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**University of St. Thomas Welcomes Hank Emery as
Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving**

HOUSTON (July 3, 2008) – The University of St. Thomas has named Hank Emery as the director of alumni relations and annual giving. He succeeds Kia Wissmiller following her promotion to the position of director of major constituents.

Emery brings to the University three years of development experience on behalf of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Prior to his position at the Archdiocese, Emery worked in the financial services industry and in the environmental sciences field.

“Hank Emery brings to UST substantial business and not-for-profit experience that enhances our ability to tap new sources of philanthropic support for faculty and students,” noted H. Ken DeDominicis, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “As we position staffing to undertake the most ambitious comprehensive campaign in UST history, the appointment of Hank Emery strengthens our strategy for campaign success.”

As director of alumni relations and annual giving, Emery will continue to develop the University’s annual fund and strengthen existing and create new relationships between the University and alumni. He will also oversee the student-alumni mentoring program and alumni fundraising events.

“I look forward to working with the top-notch team already in place in Institutional Advancement,” Emery said. “I have great professional experience in building long-term relationships, and I hope to use that skill to benefit the University of St. Thomas.”

Emery earned a Bachelor of Science in microbiology from Oregon State University. Emery resides in Katy with, Anne, his wife of 20 years, and his two children, Max, 18, and Abby, 14. He and his family attend Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Community in Katy.

University of St. Thomas, dedicated to educating leaders of faith and character, is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.

