FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

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THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF BOTH THE VICE-RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, MR. JEAN DESCLOS, AND PROFESSOR ANDRIUS VALEVICIUS, THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITÉ DE SHERBROOKE, THROUGH ITS FACULTY OF THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY, AND SOME ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN QUEBEC, HAVE BORNE RICH FRUIT.

TEACHING

IN A FEW YEARS, SINCE 1998, THE TEACHING AND INFLUENCE OF ORTHODOX THEOLOGY IN QUEBEC HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED. THE FIRST STEP WAS THE CREATION OF THE CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY, WHICH ATTRACTED MANY STUDENTS. THEN, IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2003-2004, CAME THE MASTERS IN THEOLOGY – ORTHODOX THEOLOGY – WHICH GENERATED A LOT OF INTEREST FROM THE START. FURTHERMORE, THE UNIVERSITÉ REACHED AGREEMENTS OF COOPERATION WITH THE TORONTO ORTHODOX THEOLOGY ACADEMY, FIRST TO RECOGNISE THE FIRST YEAR STUDIES OF THE ACADEMY'S STUDENTS AS AN EQUIVALENT OF A CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY, NEXT TO RECOGNISE THEIR TWO FOLLOWING YEARS AS AN EQUIVALENT OF A BACCALAUREATE IN THEOLOGY.

RESEARCH

TO THESE TEACHINGS ACTIVITIES WERE ADDED, STARTING IN 2001, ANNUAL ORTHODOX THEOLOGY COLLOQUIA FOLLOWED IN EACH CASE BY THE PUBLICATION OF A BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS UNDER THE TITLE "COLLECTION: THÉOLOGIE ORTHODOXE" (ÉDITIONS GGC).

THE FUTURE

WE HAVE MANY HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS FRIENDSHIP AND WE INTEND TO EXPLORE OTHER AVENUES THAT WILL ALLOW US TO GIVE A STILL BETTER BASE TO THIS EMINENTLY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR AND TO FURTHER INCREASE ITS INFLUENCE.