

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **New Integrative Formation Program Targets Catholic Health Care Leadership Dyads**

Minneapolis, Minnesota – The Center for Business Excellence in the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas is accepting applications for its new Executive Education in Catholic Health Care Leadership program. Set to debut in August 2012, the program is designed to increase the mission alignment within executive teams who are dealing with profoundly complex leadership issues while caring for patients as an expression of the healing ministry of Jesus.

“One of the needs for a program like this is that Catholic health care organizations competing in today’s marketplace need to be distinctive,” stated the program’s lead faculty, Michael Naughton, Ph.D. “What is crucial to the distinctiveness of Catholic health care is to have leaders who have a deep sense of what it means to be leading a Catholic health care system.”

The university-based curriculum has been designed especially for teams of two to four current or emerging leaders that would include at least one physician and one administrator. The overall goal is for cross-functional leadership teams to invest in a significant, collaborative learning experience that refines their leadership capacities resulting in greater integration between the mission and practice delivered by their healing ministries.

Comprised of four educational modules of four days of study each, the sixteen-day program will be completed in nine months. Modules one, three and four will take place on the University of St. Thomas’ two urban campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. The cohort’s signature learning experience will occur during module two scheduled for Rome, Italy. There the cohort members will engage in discussions with Roman Curia offices related to health care, and attend a papal audience. Participant’s spouses and family members are welcome to travel with the cohort to the Eternal City.

Program details, schedule, faculty bios, and cohort one’s exclusive “Inaugural Partner” benefits can be found at <http://exed.stthomas.edu/ustCHCL>.

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#### **About the Center for Business Excellence**

The University of St. Thomas, Opus College of Business offers executive education, custom and professional development programs at its Center for Business Excellence located on the University’s Minneapolis campus. The Center’s mission is to build the leadership capacity of individuals and the organizations they serve with as many as 4,300 participants attending its programs annually.

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**About the Opus College of Business**

With a vision to educate highly principled global business leaders, the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business offers undergraduate concentrations in 13 fields and master's degrees in seven programs, including the Health Care UST MBA program. The Opus College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

**About the University of St. Thomas**

Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely and work skillfully to advance the common good. Founded in 1885, the University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, diocesan university based in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The largest private university in Minnesota, St. Thomas offers bachelor's degrees in over 85 major fields of study and more than 45 graduate degree programs including master's, education specialist, juris doctor and doctorates.

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