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dominican Order

## Founding of the École:

The École Biblique has been at the forefront of biblical and archaeological achievements for more than a century.



The École was established in Jerusalem in 1890 by a young, pioneering French Dominican priest, Father Marie-Joseph Lagrange, who travelled to Jerusalem to establish a centre where the faithful could study the Bible in the land in which it was written. Père Lagrange is considered by many to be a founder of modern biblical studies.

Over the past 125 years, the École became one of the foremost institutes of biblical studies and archaeology in the world. It is the home of the Jerusalem Bible – much loved for its translation and its study notes – and the *Revue Biblique*.



Dr. Dan Machiela, CFEB research scholarship recipient, left, with members of the École Biblique community

## Founding of the Canadian Friends:

The Canadian Friends of the École Biblique was founded in 1995-96 by Rev. Dr. William Klassen, a long-time professor of New Testament. At the request of the École, he launched a global campaign to raise funds to replace the aging library which housed one of the top biblical-archeological collections in the world.

Donations came from across Canada and around the world. The result: a massive renovation that transformed the aging, dank facility into a modern, multi-storey research library with climate control, computer and IT access and controls, and plenty of room to grow.



Prof. Michel Gourgues and CFEF scholarship recipient Sr. Marie de Lovinfosse

Once the new library was built, the Canadian Friends began offering annual financial support for:

- **Scholarships for Canadian graduate students and research scholars, and**
- **Library acquisitions and information technology upgrades**

The CFEB has also provided funding for the cataloguing of archaeological findings from Qumran, and for the newest École Biblique/Dominican initiative, *The Bible in its Traditions*.

Scholarships and library acquisitions and IT remain the primary focus of the Canadian Friends. **Since 2003, we have provided more than \$145,000 in scholarships for Canadian graduate students and scholars** to study and do research. More than 25 men and women from across Canada from a wide range of denominations and different faith traditions have benefitted from the opportunity to be at the École Biblique.

The volunteer board members of the CFEB are academics, clergy and lay people from different denominations and backgrounds:

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**The Canadian Friends of the École Biblique relies entirely on donations** from Canadians who wish to further biblical, archaeological and related studies to foster greater knowledge and understanding of the Bible, its history, theology, people and languages, and its impact on the world.

**We welcome your prayers and your financial support.**