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### **NOTED THEOLOGIAN – DAVID TRACY – TO ADDRESS ACADEMIC DAY/FAITH AND REASON CONFERENCE AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY JANUARY 31**

BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA – (January 9, 2008) – Noted Catholic Theologian David Tracy will present, “On Being Awake: The Relationship of Philosophy and Theology to Spirituality,” at the annual St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary Academic Day, on January 31, 2008, in the seminary auditorium. Dr. Tracy’s presentation is being co-sponsored by St. John Vianney College Seminary, as part of its annual Faith and Reason Conference.

Tracy is the Andrew Thomas Greeley and Grace McNichols Greeley Distinguished Service Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and one of the most widely recognized and respected Catholic theologians in the world. His work has been associated with a special type of “correlation method” in theology, which seeks to correlate the Christian tradition and contemporary situation in a way that is both mutually illuminating and mutually critical. In the process, he has examined and emphasized the profound relevance of contemporary hermeneutical insights for theology.

Tracy received his licentiate and doctorate at the Gregorian University in Rome. At the University of Chicago, he teaches a wide variety of courses in contemporary theology. His publications include: *The Analogical Imagination: Christian Theology and the Culture of Pluralism*; *Plurality and Ambiguity: Hermeneutics, Religion, and Hope*; and *On Naming the Present: Reflections on God, Hermeneutics, and Church*.

Academic Day is an annual event at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, during which seminarians, non-resident students, faculty, alumni, and interested guests come together for a series of lectures and dialogue sessions with noted Catholic theologians. The Faith and Reason Conference of St. John Vianney College Seminary is an annual event which was inspired by Pope John Paul II’s 1998 encyclical of the same name, and has featured major participants in the contemporary dialogue that centers on the central themes of the encyclical. This is the first year that both conferences are being combined into one event. Those interested are encouraged to visit: [www.svdp.edu](http://www.svdp.edu) or call 561-732-4424.

Owned by the seven Catholic dioceses of the Province of Florida, the seminary has educated nearly 500 priests since its founding.