

## Fr. Dennis Dease, president of Minn.'s University of St. Thomas, set to retire

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St. Paul and Minneapolis archdiocese priest, Dennis Dease, may not be well-known to most Catholics, but he's probably earned legendary status at this point for the work he's done superbly leading the University of St. Thomas for the last 22 years. Anyone aspiring to be president of a Catholic university would be wise to get on Fr. Dease's calendar. He is arguably the most able president of a Catholic university in the country. Yesterday, he announced his retirement to take place next year.

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Dennis Dease, the University of St. Thomas' second-longest-serving president, announced he would retire in June 2013.

At that time, he will have completed his 22nd year as president and 36th year with the St. Paul-based Catholic university. Dease shared his plan to retire with the university's board of trustees Thursday, May 10.

Dease said he timed his retirement to come after the school wraps up its \$500 million Opening Doors capital campaign -- the largest by a Minnesota private college or university.

"Also, the calendar tells me next May I will turn 70," Dease said, "and there are other interests I would like to pursue at a more leisurely pace than my current job."

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