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Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Festival expanded to serve up fun for everyone

(Saint Paul, MN) The Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Festival will stretch the full weekend, Saturday, Sept. 25, from 8-10 p.m. and Sunday, September 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to include everything from wine tasting to bingo and a petting zoo. The Cathedral is located at the corner of Summit and Selby Avenues in St. Paul. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/parish-festival.

Saturday events begin at 8 p.m. Join in a *Cathedral label* wine tasting and enjoy hors d'oeuvres served by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$10 before September 24 or \$15 at the door. Live music will be performed by the Evergreen String Quartet and an exclusive selection of silent auction items will be available only this evening!

Sunday events begin at 11 a.m. and will be held both inside the Cathedral and outside on the west and north lawns for a full line-up of activities and food. It won't be your typical church dinner. Green Mill is catering along with Sonnie's Ice Cream dishing up *Cathedral Cream Pie* and Cold Spring Brewery serving Old Glory Lager and Olde Johnnie Ale and Westside band performing live music. Tickets are \$10 before Sept. 24 or \$12 at the door, children are \$5 and children 3 and under are free.

A sampling of activities for all ages include Karaoke with KOOL 108, bingo, a petting zoo, Mega-Putt, Spin Art, cake walk, a silent auction, a quilt raffle, plus a raffle for a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip on the Cathedral's 2011 Pilgrimage trip to Poland and the Czech Republic led by tour host extraordinaire, the Very Reverend Joseph R. Johnson, rector of the Cathedral. Everyone outside the parish community is also invited to attend!

"We had a tremendous response to the return of the parish festival last year after a long hiatus so we hope the community will join us again. It helps build community in our family of faith as well as help us do some necessary fundraising," said the Very Reverend Joseph R. Johnson, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. "In these difficult times, we have a commitment to care for those in need now more than ever." Every year the Cathedral

supports care for the homebound and those in nursing homes, serves as an emergency shelter for the homeless in January, buys back-to-school supplies for underprivileged students, provides affordable housing for the poor, offers faith formation programs and hospitality for more than 200,000 visitors a year.

Parking will be available at the following locations during the festival:

- across Summit Avenue at the Chancery
- one block from the Cathedral on Marshall Ave. at the Saint Paul College
- next to the Veterans Administration Building across Kellogg Boulevard on John Ireland Boulevard
- street parking
- Cathedral parking lot at Selby and Summit Avenues

Beginning with the festive laying of its cornerstone in 1907, the present Cathedral of Saint Paul serves as an important part of the civic community. It is a popular destination for local students and artists as well as for tourists from around the world. It is included on the National Register of Historic Buildings and draws tens of thousands of visitors each year. The architectural engineering and heroic labors it took to build the Cathedral make it an important piece of our region's history. It is a worthy successor to the simple log chapel of 1841 that gave the city its name.

For more information, visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org or call the Welcome Center at 651-228-1766. For a preview of this historic landmark, enjoy a virtual tour at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/virtual-tour.