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### **Saint Paul University Honorary Doctorate granted to Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI**

Ottawa, April 13, 2012 – Today, Saint Paul University is celebrating the 2012 Academic Year Closing Ceremony to which the University's future graduates were convened. During the ceremony, an honorary doctorate will be granted to Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI by Msgr Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of Ottawa.

Father Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is an accomplished theologian, professor and writer and **also** offers spiritual guidance. Father Rolheiser has become one of the most popular writers and speakers on spirituality in the world with nine books published to date. His weekly column is syndicated in more than 60 newspapers in various countries and he is often solicited to give conferences, workshops, retreats all over the world. Father Rolheiser is a specialist in the areas of systematic theology, world religions, philosophy, mysticism and spirituality. He is the rare thinker who can speak to both specialists as well as the population in general when answering questions about spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. His style is one that resonates with a cross section of people.

Father Rolheiser was born in rural Saskatchewan. He did his undergraduate work in theology at Newman Theological College in Edmonton and the University of San Francisco. He then completed a master's and doctorate at the University of Louvain, Belgium. He spent most of his career as a professor, teaching theology and philosophy.

Saint Paul University is proud to grant Father Rolheiser an honorary doctorate, recognizing his outstanding contribution in the contemporary world of philosophy and spirituality. Everyone is certainly enriched by his presence and his teachings.

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