UST Reacts to Pope's Resignation



University of St. Thomas students and faculty were called on to comment about the recent news of Pope Benedict XVI's resignation. As the only Catholic University in Houston, the eyes of the community were on UST, and students and faculty delivered poised responses to the local media on their thoughts and reflections about this major event in Catholic history.

The Rev. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, chair of philosophy, spoke with KPRC Local 2.

"I want someone who can really articulate the depth of the Catholic wisdom for the world," Father Giampietro said.

UST students spoke with KHOU Channel 11 in the Campus Ministry House. David Markus, Andrea Bonilla and Jennifer Benitez expressed their surprise and admiration for the Pope.

"Being a part of a global church, he was one man. I feel like I had a personal friendship and personal love for him," Bonilla said.

Benitez said the Pope is influential in her life.

"There are a lot of questions about our faith, specifically in the media and amongst people here at St. Thomas and the Pope really helps us to know our faith and fall deeper in love with it," Benitez said.

For more information on which news stations UST faculty and students appeared on, check out UST's Facebook page.

Spring Break is from Feb. 28-March 1. There will be no classes.









Mota Explains 'One Woman's Challenge' for Mexican Presidency

Sharing her experience as a voice for women, Josefina Vázquez Mota will speak on "One Woman's Challenge: Competing for the Presidency of Mexico" at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 in Jones Hall, Jerabeck Center.

Vázquez Mota is the first woman to be a presidential candidate in 2012 for the Partido Acción Nacional. She will share her experience in the public arena, how she sees herself as an example for women on the world stage, lessons learned throughout her career and critical lessons for leadership demonstrated in her life.

The free event is open to the public and sponsored by the President's Office, Cameron School of Business, Center for International Studies, and Modern and Classical Languages.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to the lecture at stthom.edu/VasquezRSVP.



Father Dempsey Reaches Community with Radio



The Rev. Dempsey Rosales-Acosta, professor of theology, hosts a special program on Radio Maria in English from 2-3 p.m. every Saturday. His segment, "Paul's Journey of Faith," examines relevant themes of Scripture in connection to the Year of Faith.

Radio Maria calls his segments "a scholarly yet down to earth approach to the characters, notions and concepts of the New Testament based upon a Semitic mind-set with the help of the Tradition and Magisterium of the Catholic Church." The show will run for about

three months. Listen to the segment at http://radiomaria.us/paulsjourney.

Upcoming Basketball Home Games

Games are played in Jerabeck Gym. Admission is \$3 and free for children 12 and under.

These games are a part of the Homecoming celebration.

Feb. 23:

Basketball vs. LSU-Shreveport

2-4 p.m. - Women's

4-6 p.m. - Men's

All That Glitters is Gold for Office of Publications

ST's Office of Publications was granted several awards by Service Industry Advertising Awards. In its first time entering this contest, St. Thomas competed with banks, medical, travel, education, entertainment and many other industries. The team placed in all five of the categories entered.

Awards include:

Gold – Newspaper Ad Series – GRACE, Pre-Med, International Studies, Catholic, MLA and School of Education

Gold - Magazine Ad Series - Same as Above

Gold – Poster Design – Cyber Security Month

Bronze - New Media - Admission ComFlow eMarketing Templates

Merit – Direct Mail Piece – Cyber Security Month Postcard

Publications would like to thank all the groups involved in the creative process.



Giddy Up, Grab Your Boots for Homecoming's 'Celtic Corral Days'

It's time again for Homecoming, which means alumni reunions, sports games, barbeque and turtle races. This year's theme is a Texas-inspired "Celtic Corral Days." Join the St. Thomas alumni community on Feb. 22-23 for all the homecoming events. Chairs Steve Waldner '75 and son Cameron Waldner '06/'08 are pulling out all the stops to make the event a rootin'-tootin' celebration for the UST faithful

Friday, Feb. 22

6-7 p.m.

Reunion Mass, Chapel of St. Basil Rev. Vince Dulock, CSB '63, Celebrant

7-9 p.m.

President's Reception, Link-Lee Mansion

Saturday, Feb. 23

10:30 a.m. to noon Class of 1963 Brunch Link-Lee Mansion

1-3 p.m.

Fr. Mike's Famous BBQ with Co-Chefs, the Basilian Fathers and Turtle Races, West Main Street

2-3 p.m.

Alumni vs. Students Soccer Game, Hackett Field

4-6 p.m.

Class of 1973 Happy Hour Reception, Link-Lee Mansion

7-9 p.m.

All-Classes Happy Hour, Griffs, 3416 Roseland St., Houston, TX 77006



HOMECOMING 2013

CELTIC CORRAL DAYS

'Buffalo Soldiers' for Black History Month



James Reed Faulkner will perform the story of an African-American slave from Louisiana who travels to Texas in 1877 to join the Buffalo Soldiers, 10th Cavalry. The performance is sponsored by the St. Martin de Porres Society in honor of Black History Month.

Faulkner has written, performed and toured the country for more than 30 years. He has been acting with the Buffalo

Soldiers Museum for five years throughout the Houston community. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$20 for individuals and \$35 for couples.

Purchase tickets online at stthom.edu/BuffaloSoldiers.

Established in 2009, the St.

Martin de Porres Society is a group of alumni devoted to supporting the recruitment, retention, development and graduation of UST's current and prospective African-American students in the Houston community.



Events

24th Annual Lenten Lectures Series

Daniel Cardinal
DiNardo will
present the second
Lenten Lecture about
"Constitution on the
Sacred Liturgy" at
7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 in
Jones Hall.



Philosophy & Movies Club

Philosophy and Movies Club presents a viewing of "Metropolitan" at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Anderson Hall 103.



Be Comfortable in Your Genes

In recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Counseling and Disability Services and Society of Macrina are asking you to clean out your closets and donate old jeans that do not fit



old jeans that do not fit. Donate jeans at the University Seal from Feb. 25-27. The jeans will be taken to a local charity.

University Singers Concert

Join the Music
Department for an
evening with the
University Singers under
the direction of Dr. Brady
Knapp at 7:30 p.m. on
Feb. 25 in the Chapel of
St. Basil.



24th Annual Lenten Lectures Series

Dr. John Hittinger will present the third Lenten Lecture about "John Paul II on the Task of the 'Enrichment of Faith' in Light of Vatican II" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in Cullen Hall.



UST Gets Active with Health, Fitness Events

The UST community is getting fit with several events that promote health and wellness. The annual Health and Wellness Fair is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 19 at Crooker Center. The event includes chair massages, blood and cholesterol screenings, chiropractic screenings, vision screenings, healthy eating and food samples.



Celebrate National Intramural and Recreational Sports Fitness Day from noon to 2 p.m. on **Feb. 21** on the Campus Life Mall and Jerabeck Pool. Events include a Fitness Walk, a rock wall, bungee, trampoline, miniature golf and the Polar Bear Plunge.

Finally, the UST Intramural Rodeo and BBQ from 12:30-2 p.m. on **Feb. 28**. The Office of Recreational Sports and the Student Activities Board are partnering to bring a fun intramural rodeo to the UST campus. The event will help to kick off the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Demonstrate Your Personal Brand

Brand specialist Karen Kershner says your brand is your competitive advantage.

Kershner, as a part of the University of St. Thomas Center for Business Ethics Women in Business Forum, will share stories about the value of a strong personal brand and how being authentic differentiates one from one's peers from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on **Feb. 22** in Malloy Board Room, Malloy Hall, 3817 Mt. Vernon.



RSVP by Feb. 20 and the cost is only \$10. The cost is \$15 on the day of the event. Attire is business professional, and dinner will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact Klaudya Jimenez at 713-942-5951 or jimenek@stthom.edu.

ROCO String Quartet Performs at UST

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra and University of St. Thomas are pleased to present the second in a series of chamber concerts featuring the ROCO String Quartet Chamber Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students with a valid student ID. Additional information and tickets are available at www.rocohouston.org. Also, a pre-concert reception will be at 7 p.m.

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