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WHO: Professor Gerhold Becker,

Prominent ethicist and author

WHAT: Lecture: *Moral Leadership in Business: Asset or Liability?*

WHEN: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006

WHERE: Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark

University of St. Thomas campus

SPONSOR: Center for Business Ethics at the University of St. Thomas

COST: Free and open to the public; limited seating; first-come, first-served.

BACKGROUND: In his presentation of *Moral Leadership in Business: Asset or Liability?* Professor Gerhold K. Becker draws upon his extensive ethics background to explore the nature of leadership. Dr. Becker has published on a wide range of issues in applied ethics and in business ethics. His books include: *Ethics in Business and Society: Chinese and Western Perspectives* (1996); *Changing Nature's Course: The Ethical Challenge of Biotechnology* (1996); *The Moral Status of Persons: Perspectives on Bioethics* (2000).

Currently a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Religion and Philosophy at Assumption University of Thailand, Bangkok, Dr. Becker taught for nearly 19 years at Hong Kong Baptist University. He chaired Philosophy and Religion from and also served as the Founding Director of the Centre for Applied Ethics. He holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Munich and licentiates in Catholic theology and in philosophy from St. Georgen, Frankfurt.

He is a research fellow at the Centre for Business Ethics at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, a founding member of the Macau Association of Business Ethics, the special series editor of *Studies in Applied Ethics*, and an elected member of the European Academy of Sciences and the Arts. From 1996-2004, he served as a member on the Hong Kong Government's Council on Human Reproductive Technology and, from 2001-2004, as the chairman of the Council's Ethics Committee.

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