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Dr. Thomas E. Woods, Jr., author of *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization,* speaks at University of St. Thomas

WHAT: Knights of Columbus Fr. Guinan Council 13940 presents the Columbian Initiative for Catholic Awareness with a Mass and lecture.

WHO: Celebrant: Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza; Lecturer: Dr. Thomas E. Woods, Jr

WHEN: Mass: 12:15 p.m.; Lecture: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006

WHERE: Mass: Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum
Lecture: Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon
University of St. Thomas
Parking available in Moran Center Parking Facility, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Dr. Thomas E. Woods, Jr., will speak at this Columbus Day celebration on his latest book, *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization*. In his book he seeks to explain how "we are indebted to the Catholic Church, whether we realize it or not."

Dr. Woods is a senior fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Harvard and his master's, M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. His books include the *New York Times* bestseller *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History, The Church and the Market: A Catholic Defense of the Free Economy* and *The Church Confronts Modernity: Catholic Intellectuals and the Progressive*. He is also the editor of *The Political Writings of Rufus Choate* and of a 2003 edition of Orestes Brownson's 1875 classic *The American Republic.*

Dr. Woods was the 2004 recipient of the O. P. Alford, III Prize for Libertarian Scholarship and of an Olive W. Garvey Fellowship from the Independent Institute in 2003. He has also been awarded two Humane Studies fellowships and a Claude R. Lambe Fellowship from the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University.

COST: Free and open to the public

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