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University of St. Thomas Friends of Archaeology Host Lecture

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Friends of Archaeology will host a lecture titled "Remembering the Saints: An Interpretation of the Early Christian *Confessio* beneath the Church of SS Giovanni e Paolo in Rome."

WHO: Dr. Ana Munk, UST assistant professor of art history

WHEN: 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008

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

BACKGROUND: In the depths of subterranean Rome lies an important archeological site, an early Christian shrine, located beneath the Church of SS Giovanni e Paolo. Questions regarding its unique location, ownership and unprecedented pictorial decoration continue to generate scholarly interest. This lecture will attempt to sort through contradictory interpretations of the shrine and illuminate its importance among early Christian monuments.

Dr. Munk has taught classes in medieval and modern art at UST since 2004. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle and also served as a faculty member there. She specializes in early and late medieval art and has published articles on the visual culture of relic veneration in late medieval art in Venice.

The Friends of Archaeology is an educational outreach group that supports studies and experiences in the fields of archaeology, ancient history, anthropology and art.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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