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UST Presents Italian Mosaic Professor and Artist

WHAT: Enzo Aiello, artist and instructor in the medium of mosaics, will discuss the ancient art of Roman mosaic and its current practice. Cosponsored by the University of St. Thomas English and Art History Departments, Catholic Studies Program and Our Lady of Walsingham Institutes of Catholic Cultural Studies.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd.
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at West Alabama

BACKGROUND: The lecture will conclude with a question and answer session and include a demonstration of cutting marble into mossaic *tessere*.

Aiello was born in Vibo Valentia, Italy, in 1963. He received his BFA from the Accademia Delle Belle Arti, Roma, Italy and continued his education at the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli, Spilimbergo, Italy, and the Albe Steiner Studio, Ravenna, Italy. When not executing antique mosaic restoration projects, he teaches at the Accademia Delle Belle Arti, Ravenna, amid the mosaic treasures in that city's Byzantine basilicas and baptisteries cited on UNESCO World Heritage Lists. With over 20 years of experience as a professional mosaic artist, including time at the renowned Vatican Mosaic Studio, he also runs Studio Aiello in Rome, Italy, where he teaches and executes commissions for new mosaics of his own design for clients across Europe and the United States.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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