News Release

Contact: Sandra Soliz
713-906-7912
solizs@stthom.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 8, 2006

2006 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMER INSTITUTE

WHAT: The third annual Social Justice Summer Institute, titled "Economic Justice For All*:* A Catholic Economic Framework for the 21st Century."

WHO: Sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Social Justice Committee, University of St. Thomas Political Science department, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

WHEN: 8 a.m.- 5:15 p.m. Friday, June 2 and 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: This year's Social Justice Summer Institute commemorates the 20th anniversary of the pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All" by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Keynote speakers include Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, Bishop, Las Cruces, NM, and Rev. Greg Fairbanks S.J., Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Workshop presenters include Barbara Elliot, author of "Street Saints;" NETWORK, the national Catholic social justice activist group; Dr. Gustavo Wensjoe; UST; the USCCB "Justice for Immigrants Campaign," and representatives of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The institute will provide both retrospective analysis of the document, as well as its significance for the 21st Century. Particular focus will be placed on the continuing challenges posed by immigration and also the politics of disaster relief in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

COST: Registration fee is $35.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Dr. John Burke at 713-525-3814 or jfburke@stthom.edu. Details are also available at www.stthom.edu/political/sji.

####