

University of St. Thomas Celts March for Life in Washington D.C.



In a show of solidarity, hundreds of thousands of pro-life activists gathered for the March for Life in the nation's capitol on Friday, Jan. 22, the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. For the first time, a group of 19 University of St. Thomas students were among the crowd marching from the National Mall to the Supreme Court.

The past two years, Celts for Life, the UST pro-life student organization, has attended a pro-life rally in Austin. This year, they were

determined to travel to the national march. To fund the trip, they raised more than \$7,000, by hosting a campus barbeque dinner and lunches, courtesy of the culinary creations of UST Chaplain Father Michael Buentello, CSB, and his Holy Smoke BBQ. Students also held bake sales and received parish and private donations.

The March for Life UST group was co-sponsored by Environmental Science and Studies along with Campus Ministry. Fr. Buentello and Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, accompanied the group, which was joined by Marianne and Dr. Robert Ivany. Father Mark Ivany, of Little Flower Parish in Bethesda, arranged for the students to stay in homes of his parishioners. In addition to the march, students also attended a conference hosted by Students for Life of America held at the Catholic University of America.

Students and faculty members alike were impressed by the overwhelming number of young people at the March for Life.

"I was ecstatic to see thousands of people my age at the march who recognize the importance of the issue and understand what's at stake," said Joseph Ramos, Celts for Life president. "It's a testament to the dignity of human life at all stages, and people aren't denying or pretending otherwise anymore. We feel energized to do more on campus to raise awareness to support the pro-life movement."

Fr. Buentello described the event as a "pilgrimage experience where we travelled for a holy cause. We returned tired but fulfilled."

Sr. Damien Marie commended the students' spiritual commitment to the cause.

"It was cold, and there were often long waits, but the students never complained; they offered it up as a sacrifice for the unborn," Sister Damien Marie said. "There was a fearlessness in their witness. Our students were proud to be standing up for life. It gives me great hope for the future to see that kind of courage in a group of young people."

Upcoming Events



Resume Assistance Table

The office of Career Services and Testing will hold a Resume Assistance Table at noon, Tuesday, **Feb. 2**, in Crooker Center. This is your last chance to have your resume reviewed before the Texas Job Fair. Sample resumes will also be available at the table.



Veterans Lunch and Learn

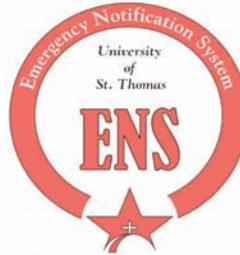
The University of St. Thomas will host a Lunch and Learn for veteran students at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 2**, in Jerabek Lounge, Jerabek Center. Please RSVP to Shannon Wilson at 713-942-3409 or wilsons@stthom.edu.



Augustine Without Walls

Students, faculty and staff are invited to interact in a casual atmosphere to discuss topics that integrate faith, academics and life as they share home-made goodies. Augustine Without Walls Coffee House will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. Fridays, **Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26** and **March 5**, in Clare Hall, 1210 Colquitt. Contact Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE, at 713-525-6989.

University to Test Emergency Notification System



The University will conduct an all-campus test of its emergency notification system on Wednesday, February 10.

Please inform family members that the University will test its mass communication system on that date.

The purpose of the test is to ensure the University's preparedness in notifying the campus in the event of an actual emergency.

If you have not updated your emergency contact information in MyStThom, please do so immediately.

Questions or feedback about this test or the emergency notification system may be directed to ens@stthom.edu.

Instructions for updating information can be found at stthom.edu/ens

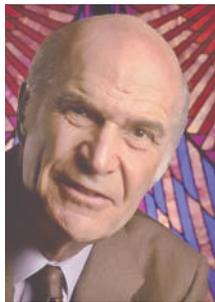


Homecoming: Games, Gatherings, Giving Back

Join the hoopla for the University of St. Thomas Homecoming on **Feb. 5-6**. You can be part of the tradition as the University of St. Thomas hosts the first Homecoming in nearly 25 years!

Cheer for the Celts Basketball team at the Homecoming game. Watch as the Lady Celts Volleyball team and the Men's Soccer team challenge alumni to a game. Give back to the community and help beautify the campus at the President's Day of Service. Enjoy food, games and family fun at the Homecoming Festival! See a complete schedule and registration form at www.stthom.edu/homecoming. RSVP to Hank Emery at 713-525-3111 or send the registration form to the Office of Alumni Relations, Box No. 9.

Rabbi Karff Gives Herzstein Lecture



Rabbi Samuel Karff will explore "Accountability and Grace: a Rabbinic Perspective on God's Covenant with Israel" at the 2010 Herzstein Lecture in Judaism at 7 p.m., Tuesday, **Feb. 9** in Cullen Hall. In his lecture, Rabbi Karff presents different views about the covenant between God and the

people of Israel, and evidence of each view in Jewish sacred texts.

Rabbi Karff served for 24 years as a Senior Rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Houston. He was a lecturer at Rice University for 24 years and is currently the associate director of the John McGovern Center for Health, Humanities and the Human Spirit. The lecture is sponsored by the University of St. Thomas and the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation.

It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Angelica Luna at 713-942-3491.

First Friday Forum Held Feb. 5



The UST Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Institute and the Maryknoll First Friday Forum presents an alternative economic model to the prevailing paradigms of globalization titled, "*Chiara Lubich, Focolare and the Economy of Communion.*" The Friday Forum is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Feb. 5**, in the

Council of Clubs Room, 2nd Floor Crooker Center.

Pope Benedict XVI in his recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* (2009) accents the "Economy of Communion" as a promising economic model. This model has particularly been pursued in specific locales in Latin America. Tom and Jo Ann Rowley, members of the *Focolare* Movement for more than 30 years, will discuss their experience of founding, developing and sustaining an economy of communion business for the past two decades. It is free and open to the public. Contact 713-525-3814 for additional information.

Burns Brings Storytelling to UST

Travel to another time and place with acclaimed Irish storyteller Batt Burns. Come listen to haunting accounts of ghosts, great adventure stories, and more at the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies' cultural event entitled, "Whisperings of Ireland," to be held at 7:30 p.m. on



Wednesday, **Feb. 10**, at Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

As a child, Burns experienced the seanachie, storyteller tradition firsthand when he lived with his grandfather in the hills of County Kerry, Ireland. Today Burns helps to preserve Irish heritage with tales of heroes, farcical stories and witty jokes.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is needed. For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 or e-mail irishstudies@stthom.edu.

UST Hosts *Gardel: Voice of Tango*

The Center for International Studies and Casa Argentina will sponsor the Argentine Tango Club's premier of the play *Gardel: The Voice of Tango* at 7 p.m. on Friday, **Feb. 12**, at Jones Hall. The play will run from **Feb. 12-14** and **19-21**. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday showings will begin at 4 p.m.



This is an original musical drama that focuses on the life of the legendary Argentine tango singer, Carlos Gardel. The play follows Gardel's life from his arrival in Argentina as a child to his tragic death at the height of his career.

Admission for students, senior and teens is \$8, and adults are \$10. Children under 12 with an adult are free. For more information, contact Elizabeth Wingfield, at 281-546-1729 or e-mail elizabeth@argentinetangoclub.org.



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PRESIDENT'S DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, February 6, 2010

8 am – Noon



The 6th Annual Presidents Day of Service will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, **Feb. 6**. The event offers a wide array of projects from campus beautification to making blankets for area children in need. All Celts – students, alumni, faculty and staff – will have the chance to work side-by-side and support their University without leaving the campus. And, for the first time, the Day of Service will be held in conjunction with the excitement of UST Homecoming. Service projects include planting trees, shrubs and perennials, Project Linus and Hug Pillows, campus bench restoration and painting.

Please sign up today, as space for various projects is limited. If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail dayofservice@stthom.edu.

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