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The University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Presents:
“Northern Ireland: Steps toward Reconciliation and Peace”

WHAT: Reverend Bill Shaw will give a talk on "Northern Ireland: Steps toward Reconciliation and Peace." This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, The Ireland Funds and The Irish Society.

WHO: Reverend Bill Shaw, Presbyterian minister from North Belfast, Northern Ireland

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Cullen Hall
4001 Mt. Vernon
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Reverend Shaw is the current director of the 174 Trust, a non-denominational, community-based organization in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The Trust is committed to building peace and promoting reconciliation in what continues to be a divided society troubled by issues of economics, politics and religion.

Reverend Shaw received the 2005 Henry McKillop Irish Spirit Award for his “efforts in community based projects which seek to promote inter-community relationships and peace in Ireland.” He has worked over the past eight years with the 174 Trust increasing its profile in Northern Belfast and elsewhere through his commitment and vision.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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