

## ***WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE***

### ***RIGOBERTA MENCHÚ TUM***

#### ***Witness to Human Rights***



More than half a million indigenous people were killed in Guatemala from 1960 to 1996, years described as a period of genocide. Much of this murderous activity, carried out by the Guatemalan government and military, was done with little knowledge from the outside world. This was to change when a young woman escaped to Mexico in 1981 and narrated the story of her life. Her book begins with the sentence, "My name is Rigoberta Menchú and this is how my conscience was born."

As all Guatemalan indigenous peoples, she had no rights of citizenship, which were restricted to people of Spanish descent. She began working on a coffee plantation at the age of eight, joining family members and neighbours who worked 15-hour days and lived in very harsh conditions. She witnessed many injustices, including the deaths of two brothers, one who died as a result of pesticide poisoning and the other from malnutrition.

As the military-led government and the wealthy plantation owners continued to confiscate more and more indigenous lands, Rigoberta's father became a leader in the peasant movement. He began a series of petitions and protests to secure land for the indigenous people. His actions led to numerous arrests and jailings until he eventually joined the Guerrilla Army of the Poor.

In 1979, Rigoberta's 16-year-old brother was kidnapped by soldiers, tortured, and burned alive while his family was forced to watch. In 1980, her father and other Indian leaders occupied the Spanish embassy in the capital city to protest human rights abuses. The military responded by setting fire to the embassy, killing 38 protestors, including her father. Her mother was kidnapped, raped, tortured, and killed the following year. There is little doubt that her fate would have mirrored that of her mother had she not fled to Mexico.

Her testimonial entitled "**I, Rigoberta Menchú**" brought the hidden genocide of Guatemalan Indigenous peoples to international attention. From Mexico she became a leader of a successful campaign to put an end to the conflict and for this she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.



# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**April 9, 2017**

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY AT CAMPION**

Using the comprehensive campus ministry model, we are here to serve the entire Campion and Catholic community on the U of R campus.

Let us know how we can serve!

### **CAMPUS MINISTER**

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### **RECONCILIATION** (by appointment)

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Fr. John Meehan, SJ 306-359-1212 (weekdays)

The Campion Chapel is available for personal prayer / reflection whenever the building is open.

FACEBOOK: Campion Campus Ministry



## STATIONS ACROSS CAMPUS

Begin Holy Week by joining us for the Way of the Cross at stations across campus. We'll pray in solidarity with women throughout the world as we share meditations from Development & Peace.

**Monday, April 10th**

**2:30 –3:30 P.M.** (replaces the 12:30 liturgy)

Meet in the chapel.

CAMPUS MINISTRY FOR HOLY WEEK		
Palm Sunday April 9/17	Mass Presider: Fr. Sami Homilist: Deacon Joe Lectors: Sarah/Odie Servers: Marion/Robin Music Ministry: Anna & Paula	6:30 p.m.
Monday of Holy Week April 10/17	<b>No 12:30 liturgy today</b> Way of the Cross Across Campus	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday of Holy Week April 11/17	Individual Reconciliation Mass: Fr. John Ministries: Romina/Gladys	12:00 p.m. 12:30
Wednesday of Holy Week April 12/17	Mass: Fr. Sami Ministries: Ritva/Stephanie <b>Note: NO Praise and Prayer today</b>	12:30
Holy Thursday April 13/17	Women's Prayer Group??? <b>No 12:30 liturgy today</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Good Friday April 14/17	<b>University Holiday</b> Musica Sacra	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 16/17	Mass: Fr. John <b>No 6:30 p.m. liturgy Easter Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.

**Call for volunteers!** Will you be here for masses for Holy Week, Easter, and liturgies for the rest of the semester? Please sign up on the sheet provided! Thank you.

**Please note: Liturgies at the Champion chapel will continue until Sunday, April 23rd. and will resume when classes begin in the fall.**

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., join us in the chapel for an hour of prayer in the Ignatian style. Open to students, staff, faculty, community members of all denominations. Contact Sarah for more information.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY PEER SUPPORT 2017-2018

Can you see yourself as a support to other students? Would you like to be part of a team and develop your skills for leadership through Campus Ministry and professional mentoring? If you'd like to explore the possibility, check out the following: [campioncollege.ca/campus-life/campus-ministry/peer-support-students](http://campioncollege.ca/campus-life/campus-ministry/peer-support-students) before the end of the semester. You do not have to be a Champion student to apply, but you must be available from September 2017 to April 2018.

## LENTEN ACTION

Last week to join in the Campus Ministry action for Lent: **Think of a woman who has been a force for positive change in the world or in your life. Write her name on the peer support door (beside the old elevator on the main floor), where it will remain for the duration of Holy Week.**

Campion College is pleased to announce the return of

## Musica Sacra

### Take Me To The King

African-American Spirituals and Gospel Music

**Friday, April 14, 2017**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Campion College Chapel**

Featured guest artists: Tehillah Minstrels

Sarah Stubbe, piano

Dr. Dominic Gregorio, Artistic Director



Free will offering.