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### University of Saint Mary Presents 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Lecture with Best-Selling Author

Ronald C. White

*7 p.m. Monday,, Feb. 15, 2010, Xavier Theatre*

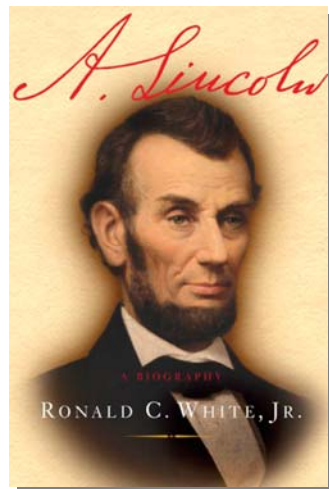
(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Nationally-known Lincoln scholar and *New York Times* best-selling author Ronald C. White, Jr., comes to the University of Saint Mary on Presidents' Day, Feb. 15, 2010, for USM's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Lecture. White will speak on "Abraham Lincoln's Journey of Faith" at 7 p.m. in Xavier Theatre at the main USM Leavenworth Campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Admission is free.



**Ron White**

The USM Lincoln Lecture Series is made possible by Country Club Bank, the event benefactor.

Guest speaker White, the author of several books on the former president—including, most recently, the *New York Times* Bestseller "*A. Lincoln: A Biography*"—will sign copies of his book after his presentation. Barnes & Noble will be selling the book at the autograph session in the Walnut Room with complimentary coffee provided by The Pot Rack.



White has lectured at the White House and was chosen to speak on Lincoln's religious beliefs to a Congressional audience as part of the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. He is a graduate of UCLA, Princeton Theological Seminary, and earned his Ph.D. in Religion and History from Princeton University. White has taught at several higher learning institutions, and is currently a Fellow at the Huntington Library and a Visiting Professor of History at UCLA.

"Understanding Lincoln's relationship with his faith opens up several windows to help us understand better our nation's most revered president," White said. "This is an area of Lincoln's life usually unexamined or misunderstood."

Dr. Bryan Le Beau, USM's academic vice president and historian, called White a leading Lincoln scholar, whose thoughts on the president carry great weight.

"Recently, he has been writing and speaking on a topic that has both intrigued and mystified students of Lincoln for decades—just what was Lincoln's faith? What did he really believe in reference to God? Exploring these unresolved questions will make for a very intriguing Lincoln Lecture at the University of Saint Mary," Dr. Le Beau said.

The University of Saint Mary started the Lincoln Lecture series in 1999 to acknowledge the university's Bernard H. Hall Lincoln Collection, which includes extensive and unique Lincoln memorabilia. USM's De Paul Library houses the collection, which includes a rare, original copy of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment—the document that abolished slavery—signed by Lincoln.

Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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