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Dear Sir:

I am at a loss to whom to address, but I write to tell you that I am a priest living near the campus. My business and recreational walks, from the Bloo~~r~~Bathurst intersection, bring me through the campus.

Some months ago I learned there was to be a re-development of a piece of vacant land, next to the SidSmith Centre. When my walks took me by there, I kept my eye on it. The idea was and is, apparently, to re-establish there a small sample of what the ancient woodland might have been in our part of Ontario.

Just last Saturday, walking by that piece of land, I saw evidence of the transformation. Workers, volunteers, told me that there were already many species of plants in place, and the plan was to add more, as well as a watercourse.

I think this is a wonderful initiative, with educational potential for students, alumni, and people touring the campus. It could also serve as a micro-model for other spaces on campus. Well-trimmed expanses of lawn highlighted by flower borders have their place, but bio-diversity and restoration do too.

So, to whomever credit is due, let it be given!

sincerely,

Rev. Bob Moran CSP

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