News Release

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University of St. Thomas to Host *Clarke E. Cochran:* "Is There a 'Catholic Vote' and Should There Be?"

WHAT: The Rev. William J. Young, CSB Lecture Series will present guest speaker, Clarke E. Cochran, who will discuss, "Is There a 'Catholic Vote' and Should There Be?"

WHO: **Clarke E. Cochran** is Vice President, Mission Integration, with Covenant Health System in Lubbock, Texas. He retired in January 2008 as Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Organization Management at Texas Tech University, where he specialized in religion and politics, political philosophy, and health care policy.

Cosponsored by the University of St. Thomas Rev. William Young Social Justice Institute and the Friends of the Doherty Library

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 1, 2008

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, 3800 Montrose
Jones Hall Auditorium, 3910 Yoakum
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama $2.

BACKGROUND:
Politicians and pundits seek to define and exploit the ³Catholic Vote.² Catholic activists try to persuade believers about the "right way" to vote. Are these efforts futile or even harmful to the faith itself? Clarke Cochran proposes a way through the maze of contending arguments about Catholics and political life. Clarke is the author of several books and numerous articles and reviews.
His most recent book, co-authored with David Carroll Cochran, is *The Catholic Vote: A Guide for the Perplexed (Orbis Books)*. Clarke was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in 1981. He serves at St. John Neumann Church in Lubbock and directs the Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese of Lubbock.

COST: Free and open to the public

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