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A newsletter for the faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Whalen Named Interim President of SJU

SJU Board of Regents Chair Jim Frey announced the appointment Oct. 21 of Dan Whalen as interim president of Saint John's University. His appointment came only weeks after the Saint John's and Saint Benedict communities were stunned by the news that SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart had been diagnosed with melanoma.

In the ensuing days, as Br. Dietrich awaited a prognosis after undergoing testing and treatment, messages of prayers, love and support poured in from the CSB and SJU campuses, Saint John's Abbey, Saint Benedict's Monastery, and family, friends, CSB alumnae and SJU alumni from around the world.

Br. Dietrich resigned as president on Oct. 16, to focus more fully on his health, and the SJU Board of Regents quickly assembled an ad hoc search committee to name an interim president. Within five short days, Frey introduced Whalen to the SJU and CSB communities at a reception at the Great Hall at SJU.

Earlier that day, a written message informed the Saint John's and Saint Benedict communities of Whalen's appointment. Both Frey and Br. Dietrich expressed confidence in Whalen. "I am certain that Dan's leadership will inspire the trust and confidence of everyone in the Saint John's community," Frey said.

Br. Dietrich stated, "Dan is a remarkably kind and generous man. His willingness to serve as interim president of Saint John's University reflects a deep love and gratitude for the educational community that has nurtured his heart

and fired his desire to make a difference in the world. The leadership of Saint John's could not be in better hands!"

"I cannot fill Br. Dietrich's shoes. No one can," Whalen said. "But thanks to Br. Dietrich's remarkable leadership, Saint John's is a strong and resilient institution. I am excited about joining the first class leadership team that he put together. And I am pleased to join the partnership with Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger and the College of Saint Benedict."

"Dan Whalen is an excellent choice for interim president of Saint John's," said MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president. "I've had the pleasure of working with Dan during his time as chair of the Board of Regents, and I look forward to working with him again as interim president. Dan is a man of character, creativity and compassion. He has a great wit, and a warm, welcoming sense of humor. He understands and supports Br. Dietrich's vision. I look forward to having Dan as a partner in the coordinate relationship between College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University."

Whalen grew up in Argyle, Minn., and East Grand Forks, Minn., where, after attending Saint John's Preparatory School for one year, he graduated from Sacred Heart High School. In the mid-1960s, Whalen, his mother and his siblings moved to St. Cloud, Minn. Whalen attended SJU and majored in government.

After he graduated from Saint John's in 1970, he worked on a factory assembly line, attended the University

of Minnesota's School of Public Affairs, served as a policy analyst at the federal government's Administration on Aging, managed George McGovern's presidential campaign in Minnesota's sixth congressional district, was a policy analyst with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, worked as a management consultant in Washington, D.C., was director of health planning for New York state and served as a health policy specialist for Gov. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia.

After Whalen earned MBA and MA (food research) degrees from Stanford University in 1980, he worked at AT&T as a business marketing manager and as the first director of cellular telephone operations in New York state and New England, served as vice president of operations of Cellular One in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, and was executive vice president and member

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of the board of directors of Tetra Tech, a publicly traded engineering company. Whalen founded or co-founded five telecommunication industry companies including Whalen & Company, an international cellular telephone development company that he headed for 10 years. Whalen is presently principal investor and executive chairman of Vello, Inc., a startup teleconferencing company.

In addition to Whalen's academic and professional achievements, he is a philanthropist who truly embodies the spirit of giving. Whalen has extended his generosity to Saint John's Abbey; the College of Saint Benedict; Saint Benedict's Monastery; Laketrails, a summer camp in northern Minnesota; The Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota; Anna Marie's, a shelter for battered women in Saint Cloud, named for his mother; a number of projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Saint-Martin-

in-the-Fields in London; Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland, Calif.; Girls Inc. of northern California, the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.; Redwood Day School in Oakland, Calif.; Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco; Tulane University; Center for Early Intervention on Deafness in Berkeley, Calif.; the University of California at Berkeley; the Positive Coaching Alliance; and Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Much to the benefit of SJU, Whalen and his wife, Katharine, have looked upon the school with an extraordinary degree of generosity. Over the years, the Whalens have supported numerous projects, including the Annual Fund, the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement, faculty development, land acquisition and conservation, a dean's fund, *The Saint John's Bible* and scholarships for Bosnian students to attend SJU and CSB.

Whalen's financial generosity is matched only by his willingness to share his time and talents. Whalen has been a member of the Saint John's Board of Regents since 1997, serving as its chair from 2004-07, and was campaign chair for the just completed capital campaign One Generation to the Next: The Campaign for Saint John's, which secured \$168 million against a goal of \$150 million and has been the largest and most successful capital campaign in the University's history to date.

Whalen also serves on the advisory board of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; and as trustee of Holy Names University in Oakland, Calif., Redwood Day School in Oakland, Calif., Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco and Laketrails Base Camp at Oak Island, Minn.

Whalen lives in Oakland, Calif. with Katharine, and their three children, Matthew, Anna and Michael.

The Board of Regents will now initiate a search for the 12th president of SJU.

Top Challenges for SJU

1. Financial: economy; budget (tuition, compensation); fund raising and campaign priorities
2. Major University Initiatives:
 - a. Campaign (First Generation Scholarships, Library)
 - b. Library Planning
 - c. Corporate Structure
 - d. Search for HMML Director
3. Sustaining high academic quality through the coordinate relationship with CSB
4. Sustaining the confidence of Saint John's constituencies (faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors) during a time of uncertainty

Key Expectations for The Interim President

Ensure the ongoing vitality of the university, specifically the confidence and continued commitment of all key constituencies — faculty, administrators, students, parents, alumni and friends — by achieving specific goals including but not limited to the following:

1. Ensure the short-term viability of the university with special attention to enrollment, fiscal well-being (tuition, compensation, etc.) and an appropriate "public face" including fund raising.
2. Foster a vigorous commitment to key university initiatives, among them:
 - a. Campaign (including First Generation Scholarships and Library)
 - b. Library Planning
 - c. Corporate Restructuring
 - d. Search for HMML Director
3. Maintain a constructive and productive coordinate relationship with CSB
4. Ensure that the university's administrators, faculty and students maintain a strong commitment to the university's vision, mission and priorities.
5. Provide decisive leadership to the university's cabinet in key policy and administrative issues.

SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart Steps Down

Br. Dietrich Reinhart OSB, announced his resignation on Oct. 16, ending 17 years of service as president of SJU. Br. Dietrich stepped down to focus more fully on his health, having recently been diagnosed with melanoma.

In his letter to SJU Board of Regents Chair Jim Frey — with the communities of SJU and CSB and the Benedictine communities still reeling from the news of the diagnosis — Br. Dietrich invoked the words of an ancestor within the monastery: "The situation is impossible, but not hopeless."

He continued: "It is time for Saint John's University to seek new leadership. The university is ready for this new chapter in its history. It has been an honor to serve as the president of Saint John's. As I now shift my focus to deal with these newly critical issues of my health and well-being, I am buoyed up

by the prayers and encouragement, the support and love of so many people.”

“The entire Board of Regents is grateful for Br. Dietrich’s generous and long-standing leadership as the 11th president of Saint John’s,” Frey wrote in an announcement to the campus communities. “We deeply regret the sudden conclusion of his service, but fully support him in his decision. Along with thousands of alumni and friends we extend our prayers, support and good wishes to him as he takes the next step in his life journey.”

In recognition of Br. Dietrich’s service, the SJU Board of Regents announced its intent to establish The Benedictine Institute at Saint John’s University. The board asked him to serve as the founding director of the institute and to be the inaugural holder of a newly endowed chair, the Chair of Benedictine Culture and Life. He has indicated a willingness to take up these responsibilities as his program of treatment and healing allows. As President Emeritus, Br. Dietrich will help strengthen the Catholic and Benedictine character of SJU.

“In addition to working with Br. Dietrich, a monastic classmate and friend, I have benefitted so much from living and working with this monk who has such an amazing ability to move between the big picture and the critical details, between the wild and crazy idea and the needs for the day,” said Abbot John Klassen, chancellor of SJU. “Even though he was president of SJU, Dietrich has always been working for the good of all of Saint John’s.”

During Br. Dietrich’s tenure as president, enrollment has grown by nearly 14 percent and the academic profile of entering students has risen dramatically; the university’s endowment has grown from \$36 million to just over \$145 million and Saint John’s has successfully completed the largest capital campaign in its history, One Generation to the Next: The Campaign for Saint John’s.

Other significant undertakings during his presidency include the designation, with Saint John’s Abbey, of the entire 2,700 acres of Saint John’s campus as an arboretum and the commissioning of calligrapher Donald Jackson to handwrite and illuminate *The Saint John’s Bible*.

Under Br. Dietrich’s leadership, the Saint John’s campus has undergone a physical transformation, including the construction of a new Sexton Commons campus center; expansion and renovation of SJU’s athletic facilities; renovation of the Quadrangle, Saint Benet Hall and Emmaus Hall; renovation of the Peter Engel Science Center and construction of a new science building; construction of a Flynttown Community Center; and construction of apartment-style housing on campus in Saint Vincent Court, and Saints Placid and Maur Houses.

In collaboration with CSB, Br. Dietrich co-led the creation of the first joint strategic plan, creating a permanent relationship of interdependence and a partnership unique in all of higher education.

“It is a privilege to have worked with Br. Dietrich as partners and colleagues, and it is an even greater privilege to call him my friend,” said MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president. “I will always be grateful to Br. Dietrich for the kindness, wisdom, and dedication he showed during our five years of work together. My thoughts are with him as he embarks on this especially important period of his life.”

Br. Dietrich graduated from Saint John’s in 1971 with a degree in history. He professed as a monk of Saint John’s Abbey in 1972. He holds master’s and doctorate degrees in history from Brown University. Prior to becoming president, he served as dean of the college at Saint John’s and, before that, taught European history.

For updates on Br. Dietrich’s health, please visit his Caring Bridge Web site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/brotherdietrich

SJU Alumnus Speaks on Olympics Experience

Matt Schnobrich began his rowing career while a student at SJU.

On Nov. 8, the Olympic rower and bronze medal winner returned to Saint John’s to receive the SJU Alumni Achievement Award during halftime of the Johnnies’ football game at Clemens Stadium.

Schnobrich, who graduated from SJU in 2001, spoke about his experiences in the United States’ eight-man boat at the 2008 Beijing Olympics with a presentation following the game at Br. Willie’s Pub, Sexton Commons, SJU.

“My rowing experience at SJU fostered a long-term love of the sport without which I would never have pursued this at the highest level,” he said. “My underlying message (in the speech) is that regardless of athletic origin, all is possible.”

While on campus, Schnobrich visited with current members of the CSB/SJU crew team.

Red Mass Takes Place on Nov. 8

A unique and powerful historical custom continued this fall in central Minnesota.

The seventh annual Red Mass was on Nov. 8, at Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Benedict’s Monastery, followed by a reception at CSB.

This tradition, which has its roots in the Middle Ages, marks the beginning of the judicial year in many of the world’s largest cities – such as Washington, D.C., Toronto, Paris and Edinburgh. Participants reflected on the responsibilities and powers that are part of the proper and just administration of their duties.

This particular Red Mass and reception were unique. It was the only event of its kind to include all of Minnesota in both its scope and its goal of celebrating the important work of judges, attorneys and pre-law students as well as the equally

important work of policymakers and citizens in general.

Some of the key participants from the legal community demonstrate the geographic diversity of this celebration:

- Mary Cullen Yeager, partner at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis and chair of the William Mitchell College of Law Board of Trustees. She was honored earlier this year for her extraordinary pro bono work by the Hennepin County Bar Association, and is a 1982 graduate of CSB;
- Mike Ford, partner at Quinlivan & Hughes in St. Cloud and current president of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He is a 1970 SJU graduate;
- DePaul Willette, retired attorney from Olivia, district court judge, member of the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards and current legal assistance volunteer. He received the *Fidelis Apparitor Award* from Federal Judge Diana Murphy on this occasion. Willette is a 1951 SJU graduate;
- Sen. Tarryl Clark, assistant majority leader of the Minnesota Senate.

CSB/SJU Co-hosts Annual Meeting of the North Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology

Michael Russell and Alix Darden were the featured speakers at the 68th annual meeting of the North Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Oct. 17-18, in St. Cloud and Collegeville.

Their appearance was provided through the ASM Branch Lectureships sponsored by the Waksman Foundation of Microbiology. The foundation promotes scientific research in microbiology.

Russell, a professor in the department of microbiology, immunology and oral biology at the University of Buffalo (N.Y.), spoke on "Immunity Where it Matters the Most – The Mucosal Frontier," at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pellegrine Auditorium, SJU. Darden, an associate professor of biology at The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., spoke on "The

Intersection of Research and Teaching: Creating Conditions that Lead to Change in a Learner's Brain," Saturday at Pellegrine Auditorium.

Four CSB/SJU students made poster presentations at the event.

Kerry Bauer, a CSB senior, and Abby Walch, a CSB junior, presented a poster on the effects of small organic metabolites produced by lactic acid bacteria on *Candida albicans*. Clarence Manuel, an SJU junior, and Joseph Bryan Hughes, an SJU senior, presented a poster on the genetic variation between *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolates. In addition, 2004 CSB graduate Kristi Strandberg, currently a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, also presented a poster.

The North Central Branch of the ASM includes five states – Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. The meeting was co-hosted by CSB/SJU and St. Cloud State University.

New Members Named to CSB Board of Trustees

Four women have been named to the CSB Board of Trustees. S. Mary Catherine Holicky, OSB, Rosetta Ross, Lisa Spoden and Stephanie Wolf each began serving a three-year term on the board July 1.

Holicky has been director of vocation ministry for Saint Benedict's Monastery since 2002. She served as director of postulants and faith formation team at the monastery from 2003-05. Prior to that, she was director of campus ministry at CSB, as well as director of faith formation at four central Minnesota parishes. Holicky is active in numerous regional and national vocation conferences and committees. She has a master of arts from Seattle University, and a bachelor of arts from the College of St. Teresa in Winona.

Ross is an associate professor of religion (on leave) at Spelman College, Atlanta. Prior to teaching at Spelman, she was a faculty member at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and a faculty

member at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta. She is also an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. Ross has a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Charleston, S.C.; a master's degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.; and a master of divinity and doctorate degrees from Emory University, Atlanta. She wrote a book, *Witnessing and Testifying: Black Women, Religion, and Civil Rights*, in 2003. She is a former scholar at the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research.

Spoden has served as executive vice president and co-owner of Strategic Health Care Company in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio, since 1995. The management consulting firm specializes in government and regulatory affairs, public relationship management, association management, network development and managed care contracting for health care providers. From 1982-95, she served in various planning, marketing and business development positions at five different hospital or health care organizations in Wisconsin and Ohio. Spoden, a native of Foley, Minn., is a 1983 graduate of CSB. She received a master's degree from Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wis., and a doctorate from Columbus University, La.

Wolf is CEO and owner of SportsMind, LLC, a consulting and training organization which serves Fortune 500 companies, and president of TKUU, which designs and markets a variety of products, including the high-fashion jeans of ProportionofBlu. SportsMind is one of the nation's largest organizational change management consulting practices. Wolf founded the company in 1983, after working in executive positions with companies including Montgomery Ward, Neiman-Marcus, NutriSystem and Jenny Craig. She is also co-author of *40 Days to Prosperity*, a well-received guidebook to spiritual well-being. A 1975 graduate of CSB, she recently served as the first CSB

alumna-in-residence, conducting 13 separate training and coaching programs, which involved more than 500 students.

New Members Named to SJU Board of Regents

SJU recently named Thomas Schnettler, Marilyn Dahl, Dan Whalen, Paul Krump, the Rev. René McGraw, OSB, Michael Scherer and Tom Grudnowski to three-year terms on its Board of Regents, effective July 1.

Schnettler is president and chief operating officer of Piper Jaffray. He has been with the company since 1986. Prior to his current position, he served as vice chairman and chief financial officer, a position he held since August 2006. He also served as head of the corporate and institutional services business, the equities and investment banking group and the investment banking department. Schnettler received his bachelor of science degree from SJU in 1979, and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He serves on the board of directors of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He and his wife, Cheryl Appeldorn (CSB '81) reside in Edina, Minn.

Dahl is regional president of small business banking, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and has worked in virtually every area of banking within every business line in her 42-year career with Wells Fargo (formerly Norwest). She also has 30 years of direct line experience in banking. Dahl's term chairing the board of directors for the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) was completed in June 2007. She remains a board member of MEDA, and also serves on several additional boards, including the Better Business Bureau. Dahl lives in Hopkins, Minn. Her son, Casey, graduated from SJU in 2005.

Whalen is an active community volunteer and private investor. He founded or co-founded several telecommunications or related services companies. He is currently the principal

investor and executive chair of Vello, Inc., a teleconferencing startup. Whalen received a bachelor of science degree from SJU in 1970, an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and an M.A. from Stanford University's Food Research Institute. He was an SJU regent for 10 years, serving three years as vice president and three years as chair of the board until 2007. He was the chair of the recently concluded Saint John's capital campaign, "One Generation to the Next." Whalen and his wife, Katharine, live in Oakland, Calif.

Krump is executive vice president and chief underwriting officer for Chubb and Son. He received a bachelor of arts degree from SJU in 1982. He has also attended executive management programs at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland; the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.; and the U.S. Army War College/Columbia Business School. Krump is active in several charities. He has also been the regional chair of the SJU capital campaign in New York and New Jersey. Krump and his wife, Anne (Schmidt, CSB '82), live in Mendham, N.J. Their daughter, Emily, graduated from CSB in 2006.

McGraw, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy and peace studies, is the newly elected monastic regent. McGraw joined Saint John's Abbey in 1955, and was ordained in 1962. He rejoins the board after serving as a regent for 12 years and for four years on the predecessor to the Board of Regents. He is a 1958 graduate of SJU.

Scherer served 20 years as vice president and chief operating officer of Scherer Bros. Lumber, retiring in 2000. He received a bachelor of science degree from SJU in 1967. He served in the Army in 1968-69, as a platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. Scherer is an active volunteer on many boards and committees. He is a trustee of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Medina, Minn., and board member of Senior Catholic Services of the Archdiocese

of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He also serves on the SJU Building and Grounds Committee. Scherer and his wife, Susanne, reside in Wayzata, Minn.

Grudnowski retired from Fair Isaac, the nation's leading credit scoring agency, in 2007. He had been the CEO of the agency since 1999. He oversaw the launch of several major new products, shifting Fair Isaac toward a netsource delivery model and expanded the FICO brand to the consumer market. Prior to Fair Isaac, Grudnowski was a managing partner with Andersen Consulting, where he was responsible for the creation of Global Andersen Consulting E-Commerce Ventures Division (1972-99). He also managed Andersen's Services Industry Group, working with financial services, health care, telecommunications, transportation, utilities and government entities. He graduated from SJU in 1972. He and his wife, Mary, split their time between Excelsior, Minn., and Avon, Colo. They have four grown children.

Speakers Explore Impact of Feminism on Men

Jim Sterba, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, and Warren Farrell, a researcher and international speaker on men's issues, spoke on "Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?" on Oct. 22, at Alumnae Hall, Haehn Campus Center, CSB.

They focused on issues of discrimination in the workplace and in schools and also demonstrated how to engage in controversial conversations in constructive ways. Specifically, they addressed how this project has changed their own thinking about feminism and gender issues, and what they have learned from the dialogue.

The two – along with Steven Svoboda – have written a book, *Does Feminism Discriminate against Men?* (Oxford University Press, 2008). The book offers a sharp and lively debate on the impact of feminism on men – with Farrell praising feminism for opening options for women

but criticizing it for demonizing men, distorting data and undervaluing the family, and Sterba maintaining that the feminist movement gives a long-neglected voice to women in a male-dominated world and that men are not an oppressed gender in today's America.

Sterba's and Farrell's presentation was co-sponsored by the Women's Lives Series at CSB and the Men's Lives Series at SJU.

Sass Zaragoza Discusses Activism among Minnesota Latinos

Lisa Sass Zaragoza, coordinator of programs and outreach for the department of Chicano studies at the University of Minnesota, gave a presentation on Minnesota Latinos organizing for social change Oct. 22 at SJU.

Her presentation, "Increasing the Collective: Latinos Organizing in Minnesota," discussed Latino activism in education, organized labor, community development, voter registration and immigration in Minnesota.

Sass Zaragoza is co-founder and board president of Minnesota Network of Latinos in Higher Education. She has worked in both urban and rural areas as a teacher, youth worker, community organizer, school administrator and consultant for the last 15 years.

The CSB/SJU Latino/Latin American Studies Program sponsored the event.

British Parliament Member Speaks on Security Issues

Liam Fox, a member of the British Parliament and Shadow Secretary of State for Defense, spoke Oct. 16 at SJU on the growing threats to national and international security.

The event was sponsored by the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement at CSB/SJU, in conjunction with Mark Kennedy's Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series and Students Fostering Conservative

Thought at CSB/SJU. Kennedy, who served Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001-07, is a 1979 graduate of SJU.

President of BookMobile Speaks at CSB

Don Leeper has spent a lifetime with books. In an appearance at CSB, he discussed if future generations will also be able to discover the charms of reading a book.

Leeper, president of BookMobile, a nationally recognized printer of scholarly and literary books, spoke on "The Future of the Book" Oct. 14 at CSB.

Leeper has been a leader in helping Minnesota's book community grow, prosper and produce better books. In 1982, he founded Stanton Publications, a print agent for literary and scholarly publishers, including Graywolf Press. He then expanded the company into BookMobile, one of the first publishing companies to use print-on-demand technology; he began digital book printing in 1996.

He speaks worldwide on the changes in book publishing and the response to digital modes of distribution. His presentations encompass traditional and cutting-edge publishing. His talk was sponsored by the Literary Arts Institute at CSB, Clemens Library at CSB and Alcuin Library at SJU.

Health Care Policy Discussed at CSB

A panel on health care public policy looked at who should pay and manage health insurance, and what are the dangers and benefits of government and market solutions on Oct. 8 at the Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, CSB.

Panelists were:

- Twila Brase, a public health nurse who is president of the Citizens' Council on Health Care, a non-profit organization based in St. Paul;

- Steve Ehlen, an insurance broker at

Holland and Frank Agency, Sartell, and 1993 SJU graduate;

- Joe Friedrich, CSB/SJU economics professor whose areas of academic interest include health economics and the design of health care financing. He is a 1964 SJU graduate;

- State Rep. Larry Hosch (DFL-St. Joseph), a 2001 SJU graduate and vice chair of the Health Care and Human Services Finance Division Committee for the House;

- Kathy Mock, vice president for public affairs at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and a 1980 CSB graduate.

The event was sponsored by The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement at CSB. SJU.

School of Theology•Seminary Sees Strong Enrollment Numbers

Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary saw its number of enrolled students rise to 147 this fall, which continues an upward trend for the school. This is the most students enrolled in the School of Theology•Seminary since 2005, and is up from the 139 students enrolled in the fall of 2007.

Of these 147 students, 57 are full time, 75 are new to the school, and 42 are living on campus, the largest number in six years. They include 18 international students, the most enrolled in a fall semester in the last 12 years, representing 10 different countries. Benedictine men and women are also strongly represented, with 13 women and 12 men coming from 16 different communities.

"We have continued to succeed in both increasing our enrollment, particularly of full time students, and maintaining the high quality of students we've come to be known for, both academically and spiritually," said Brendon Duffy, director of admission for Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary.

HMML Inaugurates New Speaker Series

Fr. Columba Stewart, executive director of Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML), has announced a new speaker series, *Ex Oriente Lux* (Light from the East): *Eastern Christians Illuminating Global Events*.

The first event featured Chorbishop John D. Faris Oct. 7 at Alcuin Library, SJU. Faris is associate secretary general of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, a papal agency providing humanitarian and pastoral support to the Eastern Christian churches. His presentation, "Church and Churches: The Spread of Christianity from Jerusalem," explored how Christianity went from being a small group of Aramaic-speaking Jews in Jerusalem to being the world's most diverse, populous and widespread religion. He focused on the first churches in the cities and countryside of the Holy Land, showing these communities as they live today, many of them still worshipping and speaking in dialects of Aramaic. He showed how larger forces are contributing to the disappearance of these communities, and suggested how concerned citizens of the West can assist their survival.

This series seeks to educate members of the CSB/SJU and surrounding community about the lives and legacies of the Christians of the East. The series title refers to the fact that Christianity came from the East, and to the conviction that Eastern Christian perspectives on world events have much to offer Western audiences.

Christians of the East have played important roles in world history. Their unique view of world events – from the war in Iraq, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the rise of Muslim extremism and the uses of U.S. power in the Middle East, to the persisting conflicts in the Balkans and the Russian invasion of Georgia – can help shed light on what for many Americans are inscrutable events. Particularly interesting to many

audiences will be the cultural, linguistic and geographical closeness of Eastern Christians to Jesus and his disciples. Learning about them can teach Western Christians much about their own religious origins and identities.

The series was also designed to raise student and faculty awareness of the unique, world-class academic resources available at HMML.

"Most students and even some faculty aren't aware that HMML is the world's leading resource for the manuscript sources of Christian history and culture," Stewart said. "We're also by far the world leader in digitizing ancient manuscripts, and work in nine countries across Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India. We're even knocking on the doors of Georgia and Iraq. This gives us real experiences with people in the places whose names dominate the headlines. We want to share these experiences and relationships with our community."

Bookstores Plans Holiday Sale

The CSB/SJU Bookstores' Christmas Open House will feature its biggest sale of the year Dec. 4, with extended hours, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and refreshments.

A Holiday Book Buying Guide, <http://www.csbsju.edu/bookstore/> offers shoppers a list of suggestions from avid readers. Here are a few selections from the guide:

Children's Books

- *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor, recommended by Cindy Dirkes

This book is a great gift for little girls. Nancy is determined to teach her family about being "fancy." I have given this book to my little nieces, and they love to play dress up and read the book with me. We all have to choose a princess name and act "fancy."

- *Swing!* by Rufus Butler Seder, recommended by Tina Streit

Employing a patented new technology called Scanimation, each page is a marvel that brings kids to life with art that literally moves. The images burst

with activity, and a happy, rhyming text captures the energy of the figures in motion.

- *Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem* by Maya Angelou, illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, recommended by Ann Jonas.

Angelou's beautiful, beloved poem, which she first read at the 2005 White House tree-lighting ceremony, comes alive as an illustrated children's book, celebrating the promise of peace in the holiday season. A CD of Angelou reading the poem is included.

Young Adult

- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak, recommended by Ann Jonas

This young adult book is a great book for adults, also. Set during World War II in Germany, it is the story of Liesel, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist — books.

- *The New Kid on the Block* by Jack Prelutsky, recommended by Michael Borka

With over 100 hilarious poems about things that you may never have thought about before, you'll learn why you shouldn't argue with a shark, eat a dinosaur, or have an alligator for a pet. You'll meet the world's worst singer and the greatest video game player in history.

- *Summer Ball* by Mike Lupica, recommended by Ann Jonas

Mike Lupica has written a number of good young-adult books with a sports theme — this is his newest paperback. He offers great descriptions of the basketball action. The story is fast-moving and convincing as it considers the theme of character and how it develops in athletics.

Cookbooks

- *All About Braising* by Molly Stevens, recommended by Hope Klocker

Cookbook that's full of really great one-dish meals.

- *Two Dudes, One Pan: Maximum Flavor from a Minimalist Kitchen*, recommended by Joe Riley

Just one pan? No problem! Here's the

perfect gift for those learning to cook!

- *Make it Minnesotan! Sesquicentennial Cookbook*, recommended by Tina Streit

This cookbook contains many stories and recipes from each of Minnesota's 87 counties, as well as several great tidbits about Minnesota.

Fiction

- *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich, recommended by Lynn Moore

Louise Erdrich tells a compelling mystery of how lives intertwine in a small off-reservation North Dakota town.

- *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson, recommended by Arleen Roelike

Panoramic and gripping, it tells the story of Trond Sander, a 67-year-old man who has moved from the city to a riverside cabin, only to have all the turbulence and grief of his youth come back to him one night while he's out on a walk.

- *Undiscovered Country* by Lin Enger, recommended by Tina Streit

This story is about a young man's struggle coming to terms with his father's death, or was it murder? This page turner deals with betrayal, family secrets, revenge and forgiveness.

Non-Fiction

- *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch, recommended by Pam Arndt, CSB Senior

This book details the inspiring story of a man fulfilling his dreams before he dies of pancreatic cancer.

- *10 Smart Things Women Can Do To Build a Better Life* by Donna Carter, recommended by Ranette Holmseth

The author believes the choices we make today define the quality of our lives tomorrow. With enthusiasm and encouragement, she helps readers discern their priorities, and then helps them use these choices to build lives filled with excitement, fulfillment, and joy.

- *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, recommended by Marnie Anderson, CSB Senior

This is an uplifting story of a real-life

Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard.

- *Not My Turn to Die: Memoirs of a Broken Childhood in Bosnia* by Savo Heleta, recommended by Ann Jonas

This moving memoir by an SJU alumnus tells of his experiences of violence and hatred, his opportunity for revenge, and his ultimate choice of peace.

Religious/Spirituality

- *Praying the Word: Illuminated Prayers from the Saint John's Bible*, recommended by Joe Riley

Praying the Word embodies the significance of prayer life and makes a wonderful gift.

- *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully*, by Macrina Wiederkehr, recommended by S. Hélène Mercier

The author takes a refreshing look at the traditional seven prayer times a day and in a beautiful way describes them as moments to pause and why we would. A nice gift for Christmas for someone who feels she or he can hardly keep their head above water!

- *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings* by John O'Donohue, recommended by Ann Jonas

The author, an Irish teacher and poet, shares words of wisdom and encouragement to help us through various thresholds in our lives. This is one of the most eloquent prayer books I have read.

Faculty/Staff Notes

Clayton Gearhart, CSB/SJU professor of physics, recently published an essay, "Max Planck and black-body radiation," in Dieter Hoffmann, ed., *Max Planck: Annalen Papers* (Wiley-VCH (2008), 395-414). This book is a reprint of the papers published by Max Planck, a prominent 19th-20th century German physicist, in the German journal *Annalen der Physik*, with a series of introductions by historians of physics on different aspects of Planck's research. Gearhart's

essay describes Planck's work on black-body radiation, work that was central in establishing modern quantum theory. Gearhart also delivered a talk, "David Dennison, the specific heat of hydrogen, and the discovery of nuclear spin," at the second international conference on the history of quantum physics, July 14-17, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Anna Lisa Ohm, CSB/SJU professor of German, presented "Germany: Unpacking Identity: Afro-Deutsch/Muslim" at the Minnesota Council on Teaching Languages and Culture (MCTLC) Fall Conference Oct. 16-17 in Eagan. Ohm presented classroom materials on the historical and cultural context of a short novel about Turkish guest workers for third-semester students.

Marina Martín, CSB/SJU associate professor of hispanic studies, was invited to present a talk at the *Asociación de Licenciados Españoles en Estados Unidos* (ALDEEU) in Córdoba, Spain, July 2-5. Her paper, "Fantasía y cotidianidad en la cuentística de José M^a Merino," served as an introduction to the conference keynote speaker, José M^a Merino, an author who blends narrative techniques and interests from both Latin America and Spain. José M^a Merino was recently nominated member of the Real Academia de la Lengua (RAE). M. Martín also attended the III Summer Course on Judaism in her native town, Segovia: *Judaísmo Hispano: Tras las huellas de la tradición*, III Curso de Verano, Segovia, Spain July 7-9. She also presented a paper "Soñadores y marginados en Saura" at the *España XX/XXI Diálogos del hispanismo peninsular* Conference, University of Ottawa, Canada, March 27-29.

Gary Brown, CSB/SJU associate professor and chair of mathematics, published *The Adventures of the Parrot* through North Star Press. The book consists of two short stories in which in each case a detective known as The

Parrot solves them by using mathematical insight and game theory. Brown recommends this book to high school-age students and older.

Annette Atkins, CSB/SJU professor of history and division head of humanities, was one of three to receive the Southwest Minnesota State University Alumni Achievement Award. This award is presented to graduates in recognition of their remarkable professional success and the positive reflection made on the reputation of all graduates of SMSU.

In the Media

Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture was featured Oct. 29, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article, "Julian Bond will speak at St. John's U" and *St. Cloud Times* article, "NAACP leader to speak at SJU."

Neal Allen, assistant professor of political science, was quoted Oct. 27, in a *USA Today* article, "Minnesotans abuzz over Senate race."

Larry Schug, CSB recycling coordinator and award-winning poet, was featured Oct. 24, in a *MinnPost.com* story, "A poet hooked on rhyme, reason and recycling."

CSB and SJU were mentioned Oct. 24, in *The Tidings* (Los Angeles) article, "Catholic colleges, universities take steps to go green."

Noreen Herzfeld, professor of theology and computer science, was featured Oct. 23, in a *MinnPost.com* article, "Islam class for older adults is a big draw at St. Thomas."

Paul Ruszat, executive chef at CSB, was quoted Oct. 22, in a *St. Cloud Times* story, "Put Your Meal in the Spotlight."

Media coverage of Dan Whalen, SJU '70, being named interim president of SJU on Oct. 21, included: *St. Cloud Times*, *International Business Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, Minnesota Public Radio, WCCO-TV, KARE-TV, WJON-AM, KNSI-AM, KSAX-TV and KAAL-TV.

Saint John's was featured Oct. 21, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Old Tools and Fresh Sawdust at the Wood Shop at Saint John's University and Abbey."

Aaron Sinner, SJU sophomore, was quoted Oct. 19, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Campaign volunteers hit the streets."

Matt Schnobrich, SJU '01, was featured Oct. 19, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Olympian to return to SJU."

SJU was mentioned Oct. 17, in *The New York Times*, "Tuning In to the Organ, and Not Just in Church."

Miguel Diaz, associate professor of theology, was quoted Oct. 17, in an *Orlando Sentinel* article, "A matter of faith."

Sarah Moore, CSB senior, wrote a column, "St. Ben's Profile: Who is Barack Obama?" published Oct. 15, in *St. Cloud Times*.

Amy Marschall, CSB junior, wrote a column, "St. Ben's Profile: Who is John McCain?" published Oct. 15, in *St. Cloud Times*.

John Gagliardi, SJU head football coach, was quoted Oct. 15, in a *MinnPost.com* article, "Tonight's debate: With a lead, will Obama run out the clock? Will McCain try a Hail Mary?"

The Saint John's Bible was featured Oct. 12, in a *Mobile Press-Register* article, "Illuminating the Word."

Luna Negra dance residency at CSB was featured Oct. 11, in a *St. Cloud Times* story, "Luna Negra's dance tries to break down stereotypical Latin dancing."

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was a featured guest Oct. 10, on Minnesota Public Radio *Midday* program, "More volatile markets."

SJU was mentioned Oct. 9, in a *Honolulu Advertiser* article, "Best-selling author leads quiet life in Honolulu," about Kathleen Norris, member of SJU's Board of Regents.

MaryAnn Baenninger, president of CSB, was mentioned Oct. 9, in a *St. Cloud Times* article about being named

to the Higher Education Cabinet, "Baenninger joins education cabinet."

Richard Bohr, professor of history and director of Asian Studies program, was quoted in a Minnesota 2020 Web site article, "Where Would Minnesota Be Without Trade?"

Several CSB and SJU faculty and staff members were quoted and pictured Oct. 8, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Campus fitness connection."

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted Oct. 7, in a Minnesota Public Radio story, "Fed moves to free up cash for businesses."

A presentation by Don Leeper on the future of books was featured Oct. 6, in a *St. Cloud Times* story, "Book expert Leeper to speak at CSB library."

Ashleigh Leitch, CSB senior, was quoted Oct. 3, in a *St. Cloud Times* story, "Locals give their opinion on VP debate."

Jim Read, professor of political science, was featured Oct. 2, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Campaigning the old fashioned way still works the best."

Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies program director, was featured Oct. 1, in a *St. Cloud Times* Writers Group column, "Economic recovery plan is needed."

SJU School of Theology-Seminary was featured Oct. 1, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article, "Seminary honors Nobel peace laureate."

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted Sept. 30, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "With bailout plan defeated, local worries grow."

CSB was mentioned Sept. 29, in a *St. Cloud Times* story, "Festival enjoys 2nd year back in St. Joe."

Jared Sherlock, SJU sophomore, was featured in a *startupnation.com* Web site article, "Turning Talent into a Tricked-Out Future."

Fr. Columba Stewart, HMML executive director, was featured Sept. 28, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "\$1 million gift in honor of Rev. Stewart."

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Events Calender

FALL 2008

Nov. 17, Dr. Mary Bednarowski, professor emerita of religious studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, "Discovering the Obvious: Religion and Theology as Ever-Renewing Arenas of Human Creativity" (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann), Koch Chair Lecture, 7:45 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204A & B.

Nov. 18, Lorna Landvik, Book Lovers' Night (Campus contact: Tina Streit), 6-6:45 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. reading, CSB/Bookstore.

Nov. 19, Linda Gregg, Warner reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204C.

Nov. 20, Linda Gregg, reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., downtown Minneapolis Public Library.

SPRING 2009

Feb. 9-13, Dave Durenberger, former US senator, 2nd Annual McCarthy Residency, Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), time and location TBA.

Feb. 11-14, Jack Zipes, well known author, presentation and classes (Campus contact: Lisa Ohm), time and location TBA.

Feb. 13-14, The Seventh Annual Conference on the College Male (Campus contact: Gar Kellom), time TBA, SJU.

Feb. 19-20, Women's Spirituality Conference, Companions on a Journey Conference (Campus contact: Marian Diaz), time TBA, CSB.

Feb. 20, The Harlem Gospel Choir (Campus contact: Gwen Schimek), 8 p.m., CSB/Petters Auditorium, BAC.

March 11, Sasan Javadi, adjunct professor, Global Awareness Speaker (Campus contact: Manju Parikh), time and location TBA.

March 18, Dr. R. Stephen Humphreys, King Abdul Aziz Al Saud professor of Islam studies and professor of history, University of California, Santa Barbara, "Prosperity in Adversity: Adaptations of the Christian Communities of Syria and Mesopotamia to Muslim Rule During the Early Islamic Centuries" (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann), Koch Chair Lecture, 7:45 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204 A & B.

March 22-27, Dwight Pitcaithley (Campus contact: Annette Atkins), time and location TBA.

April 2, Virgil Elizondo, Changing Faces Conference (Campus contact: Marian Diaz), Intercultural Ministry and Hospitality Series, time TBA, SJU.

April 6, Professor Faegheh Shirazi, University of Texas, Global Awareness Speaker (Campus contact: Manju Parikh), time and location TBA.

April 17, Eddie Phillips, Colman Barry Award (Campus contact: Doris Matter), St. John's Day, time TBA, SJU.

April 17-18, Professor Joe Gallion, Pi Mu Epsilon Conference (math) (Campus contact: Kris Nairn), time TBA, SJU/ Pellegrine Theatre and surrounding classrooms.

April 18, Dr. Laura King, social psychologist, U of M, Columbia, keynote speaker at Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (Campus contact: Pam Bacon), 11 a.m., CSB/Alumnae Hall, Haehn Campus Center.