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Dear friends of the CFEB:

Warm greetings to you from the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique! We've had a busy year, with accomplishments on many fronts.

During the past year we welcomed two new members to the Board: **Sister Marie de la Lovinfosse, CND**, was a recipient of CFEB scholarships to study at the École Biblique in Jerusalem where she obtained her "élève titulaire" in 2017. In 2018 she received both her Ph.D. and canonical/ecclesiastical Doctorate in Theology; her thesis, *La pédagogie de la 'visitet" (episkopè) de Dieu chez Luc* has been published by Peeters Press, (2018). Sister Marie also won the Governor General's Gold Medal, for the student who obtained the best marks at the doctorate level, both in the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Theology at the Dominican University College in Ottawa. Sister Marie now teaches at the Institut de formation théologique de Montréal.

**Dr. Peter Warrrian** is Distinguished Research Fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. Peter was Chair of the Philanthropic Foundations of Canada (PFC) from 2005-2010, and currently serves as Chair of The Lupina Foundation, a private foundation funding activity in the area of Health and Society. He leads an international research team for a joint project of the Vatican and the International Labour Organization on Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and the Future of Work. Formerly Research Director of the United Steelworkers of America, from 1992-94 he was Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance and Chief Economist of the Province of Ontario.

### Funds for scholarships:

During the past year, we have continued our contributions towards scholarships for Canadians who wish to further biblical, archaeological and related studies by studies and research at the world-famous École Biblique.

This year we are providing a scholarship to Lynn Mills, who also received a CFEB scholarship last year. Lynn is a doctoral student in Theology at Trinity College, Dublin. She previously earned an MA through Vancouver School of Theology. Lynn is spending four weeks at the École this summer researching the concepts of water and spirit in the context of the construction of self in the community at Qumran.

### From the École Biblique:

Be sure to visit the **website of the École Biblique**. It is updated frequently with articles of immediate interest, events, lectures and videos. See:

<http://www.ebaf.edu/en/>

**News from Jerusalem:** *Nouvelles de Jérusalem* is now in a new bilingual, full-colour format, published twice a year. We are enclosing the Fall, 2018, and Easter, 2019, issues with this mailing. Beginning this fall, we will start to mail you the new fall issue of *Nouvelles*. If you would prefer to receive it electronically, please contact Tim Hegedus at [cfeb.aceb@gmail.com](mailto:cfeb.aceb@gmail.com).

**CFEB Website:**

Don't forget to check the Canadian Friends' website in English at <https://www.cfebweb.ca> and in French at <https://www.acebweb.ca>. The website is updated regularly and is a good place to catch up on our work.

**In Memoriam:**

**Dr Garry Knoppers**, John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, died Dec. 22, 2018. He received a CFEB scholarship in 2006 and continued to be a faithful supporter of the CFEB.

**Dr William (Bill) Klassen, who founded the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique in 1995**, passed away on January 29, 2019. A professor of New Testament and Peace Studies, Bill taught at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, and the University of Manitoba, and served as Dean of the Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. He was Director of Development at Simon Fraser University and University College at the University of Toronto, and Principal of St. Paul's United College at the University of Waterloo. After retirement, he founded the CFEB, raising funds to renovate the world-famous library of the École, and then to provide scholarships for Canadian graduate students wishing to study the Bible in the land of its birth.

**Two named scholarships:** The CFEB this year established two new scholarships – one in honour of Father Philippe LeBlanc, a Dominican priest who was a founding member of the CFEB, and one in honour of Father Guy Couturier, CSC, founder of *Les Anciens et Amis de l'École Biblique* in Montreal and former president of the CFEB. If you wish to contribute to either scholarship, the procedure is the same as making a regular contribution – but please add the name of the scholarship to which you wish your contribution to go.

**How you may contribute:** Funds donated to the CFEB help support our scholarship program and provide funds for the École library and IT upgrades. Our website, <https://www.cfebweb.ca> (in English) and <https://www.acebweb.ca> (in French) offers you a way that you can donate to the Canadian Friends online. **Our website has a direct link to CanadaHelps**, a non-profit organization that assists a broad range of charities across Canada to make it easy for donors to give to them via the web.

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With appreciation and best wishes,

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