

## Reverend Eric Hollas, OSB

Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, is a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN. He was born in Oklahoma City, and he received his B.A. in history at Princeton University in 1971. Following seminary studies at Saint John's, he received the Ph.D. in medieval studies at Yale University. His special interests include the history of Spain in the Middle Ages, the history of monasticism in medieval Europe, and the history of the book. He is a member of the Medieval Academy of America and The Grolier Club in New York. He is a chaplain in the Western Association of the Order of Malta as well as a member of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Since 1980 he has been a member of the faculty of the School of Theology and Department of Theology at Saint John's University in Minnesota, and for nine years (1993-2002) he served as the executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University. Following his term at HMML, he was named Senior Associate for Arts & Cultural Affairs at Saint John's University.

Among his many activities, Fr. Eric was instrumental in initiating *The Saint John's Bible*, a project in which the monks of Saint John's have commissioned Donald Jackson, scribe to the Queen of England, to create a hand-written and illuminated Bible. That project was featured as the cover story of *Smithsonian Magazine* in December 2000, and more recently it has been the subject of an hour-long BBC documentary aired in England, the U.S. and Canada. He has spoken on *The Saint John's Bible* at venues throughout the United States.

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## PREVIEW OF THE EVENING

Reception

Welcome

John Pohlada,  
Marquette Asset Management

Doug Hile,  
Meridian Bank

Presentation by:

Reverend Eric Hollas, OSB  
Saint John's University

Followed by Tours of:

*Illuminating the Word*  
The Saint John's Bible

