

## John Herrick to Chair 2008 Friends of the Seminary



Long time supporter and member of the SVDP Development Council **John D. Herrick** is chairman of the 2008 edition of "Friends of the Seminary." Friends of the Seminary, set for **February 15, 2008**, is the seminary's signature and best known event. It is an opportunity for alumni, individuals, foundations and corporate donors and supporters to attend vespers, a reception and dinner on campus. Two hundred of SVDP's most ardent donors and friends from across the state attend. In addition, many of the Bishops for the Seven Dioceses of Florida are typically present. The event raises in excess of \$155,000 for Seminary's general operating budget. Archbishop John C. Favalora is the Honorary Chairman.

To accommodate the often cold weather in February, the event had moved all seating indoors to the school's Refectory last year. In 2008, seating will be limited to 200. Herrick also announced that new ways are available to generate more revenue such as selling ads in a separate program being printed for the Reception and Dinner. Second, several under-writing sponsorships are available to fund SVDP promotional items that will be given as gifts to attendees, out of town supporters who purchase tickets and prospective donors.



The biggest change however is the reorganization of event sponsorships. Title, Sustaining and a number of other sponsorships have been renamed, according to Stanton Cadow. **Mrs. Catherine R. Murphy**, surviving spouse of Thomas A. Murphy, who served on the Seminary Board of Trustees, has graciously provided the 2008 Title Sponsorship with a gift of \$50,000.

Members of this year's committee include **Paul Lawless**, **Ben Krieger** and **James Kelly**, representing the Knights of Columbus, **Larry Dahman** and **Diane Simowitz**, Chair of the Development Council.

In addition, because of the extremely limited seating capacity of the event, no tables will be sold, individual tickets only. Tickets will be \$150, the same as last year.

The reception and dinner have a Mardi Gras theme, "*Les Amis du Seminaire*."