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DOYLE, O'BRIEN RECEIVE SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY'S MYSER FAMILY AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., May 14, 2010 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that Jane Doyle, theology instructor, and Father Thomas F.A. O'Brien, director of Catholic identity and mission, and theology instructor, were awarded the Myser Family Foundation Teaching Excellence Award for 2010. They were chosen by a vote of faculty, parents, students and alumni.

Doyle began teaching at Saint Thomas Academy in 1993. In addition to teaching scripture, Doyle also oversees the school's senior service projects, which entail each graduating senior to complete at least 100 hours of community service work – 40 within the final two weeks of school – and journaling about their experience.

O'Brien teaches social justice and oversees campus ministry as a theology department faculty member. As director of Catholic identity and mission, he also serves as chaplain and assists the Academy's development office. In addition to his role with the Academy, O'Brien also pastors Church of the Visitation Catholic Community in Minneapolis.

John T. Myser, class of 1952, believes that his personal development, as well as that of his classmates, was powerfully influenced by the excellent teaching at Saint Thomas Military Academy. He created the Myser Family Award to acknowledge the achievements of current and former faculty members who are identified as excellent role models and as having a life-long positive influence on the lives of alumni.

Each year there are a total of four Myser Family Teaching Excellence Awards presented: two prizes awarded based on polling from a group of current faculty members, parents, students and select alumni; and two prizes awarded based on polling of the classes holding reunions that year. Any faculty member who has served the Academy for more than ten years is eligible for the awards.

Recipients receive a plaque and a cash prize to be used as the winners choose.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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