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G.K. CHESTERTON SCHOLAR DISCUSSES 'CHESTERTON ON SHAKESPEARE' AT UST

HOUSTON (Jan. 24, 2006) — Dale Ahlquist, president and co-founder of the American Chesterton Society, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Cullen Hall. He will talk about "Chesterton on Shakespeare." The lecture is sponsored by the University of St. Thomas' English Department.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), monumental man of letters, wrote 100 books, including masterpieces of literary criticism on Browning, Blake, Dickens and Chaucer. He was commissioned to write a book on Shakespeare but died before the book was written. However, his thousands of essays are full of references to the Bard, and so it is possible to speculate on Chesterton's unwritten book and how he would have answered the following questions:

- What was Shakespeare's greatest play?
- Was Shakespeare a Catholic?
- Was he a pessimist?
- Was he really somebody else?

Ahlquist will discuss the book on Shakespeare that Chesterton did not write.

Ahlquist is perhaps most popularly known as the host of the television series, "G.K. Chesterton: The Apostle of Common Sense," now in its third season on EWTN. He is also author of a book by the same name, as well as *Common Sense 101 — Lessons from Chesterton*.

Ahlquist serves as publisher, *Gilbert Magazine; e*ditor, *The Gift of Wonder: The Many Sides of G.K. Chesterton, The Annotated Lepanto, The Chesterton University Student Handbook.* He is associate editor of

The Collected Works of G.K. Chesterton and chairman of the Annual G.K. Chesterton Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

Ahlquist is also widely published in magazines, including *Christian History, St. Austin's Review, Chronicles, Envoy, Catholic Servant, Christian Higher Education, Recusant History,* and the *Ave Maria Law Review*.

Ahlquist earned his B.A. Carleton College and M.A. at Hamline University.

"Dale Ahlquist is one of the most respected Chesterton scholars in the world," according to Joseph Pearce, author of *Wisdom and Innocence: A Life of G.K. Chesterton.*

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