

THANK YOU TO THE SULPICIAN FATHERS  
Rev. Thomas R. Hurst, S.S.

It is with the deepest gratitude that, in the name of the St. Mary's Seminary and University community, I would like to thank Father Thomas Ulshafer, S.S., the Acting Provincial of the U.S. Province of the Society of St. Sulpice, and the Sulpician Provincial Council for this most generous gift of a Chair in memory of Father Raymond E. Brown.

The Chair in memory of Father Brown is now the sixth faculty Chair at St. Mary's and is added to the five which were established in 2002. The gift of this Chair honors the memory of one of the most esteemed members of the Society of Saint Sulpice and an internationally recognized scholar of the Bible.

The gift of this also Chair indicates the great trust that the Sulpician Fathers have placed in St. Mary's. The scholars who will hold this chair will ensure that the legacy of Father Brown, shaped here at St. Mary's both as a seminarian and faculty member, will continue in this venerable institution. The study of the Word of God, which is the very soul of theology, holds an essential place in the formation of priests as ministers of the Word and in the teaching of others who work in so many ways in our Church and in contemporary society

Again, Father Ulshafer, my deepest gratitude for this gift and my promise that this gift will be used to advance the study of Sacred Scripture at Father Brown's *alma mater*.