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University of St. Thomas English Department Presents Dr. Paul Mariani, "What Hopkins Has to Teach Us"

University of St. Thomas Lee Lecture presents distinguished author, poet and professor Dr. Paul Mariani who will speak on "What Hopkins Has to Teach Us" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, at Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

The lecture will focus on the Jesuit poet the Rev. Gerard Manley Hopkins' life, works and teachings on the possibilities of the Catholic imagination. Mariani, who recently wrote a biography about Fr. Hopkins, will demonstrate why this priest and poet matters and relates to today's generation.

Mariani has written 16 books, which includes six volumes of poetry and five biographies. His biography for William Carlos Williams was nominated for the American Book Award. He also has written a spiritual memoir, *Thirty Days: On Retreat with the Exercises of St.* Ignatius. In 2009, Mariani was presented with the John Ciardi Award for Lifetime Achievement in Poetry. He also has been awarded fellowships from The Guggenheim Foundation, The National Endowment for the Humanities and The National Endowment for the Arts. Since 2000, Marian has been a professor of English at Boston College, and also taught at University of Massachusetts from 1968 to 2000.

The UST English Department sponsors the Lee Lecture. The lecture is free and open to the public. Parking is available for $2 at Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama. For more information, contact Chris Tennison at 713-525-6915 or at tennisc@stthom.edu.

In 1979, colleagues and friends of the late Rev. Edward G. Lee, CSB, established the Lee Lecture to bring outstanding figures from the arts and humanities to UST. The lecture series has featured such distinguished speakers as Edward Albee, Larry McMurtry, Gwendolyn Brooks and Paul Elie.

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