

**The 2021 Rupert and Timothy Smith Award
For Distinguished Contributions
to Pro-Life Scholarship**

**Dr. Keith Cassidy,
Professor Emeritus of
History**

**Dr. Elizabeth Cassidy,
Adjunct Professor of
Psychology, Registered
Psychologist and Senior
Research Associate for *The
deVeber Institute for
Bioethics and Social
Research* in Toronto,
Canada.**

**UFFL
Laureate Address:**

**“Half a Century of
Strife: The Abortion’s
Controversy’s
Inescapable Centrality in
Modern American
History”**



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Keith Cassidy obtained his Ph.D. in History from the University of Toronto and has taught at a number of Canadian universities: at St. Francis Xavier University, the University of Toronto, McMaster University, and the University of Prince Edward Island. From 1974 to 2009 he was on the faculty at the University of Guelph. While there he was active in the Faculty Association, served a term as its President, and spent a quarter of a century on its Executive Committee. His major work was in the area of faculty policies, and he played a role in the formation of a number of University policies. In 2004 he was given the University of Guelph Faculty Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Faculty and Librarians as well as the Canadian Association of University Professors Dedicated Service Award. He was given a University of Guelph Presidential Distinguished Professor Award for the period 2006-2008. He is an emeritus professor at that institution.

After retirement, he spent ten years as President of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, bringing it from a small Academy to a degree-granting College. After retiring from that position in 2019, he continues to teach American history at the College. His major area of interest is the modern United States, and has presented and published many papers on the Progressive Era and the Right to Life movement.

He is married to Elizabeth Ring Cassidy. They have seven children and fifteen grandchildren. They have been active in pro-life work since 1970. Dr. Cassidy has been a long time member of University Faculty for Life, the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, and the deVeber Institute, a bioethics research group in Toronto.

Prof. Elizabeth Ring Cassidy, was a registered psychologist and Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. She taught the Developmental Psychology Course, created the Student Services Department, and served as its Director for ten years.

She completed her graduate studies at the University of Guelph and earned the American Psychological Association accreditation in Catholic Psychology.

She also served as the Senior Research Associate to the deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research in Toronto. Her numerous publications include *Complications: Abortion's Image on Women*, a book coauthored with Angela Lanfranchi and Ian Gentles that is now in its second edition. She also published "Hijacking Healing: Pro-Abortion Response to Post Abortion Stress," *Life and Learning Conference Proceedings*, Volume 13: 57-73, among a number of other papers she has presented at UFFL. She has also served as the Secretary to the Society of Catholic Social Scientists.

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