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Upcoming Events

**The 4th Annual St. Jerome's Feast for Catholic University Education
Friday, October 15, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Jerome's University
Community Centre**

This year's recipient of the Chancellor John Sweeney Award is the distinguished writer and cultural anthropologist, Dr. Margaret Visser. A renowned scholar who is also a committed Roman Catholic, Dr. Visser is a self-described "anthropologist of everyday life." She has written articulate, insightful analyses of the roots of social ritual, in particular those pertaining to food, in *Much Depends on Dinner*, *The Rituals of Dinner*, and *The Way We Are*. These books have all been best-sellers, and the first two were recipients of major international awards. In 2002, she was invited to deliver the prestigious Massey Lectures, which were subsequently published under the title *Beyond Fate*.

However, the Award Committee's choice of Dr. Visser was a special recognition of her book, *The Geometry of Love: Space, Time, Mystery and Meaning in an Ordinary Church*. Her examination of the history, iconography and ritual use of Saint Agnes, a small church outside the walls of Rome, illuminates both the Roman Catholic tradition and the nature of belief itself. In it, Dr. Visser embraces her own faith tradition and the discipline of scholarship to produce something truly unique: in the words of one reviewer, "she gives us a profound analysis of [St. Agnes] as a representative of churches, specifically Roman Catholic ones, everywhere."



The Geometry of Love was on the best of the year lists for both *The Toronto Star* and *The Globe and Mail*. It was named number-one best-seller by *Maclean's* magazine.

The evening also features a sumptuous gourmet buffet and musical entertainment.

- Tickets:** **\$85.00 per person (includes GST)**
A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost.
- Proceeds:** **Support the Master's Program in Roman Catholic Life & Thought**
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