

Convocation 1982—Six Canadians to receive honorary degrees



Dr. Stanislaus Swianiewicz

Approximately 500 graduates will receive degrees from Saint Mary's University at Convocation on Monday, May 10, 1982.

In addition to undergraduate and master's degrees conferred on that date, six Canadians will receive honorary degrees.

The honorary degree recipients will be Dr. Stanislaus Swianiewicz, Reuben A. Hornstein, John Alexander Gordon Bell, The Honourable Gerald Regan, The Honourable John Buchanan and Anne Murray.

Dr. Stanislaus Swianiewicz, LL.B., Dr. Jur., Professor Emeritus in Economics at Saint Mary's, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

He received his early education in his native Poland and obtained undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Vilna.

Dr. Swianiewicz recently received acclaim for his book, *In the Shadow of Katyn*, an account of the massacre of 4,300 Polish officers by Russians in 1940. At the time Dr. Swianiewicz was 39 years old and one of the leading Polish experts on Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. He was taken prisoner and narrowly escaped the Katyn massacre.

The Soviet authorities, treating his pre-war activities in economic research as tantamount to espionage, sentenced him to eight years forced labour.

He was released on the basis of the Soviet-Polish agreement of 1941, and after the war held various teaching and research positions in London and Manchester in England, in Indonesia, and in the service of the United Nations.

In 1977 his book was voted the most outstanding book published outside Poland by the Polish Association of Writers Abroad. It was recently voted "Best Book of the Year" by the Polish Literary Review.

Dr. Swianiewicz came to Saint Mary's in 1963.