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RENNOWNED AUTHOR TO JOIN AQUINAS COLLEGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 23, 2014) — Joseph Pearce, internationally acclaimed author, lecturer and teacher, as well as frequent guest and host on EWTN, will join Aquinas College in Nashville, Tennessee as Director of the Center for Faith and Culture and “Writer-in-Residence” beginning in July of 2014. This high profile appointment reflects the implementation of Aquinas’ new strategic plan for growth and advancement in all aspects of the College’s role as a leader in Catholic higher education. This initiative includes plans for new facilities, expanded academic offerings, and increased student life and spiritual life programs.

As Director of the Center for Faith and Culture, Pearce will continue to develop programs and build on the Center’s success and reputation for excellence. “The Center for Faith and Culture at Aquinas College serves to promote Catholic and Christian culture” Pearce explains, “through embracing what is good, knowing what is true, and celebrating what is beautiful in all forms of human expression.” Mr. Pearce also brings a wealth of experience to Aquinas as the first “Writer-in-Residence,” having held that position at two other Catholic institutions.

The author of over twenty books, Mr. Pearce has written on a wide variety of literary figures including William Shakespeare, J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, Oscar Wilde, and Alexander Solzhenitsyn. He was awarded the prestigious John C. Pollock Award for Christian biography for his book on Solzhenitsyn. His most recent books include Shakespeare on Love: Seeing the Catholic Presence in Romeo and Juliet (2013) and Bilbo’s Journey: Discovering the Hidden Meaning in the Hobbit (2012). His much anticipated book, Beauteous Truth: Faith, Reason, Literature, & Culture, will be published in June of 2014.

In addition, Mr. Pearce is the editor of the St. Austin Review and series editor for the Ignatius Critical Editions published by Ignatius Press. He serves as Executive Director of “Catholic Courses” online and has served as Editor-in-Chief of Sapientia Press. He has also held the position of “Writer-in-Residence” and Associate Professor of Literature at Ave Maria University and “Writer-in-Residence” and Visiting Fellow at the Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts in New Hampshire.

Mr. Pearce is a widely sought after speaker of international reputation, and speaks regularly on the subjects of Shakespeare, Tolkien, Chesterton, C.S. Lewis, Catholic education, and the intersection of faith, the arts and culture. Dr. Aaron Urbanczyk, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, emphasizes that “Joseph Pearce brings to Aquinas College a wide expertise in the areas of literary biography, literary criticism, and Christian writers, as well as a passion for the integration of faith and culture.”

ABOUT AQUINAS COLLEGE: Through rigorous undergraduate and graduate curricula that emphasize the dignity of the human person, Aquinas College fosters the intellectual, moral, and professional development of students while preparing them for careers in the professions of education, nursing, and business. Faculty and students engage in a proactive teaching-advising partnership that enables students to cultivate rich interpersonal relationships in a Christ-centered, family-like environment. Personalized instruction in small classes ensures that each student achieves his or her full academic and personal potential. Founded in 1961 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation, Aquinas College is located on a scenic 83-acre campus in the heart of Nashville and is the only four-year Catholic liberal arts college in middle and east Tennessee. For additional information, please visit www.aquinascollege.edu.

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