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UST Center for Irish Studies Presents "Early Irish Saints' Lives: St. Brigid and St. Brendan"

WHAT: "Early Irish Saints' Lives: St. Brigid and St. Brendan," a lecture sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum.

WHO: Dr. John McNamara is an English professor at the University of Houston.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama $2

Background: Alongside the traditions of St. Patrick, the traditions of St. Brigid and St. Brendan preserved and promoted a distinctively Celtic Christianity, even beyond the efforts of the Anglo-Saxon church's efforts to reshape and control Celtic traditions. While the traditions of St. Patrick are well-known, this lecture will explore the somewhat less well-known cultural memories of Saints Brigid and Brendan, together with their continuing influence on the development of medieval Christianity, both in Ireland and on the Continent.

Dr. McNamara teaches and researches medieval languages and English, Scottish and Irish literature at the University of Houston. He has taught special topic courses in old and modern Irish. Dr. McNamara is currently working on the oral circulation of early Irish saints' legends.

COST: Free and open to the public. No RSVP, seating is first-come, first-served.

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