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UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS NAMES DR. ROBERT LEBLANC ASSOCIATE DEAN OF SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

HOUSTON (Jan. 23) – The University of St. Thomas' School of Education is undergoing a leadership transition as associate professor Dr. Robert LeBlanc replaces Fr. Dennis Andrews, CSB, as the department's associate dean. Fr. Andrews, who also served as an assistant professor and director of the Masters of Education program, retired in the spring semester of 2008.

LeBlanc, who received a B.A. in education from UST in 1969, has worked as a full-time graduate professor at the University for six years and is currently the director of two graduate programs, including the Educational Leadership Program for principal preparation and the Gulf Region Academy for Catholic Educators (GRACE).

After working as a teacher in the Klein Independent School District, LeBlanc became an administrator and worked in a variety of administrative positions for 25 years, last serving as associate superintendent for instruction and student services for the district.

LeBlanc believes his experience with the School of Education's graduate program and his knowledge of the public school system will help him adjust to his new role as associate dean.

"I continue to look forward to working with the graduate program in this role of extended leadership," he said.

The School of Education offers undergraduate and graduate level programs and is currently planning for the addition of a doctoral program.

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