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UST CENTER FOR FAITH & CULTURE OFFERS THIRD ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

HOUSTON (May 3, 2006) –University of St. Thomas' Center for Faith & Culture will host its Third Annual Seminar on Spirituality, *Come Wash in the Pool at Siloam*, from 8:30 a.m. - noon, Monday-Friday June 12-16, at St. Mary's Seminary. The objective of the 2006 seminar titled "Can You Hear Me Now?" is to explore ways in which we may pay attention, listen, discern the voice of God and live the contemplative dimension in our everyday lives within the dominant American culture. The spirituality seminar focuses on a different theme each year.

The presenters for the seminar include: Maureen N. Bacchi, LMSW, spiritual director, psychotherapist and social justice educator; Rev. Donald S. Nesti, CSSp**,** Director, Center for Faith & Culture; and Rev. Binh The Quach**,** CSSp**,** PhD, Spiritan Group, Taiwan, ROC.

The presenters want to: 1) reflect on the insistence for out attention from both faith and culture; and 2) strengthen our capability to filter and discern the voice of God in the American cultural context.

The seminar is limited to 35 persons. The cost is $175 per person for those who register by May 31; $190 thereafter. For registration information contact Cynthia Sapio at 713-686-6844 Ext. 229 or email cfc@stthom.edu. Web site:

www.stthom.edu/cfc/upcoming.html

The seminar is also being offered for credit through the School of Theology, Masters in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) program. For registration information, students may call Connie Henry at 713-686-6844, x231 or email henryc@stthom.edu.

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The Center for Faith & Culture seeks to understand and affect the relationship between the worldview of the Catholic faith and culture. In fulfilling this mission, the center gives special emphasis to the formation of community leadership that will be capable of integrating faith and culture through ongoing reflection and action. Since we believe that the holistic spiritual development is the very core of all cultural development, this constitutes an essential dimension of the Center's work.

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