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CAPITAL AND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN VISION

At no time has the need for solid theological education been more important than today. Our world is over-rich in everything, except clarity. For more than 100 years, the Oblate School of Theology has been responding to the needs of the day – addressing the Church’s need for the sound theological formation of priests and religious across the South and Western United States. Today, the Oblate School of Theology is being positioned to reach out across the U.S. and internationally to meet the needs of the next 100 years.

When this school was founded, theological education was a special domain reserved for the few – those in priestly formation, members of religious communities of women and men, and an occasional lay academic. Today the situation has changed with the explosion in educational access, a significantly better educated laity and a global rise in interest in theological and spiritual matters. The times call for a renewed commitment to clarity and excellence in theological education.

The Board of the Oblate School of Theology is committed to a future that builds and expands upon the school’s location in San Antonio, Texas and its unique history. San Antonio is the emerging epicenter, where Hispanic and Anglo culture and church are meeting. Additionally, San Antonio is the birthplace and locus of the ACTS Retreat movement which is renewing the apostolic enthusiasm and mission of the laity across the Southwest. In this changing context, there is a great need for a theology school that truly leads in truth, charity and service

In the spring of 2007, the Board and faculty committed Oblate School of Theology to becoming a national leader in theological education. Such a vision has resulted in a planned expansion of facilities, programs, financial aid, and endowment funding. The future of Oblate School of Theology is to be an academic resource for a diverse population of students. The students of the future will include: those in priestly formation, candidates for the permanent diaconate, and those in religious communities. Increased student populations will include numbers of lay students from those who will serve as lay ecclesial ministers and who simply want to deepen their knowledge of theology.

This vision of being a national leader in theological education is bold. This bold vision requires a bold capital and endowment campaign that will enable Oblate School of Theology to stand out among the leading academic centers of theological education in the U.S. To achieve this vision, Oblate must expand capacity and accessibility while shoring up its core programming through this \$30 million campaign.