St. Catherine University Celebrates Advent and the Arrival of the Heritage Edition

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. – September 4, 2009 – St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn., has received a limited, fine arts edition of The Saint John’s Bible. Three of the seven Heritage Edition volumes—Wisdom Books, Prophets and Psalms—were part of the university’s annual Advent Vespers Service on Thursday, Dec. 10. Lois and John Rogers generously donated The Saint John’s Bible Heritage Edition to St. Catherine University.

Lois Rogers graduated from St. Catherine in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in English. They have both served as board members of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John’s University, which oversees the creation of the Bible.

“This is a gift of immeasurable proportions,” said Abbot John Klassen, OSB, “We couldn’t be more pleased to present this ‘holy splendor’ to St. Catherine’s.”

The Advent Vespers Service, attended by alumni and friends of St. Catherine’s, included readings from the three volumes, liturgical dance by students, staff and members of the Saint Paul City Ballet, and music by the St. Catherine University Vespers Choir and Musicians. Each volume was led in by a procession of dancers and Bible bearers including Rogers who carried the Prophets volume to display in front of Our Lady of Victory Chapel.

The gift arrives at the university following a well-attended exhibition of special prints from The Saint John’s Bible in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery on the St. Paul campus in 2008.