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Nationally Distinguished Theologian To Speak at University of Saint Mary

*Father Michael J. Buckley, S.J. Lecture "Personal Formation in Catholic Education"
7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Modern education can be challenging to say the least. Father Michael J. Buckley, S.J., University Professor of Theology at Boston College, knows this is true. In fact, the theologian has thoroughly examined the nature of education and the interrelationship between student and learner, particularly in the Catholic sector. He will share his wealth of wisdom at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3** as the University of Saint Mary Theology Department presents a talk with Buckley, one of the most respected theologians in the United States today.

Buckley will speak in Annunciation Chapel located at the University of Saint Mary, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information about Father Buckley or the Saint Mary Theology Department, please call 913-758-6317.

Buckley examines contemporary challenges in education as he presents his lecture, "Personal Formation in Catholic Education." The lecture explores themes of teaching, liberal arts and personal engagement from John Henry Newman's classic, *Idea of a University*. *Idea of a University* is traditionally used as an inspiration for establishing the foundations of a solid liberal arts education. Buckley contends, however, that many of these themes and ideas are challenging to implement today.

A former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Buckley holds six academic degrees including a doctorate in the Analysis of Ideas from the University of Chicago. An avid academic writer, Buckley is the author of five books and more than 50 scholarly articles, including *Denying and Disclosing God: The Ambiguous Progress of Modern Atheism* and *The Catholic University as Promise and Project*. Buckley served as director of the Jesuit Institute and Canisius Professor of Theology at Boston College from 1992-2002. He became University Professor of Theology at B.C. in 2002, and his resume also includes past teaching duties at the University of Notre Dame and Gonzaga University. His lecture circuit has spanned the globe, including stops at Oxford University, Cambridge University, and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Note: Father Buckley is available for phone interviews prior to the event. He can be reached at 408-554-4606. Father Buckley's phone number *is intended solely for reporting purposes and should not be published under any circumstances.*

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