PRESS RELEASE

Saint Paul University conferring a Doctorate Honoris to Jean-Noël Aletti, s.j. professor, Pontifical Biblical Institute

Ottawa, Tuesday, March 31, 2009 – On Sunday, April 5, 2009 Saint Paul University will be holding its solemn closing of the academic year celebration, during which an honorary doctorate will be granted. This is the prime opportunity to recognize academic merit by granting scholarships for excellence and Governor General’s Academic Medals to students.

This year, Saint Paul University’s honorary doctorate will be conferred to Jean-Noël Aletti, s.j. professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome. Professor Aletti is a scholar’s scholar and one of the world’s leading experts on Saint Paul. He is the author of approximately 15 books on Paul and other New Testament topics, many of which have been translated into various languages. Professor Aletti has published over 100 studies on Saint Paul and New Testament topics in a wide variety of scholarly journals and collected works.

Professor Aletti joined the Society of Jesus in 1963. He completed Master’s programs in Mathematics and in Philosophy at the Sorbonne, followed by Licentiates in Philosophy and Theology, and a Doctorate in Biblical Exegesis in 1981. He has been professor of New Testament Exegesis at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, since 1982 and is a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

Professor Aletti will give a public conference in French but will answer questions in French and English on Friday April 3 at 7:30 p.m. Saint Paul University Auditorium, 223 Main Street, Room 203 (Guigues Hall). This conference coincides with the Jubilee Year in honor of Saint Paul.

WHAT: Saint Paul University’s Solemn Closing of the Academic Year
WHEN: Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 2:15 p.m.
WHERE: Sacré Cœur Church, 591 Cumberland Street, Ottawa
The Doctorate Honoris will be conferred around 3 p.m.

A reception will follow the event.

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