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In the opinion of Bond Counsel, according to present State of Minnesota and federal laws, regulations and rulings, assuming compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes or in taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference in determining federal or Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals. Interest on the Bonds is subject to the State of Minnesota franchise tax applicable to corporations, including financial institutions, and is includable in the calculation of certain federal taxes imposed on corporations. The Bonds will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. (See "Tax Exemption" herein.)

\$7,965,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Five-W (College of Saint Benedict)

(DTC Book Entry Only)

Dated Date: July 1, 2004

Interest Due: March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2005

\$3,055,000 serial bonds to mature annually on March 1 as follows:

		Interest		CUSIP:				Interest		CUSIP:
Year	Principal	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>60416H</u>	1012	Year	Principal	<u>Rate</u>	Yield	<u>60416H</u>
2005	\$165,000	2.500%	2.000%	CR 3	1713	2010	\$320,000	3.875%	3.950%	CW 2
2006	\$280,000	2.600%	2.600%	CS 1	1	2011	\$330,000	4.000%	4.100%	CX 0
2007	\$285,000	3.000%	3.000%	CT 9	7	2012	\$345,000	4.200%	4.250%	CY 8
2008	\$295,000	3.400%	3.400%	CU 6		2013	\$355,000	4.300%	4.400%	CZ 5
2009	\$305,000	3.625%	3.700%	CV 4		2014	\$375,000	4.500%	4.550%	DA 9

\$2,650,000 5.000% Term Bonds due March 1, 2020 Price 98.924% CUSIP 60416H DC 5 \$2,260,000 5.250% Term Bonds due March 1, 2024 Price 98.786% CUSIP 60416H DB 7

At the option of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the "Authority"), at the direction of the College of Saint Benedict (the "College") the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity, as described herein. See "THE BONDS – Prior Redemption – Optional Redemption." The Bonds will also be subject to optional redemption in whole or in part in certain cases of damage to or destruction or condemnation of the Project Facilities described in the Loan Agreement and Indenture. The Bonds will be subject to mandatory redemption in whole in the event of a Determination of Taxability, as described herein. Term Bonds maturing March 1, 2020 and March 1, 2024 are subject to mandatory redemption in installments as described herein. See "THE BONDS -- Prior Redemption" and "THE BONDS – Determination of Taxability."

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds without coupons and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. (See "THE BONDS -- Book Entry Only System" herein). Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota will act as Trustee.

The Bonds are special obligations of the Authority payable solely from Loan Repayments made by or on behalf of the College pursuant to a Loan Agreement between the Authority and the College, or out of other amounts pledged pursuant to the Indenture as described herein. The Loan Repayments will be a general obligation of the College.

THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE LEGAL OR MORAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, NOR SHALL THEY CONSTITUTE A DEBT FOR WHICH THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, OR THE TAXING POWERS OF THE STATE, ARE PLEDGED. THE AUTHORITY HAS NO TAXING POWERS.

The Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued by the Authority and accepted by the Underwriter named below subject to the approval as to validity and tax exemption of the Bonds by Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the College by Hughes Mathews, P.A., St. Cloud, Minnesota and for the Underwriter by Leonard Street & Deinard, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Bonds are expected to be available for delivery to the Underwriter through the facilities of DTC on or about July 8, 2004.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this document, as the same may be supplemented or corrected by the Authority from time to time (collectively, the "Official Statement"), may be treated as an Official Statement with respect to the Bonds described herein that is deemed final as of the date hereof (or of any such supplement or correction) by the Authority, except for the omission of certain information referred to in the succeeding paragraph.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUE AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the Authority, the College or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds, other than as contained in this Official Statement and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Authority, the College or the Underwriter. The information contained herein, except as it relates to the Authority, DTC, and the Trustee, has been obtained from the College and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. Except for information concerning the Authority, the information contained herein is not to be construed as a representation by the Authority. THE INFORMATION AND EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER SHALL CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE COLLEGE SINCE THE DATE HEREOF.

References herein to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and other documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein. Where full texts have not been included as appendices to the Official Statement or the Final Official Statement, they will be furnished on request.

The Bonds have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission by reason of the provisions of Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy, and there shall not be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any state in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The registration or qualification of these securities in accordance with applicable provisions of securities laws of the jurisdictions in which the Bonds may be registered or qualified and the exemption from registration or qualification in other jurisdictions shall not be regarded as a recommendation thereof. Neither these jurisdictions nor any of their agencies have passed upon the merits of the Bonds or the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary may be a criminal offense. Certain of the parties involved in this financing have agreed to indemnify certain other parties for any untrue statement of a material fact contained in this Official Statement or any omission to state a material fact necessary to be stated in this Official Statement in order to make the statements contained herein not misleading.

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$7,965,000

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

REVENUE BONDS, SERIES FIVE-W (College of Saint Benedict)

(BOOK ENTRY ONLY)

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement provides information concerning the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the "Authority") and the College of Saint Benedict, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "College"), an institution of higher education located in St. Joseph, Minnesota, in connection with the issuance of the Authority's \$7,965,000 Revenue Bonds, Series Five-W (College of Saint Benedict) (the "Bonds" or the "Issue").

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 136A.25 to 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, as amended, by the provisions of which the Authority was created and authorized to issue its obligations to assist institutions of higher education within the State of Minnesota to finance certain projects.

The Bonds are also issued pursuant to the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") to be dated as of June 15, 2004 between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Trustee will also be the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds.

Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") to be dated as of June 15, 2004 between the College and the Authority, the Authority is loaning the Bond proceeds to the College and the College will covenant as a general obligation of the College to make Loan Repayments and deposits in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due. The College will use Bond proceeds along with available College funds, if necessary, and moneys in trustee-held accounts pledged to the payment of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Three-W (College of Saint Benedict) (the "Prior Bonds") to:

- 1. refund the outstanding principal of and accrued interest on the Prior Bonds;
- 2. finance improvements and renovations to College facilities located on the College's campus in St. Joseph, Minnesota;
- 3. fund a debt service reserve; and
- 4. pay certain issuance costs.

The improvements described herein are collectively referred to as the "Project" and are to be owned and operated by the College and located on the College campus in St. Joseph, Minnesota. In addition to paying the Project Costs, proceeds of the Bonds will be used to fund the Reserve Account and together with any funds remaining with the Series Three-W Trustee and available therefor, to defease and refund the Prior Bonds.

The principal amount of the Prior Bonds being refunded is \$3,915,000. See "USE OF PROCEEDS" herein for a more detailed description of the use of Bond proceeds.

The Bonds are secured by a pledge of the Loan Repayments, which are a general obligation of the College. Under the Loan Agreement, the College agrees to provide the funds necessary to

make timely payment of the Loan Repayments. See "SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AND FINANCIAL COVENANTS" herein.

The Bonds are also secured by the Reserve Account created under the Indenture and held by the Trustee. The Reserve Account will be funded in the amount of the Reserve Requirement from proceeds of the Bonds. See "ACCOUNTS – Reserve Account."

The Bonds shall not be legal or moral obligations of the State of Minnesota nor constitute a debt for which the faith and credit of the Authority or the State of Minnesota or the taxing powers of the State are pledged. The Authority has no taxing powers.

The descriptions and summaries of various documents hereinafter set forth do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive, and reference is made to each document for the complete details of all terms and conditions. All statements herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents. See Appendices IV and V for definitions of certain words and terms used herein and for a description of certain provisions of the documents hereinafter referred to.

RISK FACTORS

No person should purchase Bonds without carefully reviewing the following information which sets forth some, but not all, of the factors which may affect the Owners' receipt of payments of the principal of or interest on the Bonds.

Risk of Insufficient Collateral

The Bonds are secured by (a) a pledge by the Authority to the Trustee of amounts payable by the College under the Loan Agreement, and (b) amounts in the Reserve Account and other accounts and funds which will be held by the Trustee and applied to the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. See Appendix IV – DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS – Reserve Requirement. The Bonds are not secured by a mortgage on or security interest in any real property or personal property. If an Event of Default occurs, there can be no assurance that security for the Bonds will be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds when due.

Adequacy of Revenues

Payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds is intended to be made from the College's Loan Repayments. The College's ability to make Loan Repayments will be dependent on its ability to generate sufficient unrestricted revenues in excess of expenditures. Such revenues and expenditures are subject to many conditions and factors, some of which may be beyond the control of the College and may change in the future to an extent that cannot be presently determined.

Competition

There is intense competition among institutions of higher education for students both nationally and within the upper Midwest region from which the College draws the majority of its students. Universities and colleges compete principally based on location, net tuition rates, degree offerings, and academic reputation. To the extent that competitors have or achieve an advantage with respect to any of these factors, the College could be adversely affected. In addition, competitive pressures could result in tuition reductions, the inability to raise tuition, or increases in financial aid in the form of discounted tuition, which could adversely affect the College's unrestricted net assets.

Reliance on Tuition

The adequacy of College revenues will be largely dependent on the amount of future tuition revenue received by the College. Such revenue in turn will depend primarily on the ability of the College to charge sufficient rates for tuition and to maintain enrollment levels. Future enrollment levels will depend on the number of students applying to the College and accepting offers of admission. A number of factors, including, without limitation, levels of tuition rates and other fees, competition from other colleges, a change in the number of college-age students generally, and adverse general economic conditions could influence the number of applicants to the College.

Financial Aid

Approximately 90% of the College's students currently receive from the College and other sources some form of financial aid covering some portion of tuition and fees or living expenses. See Appendix I, "THE COLLEGE – Financial Assistance" herein. No assurance can be given that federal and state financial aid will continue to be funded at current levels or that the College will continue to fund student aid at current levels. Curtailment of such aid may cause a decline in enrollment, which may in turn have an adverse effect on the College's revenues.

Damage or Destruction

Although the College will be required to obtain certain insurance as set forth in the Loan Agreement, there can be no assurance that the College will not suffer losses for which insurance cannot be or has not been obtained or that the amount of any such loss will not exceed the coverage of such insurance policies.

Nature of Pro Forma Debt Service Coverage

Certain historical operating revenue for the College and computed pro forma debt service coverage is provided in APPENDIX I under the caption "Annual Debt Service by Fiscal Year and Coverage Statement." The pro forma coverage is merely a mathematical computation as reflected in the applicable table and constitutes no assurance as to the future sufficiency of College revenues to satisfy College operations and Bond and other debt service requirements.

Limited Obligation

No entity or person other than the College is, or shall be, in any way liable or responsible for any payments to be made under the Loan Agreement, the Trust Indenture, or the Bonds or the other obligations of the College under such documents. Accordingly, for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, holders of the Bonds must look solely to the Loan Repayments to be made by the College under the Loan Agreement and the Reserve Account and other funds, if any, the Trustee holds under the Indenture.

Bankruptcy

The ability of the Trustee to exercise rights under the Loan Agreement and the Indenture may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws or equitable principles related to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.

Derivative Products

The College may enter into an interest rate swap or similar arrangements in the future. Termination of an interest rate swap agreement prior to its expiration may require the College to pay a termination fee to the counterparty to the agreement.

Other Possible Risk Factors

The occurrence of any of the following events, or other unanticipated events, could adversely affect the operations of the College:

- (1) Inability to control increases in operating costs, including salaries, wages and fringe benefits, supplies and other expenses, without being able to obtain corresponding increases in revenues.
- (2) Adoption of federal, State or local legislation or regulations, such as limits on tuition increases, having an adverse effect on the future operating or financial performance of the College.
- (3) International events, including any acts of war and terrorism, which may have adverse effects on enrollment and investments.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), the College will enter into an undertaking (the "Undertaking") with the Trustee for the benefit of beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the College to certain information repositories annually, and to provide notices of the occurrence of the eleven events enumerated in the Rule to such repositories or the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to a Minnesota state information depository, if any. The specific nature of the Undertaking, as well as the information to be contained in the annual report or the notices of material events is set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the College at the time the Bonds are delivered, a copy of which is available from the College or the Trustee. Appendix III, "Information to be Provided as Continuing Disclosure," contains a summary of the financial information and operating data to be provided annually, as well as the list of material events. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be amended under certain circumstances as permitted by the Rule. Furthermore, the College has reserved its right to modify the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement if a court of competent jurisdiction or the College determines that such modification is required by the Rule. The College has never failed to comply in any material respect with any previous undertakings under the Rule to provide annual reports or notices of material events. A failure by the College to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds (although holders will have other remedies at law or in equity). Nevertheless, such a failure must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the

secondary market. Consequently, such a failure, or the information supplied by the College pursuant to the Undertaking, may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

THE BONDS

The Bonds will be dated July 1, 2004 and will mature annually each March 1, commencing March 1, 2005, as set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement. The Bonds are being issued in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof not exceeding the amount maturing on any principal payment date, and shall be fully registered as to principal and interest. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2005.

Book Entry Only System

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 85 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has Standard & Poor's highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the

Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If fewer than all of the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Trustee as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Authority or the Trustee, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (or its nominee), the Trustee, or the Authority, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Trustee, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Bonds purchased or redeemed, through its Direct Participant, to the nominee holding the Bonds, and shall effect delivery of such Bonds by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Direct Participant's interest in the Bonds, on DTC's records, to the nominee holding the Bonds. The requirement for physical delivery of Bonds in connection with a purchase or redemption will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Bonds are transferred by the Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of purchased or redeemed Bonds to the nominee holding the Bonds.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Authority or the Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book entry system has been obtained from DTC, which is solely responsible for such information. None of the Authority, the College nor the Underwriter takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Prior Redemption

Mandatory Redemption

Bonds maturing on March 1, 2020 and March 1, 2024 shall be called for redemption on March 1 in the years shown in the table below, at the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, from moneys in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, in the respective amounts set forth in the table below.

2020	Term Bond	2024 Term Bond			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Year	<u>Amount</u>		
2015	\$390,000	2021	\$520,000		
2016	\$410,000	2022	\$550,000		
2017	\$430,000	2023	\$580,000		
2018	\$450,000	2024*	\$610,000		
2019	\$475,000				
2020*	\$495,000				

* Stated maturity.

The Bonds or portions thereof to be so redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee by lot or in such other random manner as the Trustee shall determine.

The Bonds maturing in 2020 and 2024, to be retired pursuant to the mandatory redemption obligations set forth above, may, at the option of the College, be reduced by the principal amount of any Bonds of such maturity which at least 45 days prior to such redemption:

- (1) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (2) have been purchased or redeemed (other than through operation of the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund) and canceled by the Trustee and not theretofore applied as a credit against such mandatory redemption obligations.

Optional Redemption

At the College's request, the Authority may elect to prepay on March 1, 2013 and on any day thereafter Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2014. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part in such order of maturity as the College directs and selected by random means within a maturity. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Extraordinary Optional Redemption

The Bonds will also be subject to optional redemption at par and accrued interest in integral multiples of \$5,000, as a whole or in part, in certain cases of damage to or destruction or condemnation of the Project Facilities, and upon a Determination of Taxability as provided in the Loan Agreement (see "THE BONDS -- Determination of Taxability" and "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS -- The Loan Agreement").

Partial Redemption

If fewer than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the Authority will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed.

In the case of Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000, if fewer than all of such Bonds then outstanding are to be called for redemption, then for all purposes in connection with redemption, each \$5,000 of principal amount shall be treated as though it was a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000 bearing the number borne by such fully registered Bond and a subnumber assigned by the Trustee. Interest shall cease to accrue on the portion of the principal amount of such Bond represented by such \$5,000 unit or units of principal amount on and after the date fixed for redemption provided that funds sufficient for payment of the redemption price shall have been deposited with the Trustee and available for the redemption of said \$5,000 unit or units on the date fixed for redemption, and in such event, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefit or security of the Indenture or the Loan Agreement to the extent of the portion of its principal amount (and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and applicable premium, if any) represented by such \$5,000 unit or units.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of any redemption shall be mailed to the registered Owners at their addresses shown on the registration books of the Authority and maintained by the Trustee not less than thirty days, and if more than 60 days, then again not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, before the date fixed for such payment. If moneys are available at the office of the Trustee to pay the redemption price on the date of redemption, any Bonds thus called shall not bear interest after the call date and, except for the purpose of payment by application of the funds so deposited, shall no longer be protected by the Indenture.

Determination of Taxability

If a Determination of Taxability is made that the interest payable on the Bonds is subject to federal income taxes by reason of the application of the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder in effect on the date of issuance, the affected Bonds shall bear additional interest equal to two percent (2.00%) per annum above the basic interest rate from the Date of Taxability effective until the date on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. If a Determination of Taxability should occur, any monetary damages or loss resulting from or incident thereto shall be limited to the additional interest on the Bonds. See "TAX EXEMPTION" and Appendix IV, "DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS."

The College will have the option to prepay the Loan on the next date for which due notice of redemption can be given, in full or in part and on any date thereafter following a Determination

of Taxability at a price of par and accrued interest (including additional interest from the Date of Taxability and without a premium).

Additional Bonds

In addition to the Bonds, the Authority may in its discretion and with the consent of the College issue Additional Bonds (i) to provide funds to complete the Project, or (ii) to refund all or any series or portion of series of the then outstanding Bonds, or (iii) to provide funds for improvements to or alterations, repairs or replacement of the Project Facilities or (iv) for another project or projects, as defined in and authorized by the Act, provided that no such Additional Bonds will be issued under the Indenture or secured by the Trust Estate on a parity with the Bonds then outstanding unless:

- 1. The exclusion of interest on the outstanding Bonds from gross income of the holders of the Bonds for purposes of federal income taxation under the Code shall not be jeopardized by the issuance of the Additional Bonds.
- 2. No Default or Event of Default on the part of the College exists under the Loan Agreement.
- 4. The College furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Authority of the College's ability to meet debt service on the Additional Bonds and comply with certain financial covenants as further provided in Section 6.14 of the Loan Agreement and deposits additional monies or investments in the Reserve Account, to be held by the Trustee under the Indenture in such amount and value as shall bring the amount on deposit in the Reserve Account to the Reserve Requirement, calculated after giving effect to the issuance of the Additional Bonds.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the College and will, along with available College funds, if necessary, and moneys held by the Series Three-W Trustee pledged to the payment of the Prior Bonds, be used to:

- i. refund on a current refunding basis the outstanding principal of and pay premium and accrued interest on the Prior Bonds;
- ii. finance improvements and renovations to College facilities located on the College's campus in St. Joseph, Minnesota;
- iii. fund a debt service reserve; and
- iv. pay certain issuance costs.

The improvements and renovations to the College campus the College plans include: (a) lower level remodeling, bathroom and kitchen remodeling, window replacement, fire sprinkling and fire alarm improvements to the West Apartments; (b) chilled water distribution lines, fire alarm improvements and roof and patio entrance improvements to Brian Hall, Lottie Hall, and Magretta Hall; (c) roof replacements and fire sprinkling improvements to Aurora Hall, Regina Hall, and Corona Hall; (d) pool roof improvements to Murray Hall; (e) entrance doors, forum roof, auditorium roof, tuckpointing and remodeling of the Benedicta Arts Center; (f) roof improvements to Clemens Library; (g) roof improvement, fire sprinkling improvements and chilled water improvements to the Henrita Academic Building; and (h) other capital projects to facilities.

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Three-W (College of Saint Benedict) (the "Prior Bonds"), in the outstanding principal amount of \$3,915,000, will be redeemed on or about August 1, 2004 at a redemption price of par plus interest accrued to the redemption date.

At the Closing Date, Bond proceeds, together with balances in the reserve fund and other accounts held by the Series Three-W Bonds Trustee, will be deposited in the Series Three-W Redemption Account held by the Series Three-W Trustee. The Series Three-W Redemption Account will be funded with cash sufficient to provide for the defeasance and refunding of all outstanding Prior Bonds. In accordance with the Prior Bond Indenture, the Prior Bonds will no longer be considered outstanding under the Prior Bond Indenture upon such deposit for prepayment and will be payable solely from the Series Three-W Redemption Account.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Sources of Funds Par amount of Bonds Funds held by Series Three-W Trustee College contribution	\$ 7,965,000 919,100 <u>12,620</u>
Total Sources	<u>\$ 8,896,720</u>
Uses of Funds Total Estimated Project Costs Series Three-W Redemption Account Costs of Issuance Reserve Account	\$ 4,000,000 4,016,340 237,000 <u>643,380</u>
Total Uses	<u>\$ 8,896,720</u>

Issuance costs including underwriter's discount exceed 2% of the proceeds of the Bonds, defined as par less original issue discount according to the reoffering scale. Such excess shall be paid by the College from funds other than Bond proceeds.

Accrued interest received at Bond Closing will be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account and applied as a credit against the amount to be deposited in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account on or before the next interest payment date.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AND FINANCIAL COVENANTS

Source of Payment

The Bonds will be special obligations of the Authority payable solely from Loan Repayments made by the College as required by the Loan Agreement or out of other amounts pledged therefor under the Indenture including moneys and investments in the Reserve Account. The Reserve Account will be fully funded to the Reserve Requirement from proceeds of the Bonds on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are secured by the pledge of the Loan Repayments, which are a general obligation of the College, the Reserve Account and other funds the Trustee holds under the Indenture. The College will agree pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and the Indenture to make

payments directly to the Trustee in such amounts and at such times as to assure that the Trustee has sufficient funds with which to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The College agrees to make such payments out of its operating funds or any other moneys legally available.

The College will covenant and agree to charge tuition fees, other fees, rentals and charges which, together with the general funds or any other moneys legally available, will be sufficient at all times to make the Loan Repayments and other payments required under the Loan Agreement; to meet current operation and maintenance expenses of the Project Facilities; and to pay all other obligations of the College as they become due.

The Bonds shall not be legal or moral obligations of the State of Minnesota nor constitute a debt for which the faith and credit of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, or the taxing powers of the State, are pledged. The Authority has no taxing powers.

The Bonds will not be secured by the General Bond Reserve of the Authority (see "ACCOUNTS—General Bond Reserve Account").

Financial Covenants

The College will also covenant that so long as the Bonds shall remain outstanding:

- a. For at least two of the preceding three complete Fiscal Years, the Revenue/Expenditure Test must be met.
- At June 30, 2005 and at the end of each Fiscal Year thereafter, the Unrestricted Net b. Assets-Board Designated Endowment, as reported in the College's audited financial report, shall be not less than \$1,000,000. Within 120 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the College shall furnish to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Institution Representative showing the Unrestricted Net Assets-Board Designated Endowment, and the amount thereof (if any), which is pledged to secure obligations of the College, or is otherwise encumbered, all as of the end of the Fiscal Year. If at the end of any Fiscal Year, the Unrestricted Net Assets-Board Designated Endowment does not equal or exceed \$1,000,000, the College shall obtain (from gifts, removal of encumbrance or restriction, sale of tangible property or otherwise) and cause to be credited to the Unrestricted Net Assets-Board Designated Endowment additional unencumbered moneys or investments at least equal to the amount of the deficiency as promptly as possible, but in any event within 180 days after the close of the Fiscal Year, and shall report the same to the Trustee, but proceeds of borrowed funds or from the sale of tangible property leased back by the College for a term of more than two years or with a repurchase option shall not be included in computation of amounts eligible to cure the deficiency.
- c. The College shall incur no Funded Debt with a maturity in excess of two years (except for a refunding or refinancing of Funded Debt which does not increase the amount of the Maximum Annual Debt Service and further excepting indebtedness for capital projects for which the College has secured funds on hand or written and signed pledges of gifts in an amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost of such project), unless the average Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the last two Fiscal Years for which audited financial statements are available was at least 110% of Maximum Annual Debt Service of the sum of (A) then Outstanding Funded Debt and (B) Funded Debt thereafter incurred or proposed to be incurred; provided that if the additional Funded Debt proposed to be incurred is to finance student housing, student dining, student union or other revenue producing facilities, there shall be added to the amount of Net Income Available for Debt Service for the most recent complete Fiscal Year, for purposes of this paragraph, the

estimated amount of Net Income Available for Debt Service to be derived from such facility in the first Fiscal Year following the estimated date of completion of such facility as estimated in a report of an independent management consultant to the College and the Trustee; and provided further that if the additional Funded Debt proposed to be incurred is to finance other College facilities and if the Board of Trustees has increased tuition, student fees or other rates or charges at or after the end of such Fiscal Year, for purposes of this paragraph, there shall be added to Net Income Available for Debt Service for the two most recent complete Fiscal Years the amount of increase net of increased operating expenses, as estimated in a report of an independent management consultant to the College and the Trustee.

For purpose of these covenants, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Adjusted Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets" means the Increase (decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets, as reported in the Statement of Activities section of the audited financial report of the College, adjusted to: (a) exclude depreciation expense and include (as a reduction to unrestricted net assets) the cost of current equipment acquisitions which have been funded through operations and capitalized; (b) exclude net assets released from restriction representing acquisition of land, buildings and equipment; (c) exclude extraordinary gains or losses; and (d) exclude unrealized net gains or losses on investments.

"Board-Designated Endowment" means that portion of the Unrestricted Net Assets of the College stated on the balance sheet of the College as designated by the Board of Trustees for "endowment" (other than such amounts designated as "unrestricted portion of endowment"), or, if not so stated on the balance sheet, such portion of the Unrestricted Net Assets of the College other than amounts certified to the Trustee by the chief financial officer of the College, and confirmed in writing to the Trustee by the College's auditors, to be designated by the College as (i) available for operations, (ii) reserved for future repair and replacement needs, (iii) restricted by contract (such as for payment of debt service), (iv) invested in property, plant and equipment, or (v) otherwise designated as available for current expenditure.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" means for any particular period, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) determined by dividing Net Income Available for Debt Service during the period by the total amount of principal of and interest on Funded Debt.

"Funded Debt" means indebtedness for borrowed money having a maturity date of more than one year from the date of creation thereof and which, under generally accepted accounting principles, is shown on the balance sheet as a liability, including obligations whenever payable if renewable pursuant to the terms thereof or of a revolving loan agreement for a period of more than one year from the date of creation thereof and including lease rental obligations which, under generally accepted accounting principles, are shown on the balance sheet as a liability.

"Maximum Annual Debt Service" means the largest total amount of principal of and interest on Funded Debt payable by the College in any future Fiscal Year during which Bonds will (if paid at their stated maturity dates or redeemed in accordance with a mandatory sinking fund schedule) be outstanding subject to the following: (i) If any part of the Funded Debt is outstanding variable rate indebtedness, the rate of interest on the variable rate indebtedness for future Fiscal Years shall be computed at the average rate of interest for the then most recent Fiscal Year or, at the election of the College, for the then current interest period; if variable rate indebtedness is proposed to be issued, the rate of interest shall be the initial variable rate as estimated by an independent management consultant, or an investment banking firm selected by the College to underwrite the sale of such variable rate indebtedness. (ii) If any part of the Funded Debt outstanding or to be issued is a guarantee by the College of indebtedness of a third person or so-called "pass-through" or "covered" indebtedness (the College having borrowed money to relend to a third person), such Funded Debt shall be excluded if the third person (whose debt is guaranteed or whose payments are expected to service the College's obligations with respect to

such Funded Debt) had a Debt Service Coverage Ratio (including the amount of debt proposed to be incurred in the computation of debt service) of at least 110%. (iii) The amount of debt service with respect to "balloon indebtedness" may, at the option of the College be calculated on a level debt service basis over the period ending the Fiscal Year when the balloon is payable; as used herein, "balloon indebtedness" means Funded Debt 25% or more of the principal of which is due in any 12 month period. (iv) The amount of debt service with respect to "put" indebtedness shall be calculated at the maximum amount of principal of or interest on such indebtedness which the College may be required to purchase or redeem in any Fiscal Year; provided that if there is a written commitment from a bank or other financial institution to refinance the amount of any indebtedness which the College may be required to redeem or purchase, the debt service with respect to such put indebtedness may, at the option of the College, be calculated on the basis of the repayment schedule contemplated by such written commitment, commencing the date such commitment will (unless renewed) expire; "put" indebtedness means Funded Debt (A) which the College may be required, at the option of the holder thereof, to prepay or purchase prior to the stated maturity date thereof, in whole or in part, but if in part, in an amount 25% or more of the original principal amount thereof and (B), if subject to variable rates, is then in an interest rate reset period of more than two years. (v) There shall not be taken into account any part of the Funded Debt of the College which has been refunded, refinanced or otherwise defeased under an arrangement whereby all future payments of such indebtedness will be met from monies and investments held by an indenture trustee or escrow agent, provided that any such investments shall be direct obligations of or obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America. (vi) If any part of such Funded Debt consists of crossover refunding debt, no part of the debt service with respect to such crossover refunding debt shall be taken into account prior to the crossover date, and after the crossover date, no part of the debt service of the refunded debt shall be taken into account. (vii) If any part of such Funded Debt is "nonrecourse" indebtedness or "subordinated" indebtedness, no part of the debt service with respect thereto shall be taken into account: "nonrecourse" indebtedness means indebtedness payable only from a limited fund and secured only by property purchased or acquired from the proceeds of such indebtedness; "subordinated" indebtedness means indebtedness the principal and interest on which are subordinated to payment of the Bonds by a written instrument of the holder, a copy of which is filed with the Trustee. (viii) The amount of any reserve fund for any Funded Debt issued or proposed to be issued may be deducted from debt service for the Fiscal Year or Years in which such Funded Debt finally matures and for payment of which the reserve fund moneys may be used without creating a default.

"Net Income Available for Debt Service" means the Adjusted Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets (plus interest payments on Funded Debt).

"Revenue/Expenditure Test" means the Adjusted Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets shall not be less than zero.

For purposes of (a), (b) and (c) above, all capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the meanings provided for audits of colleges and universities, as applied by the College's auditors in the report of the College's financial statements.

Negative Pledge

The College has agreed not to mortgage, grant a lien upon, pledge, grant a security interest in, make an assignment of its interest in or permit the creation of any encumbrance on the Project Facilities other than Permitted Encumbrances and certain other exceptions permitted by Sections 5.02, 5.03 and 5.11 of the Loan Agreement.

ACCOUNTS

Summary

The Indenture will provide for the creation of certain trust accounts into which certain proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and revenues received as Loan Repayments under the Loan Agreement are to be deposited. These accounts include a Construction Account, a Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, a Reserve Account, and a Redemption Account. Bond proceeds in an amount sufficient, when added to funds in the Series Three-W Trustee's possession that may be applied to redeem the Prior Bonds, shall be deposited in the Series Three-W Redemption Account for the redemption of the Prior Bonds; accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; the amount of the Reserve Requirement shall be deposited to the Reserve Account; and any remaining Bond proceeds will be deposited into the Construction Account. Following Bond closing, amounts received by the Trustee from the College as Loan Repayments are to be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account as required by the Loan Agreement and used, to the extent needed, to redeem or pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Construction Account

There shall be deposited initially into the Construction Account certain proceeds of the Bonds, except as otherwise required to be deposited into the Series Three-W Redemption Account, Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, the Reserve Account, or Redemption Account. In addition to such proceeds of the Bonds, by the Loan Agreement, the College has covenanted that it will provide and apply additional funds, if necessary, which, together with Bond proceeds, will be sufficient to provide for the payment of all Project Costs and all other costs relating to the Project. The Authority shall have no obligation to deposit any moneys in said Construction Account or apply moneys to Project Costs except proceeds of the Bonds or funds made available therefor by the College.

The moneys in the Construction Account shall be held in trust by the Trustee and applied to the payment and reimbursement of Project Costs and pending such application shall be subject to a lien and charge in favor of the Holders of the Bonds and shall be held for the further security of such Holders until paid out.

Payments may be made from the Construction Account for costs of improvement, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project ("Project Costs"), provided, however, that proceeds of the Bonds may not be applied to the costs of issuance thereof (including underwriting discount) in an amount in excess of two percent of the proceeds (par value less original issue discount according to the reoffering scale) of the Bonds.

Project Costs shall be paid only upon written order of the Authorized Institution Representative provided that interest accruing on the Bonds during the Construction Period may be paid from the Construction Account.

Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account

Initially there shall be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account the amount of Bond proceeds representing accrued interest, if any, which is to be used to pay interest on the Bonds. Deposits shall be made to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account from transfers of amounts in other accounts, as permitted by the Indenture, and from Loan Repayments made by the College. Deposits into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account shall be made at least five (5) Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Date in amounts equal to interest and, if applicable, principal due on such Interest Payment Date.

The moneys and investments in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account will be irrevocably pledged to and shall be used by the Trustee, from time to time, to the extent required, for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when such principal and interest shall become due and payable and for that purpose only.

Reserve Account

There shall be initially deposited into the Reserve Account from Bond proceeds the amount of the Reserve Requirement. Funds in the Reserve Account are irrevocably pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, as may be required from time to time. All amounts paid by the College as Loan Repayments not deposited or required to be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or the Redemption Account will be deposited into the Reserve Account in order to maintain the Reserve Account in an amount not less than the Reserve Requirement.

In the event that a withdrawal of funds from the Reserve Account reduces the balance therein to a sum less than the Reserve Requirement, the College shall forthwith restore the deficiency, provided that if such funds are withdrawn in order to make any rebate payment required to be made by the Authority under the Loan Agreement, the Authority shall restore such deficiency or shall reimburse the College for amounts so withdrawn. Investments in the Reserve Account shall be valued at market value. Investments in the Reserve Account shall be valued by the Trustee not less frequently than as of the first day of the calendar month next preceding March 1, 2005 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter. If upon any valuation date, the amount on deposit in the Reserve Account (exclusive of accrued but unrealized interest on moneys or investments therein) is more than the lesser of the amount of the Reserve Requirement or the amount permitted for a reasonably required reserve fund under the Arbitrage Regulations, the Trustee shall forthwith transfer the excess to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account. If on any valuation date the amount on deposit in the Reserve Account is less than the amount of the Reserve Requirement, then (unless the value of the amount on deposit exceeds the amount allowed for a reasonably required reserve fund under the Arbitrage Regulations) such deficiency shall be restored to an amount equal to the amount of the Reserve Requirement within not more than 30 days.

Interest and income in the Reserve Account shall be transferred first, to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account to the extent the amount on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account is less than the amount permitted for a bona fide debt service fund under the Arbitrage Regulations, and second, to the Redemption Account any excess interest and income. When the moneys and investments in the Reserve Account shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all outstanding Bonds when due, such moneys and investments shall be transferred, as appropriate, into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or the Redemption Account; provided that the Trustee is authorized, in its discretion, to use funds and investments in the Reserve Account to pay the amount of any rebate due the United States in respect of the Bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority shall have failed to pay or provide for the payment thereof under the Loan Agreement.

Redemption Account

There shall be deposited into the Redemption Account all other amounts required to be deposited therein pursuant to any provision of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture.

Amounts on deposit to the credit of the Redemption Account shall be used, first, to make up deficiencies in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; second, to create and maintain the Reserve Requirement in the Reserve Account; and, third, for the redemption of outstanding Bonds at the request or direction of the College and for the purchase of outstanding Bonds on the market at prices not exceeding the redemption price on the next available date for redemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee is authorized in its discretion to use funds and investments in the Redemption Account to pay the amount of any rebate due the United States in respect of the Bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority shall have failed to pay or provide for the payment thereof under the Loan Agreement.

Authorized Investments

Moneys on deposit to the credit of the Construction Account, the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, the Reserve Account, and the Redemption Account shall be invested by the Trustee only in investments as authorized by Minnesota law from time to time. Section 5.04 of the Indenture sets forth specific parameters as to type, credit quality, and maturity of investments.

GENERAL BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT

Pursuant to its General Bond Resolution adopted October 31, 1972, the Authority has established and maintains a General Bond Reserve Account. In general, the General Bond Reserve Account secures certain Bonds of the Authority for which a deposit is made into the General Bond Reserve Account in compliance with the General Bond Resolution. In connection with the Bonds, the Authority will not require that the College deposit funds into the General Bond Reserve Account. The Bonds will not be secured by the General Bond Reserve Account, and Bondholders will have no right to require the Authority to apply moneys or investments in the General Bond Reserve Account to the payment of the Bonds or interest thereon.

FUTURE FINANCINGS

The College regularly improves, expands and changes its physical plant and incurs long-term financing as needed for these purposes. The College does not anticipate financing any such projects with debt within the next six months.

THE AUTHORITY

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority was created by Chapter 868, Laws of Minnesota, 1971 (Sections 136A.25 through 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes), for the purpose of assisting institutions of higher education within the State in the construction and financing of projects. The Authority consists of eight members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. A representative of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office and the President of the Minnesota Private College Council, who is a non-voting member, are also members of the Authority.

Marianne T. Remedios has been the Executive Director of the Authority since May 1, 2000.

Elaine J. Yungerberg has been Assistant Executive Director of the Authority since 1993.

The Authority is authorized and empowered to issue revenue bonds whose aggregate outstanding principal amount at any time shall not exceed \$800 million. The Authority has had 140 issues (including refunded and retired issues) totaling over \$1 billion, of which approximately \$580 million is outstanding as of June 1, 2004. Bonds issued by the Authority are payable only from the loan repayments, rentals, and other revenues and moneys pledged for their payment. The bonds of the Authority do not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith or credit or moral obligation of the State.

Educational institutions eligible for assistance by the Authority are generally private nonprofit educational institutions authorized to provide a program of education beyond the high school level. Under current statutory authority, public community and technical colleges in the State are also eligible for assistance, but only in financing of child-care and parking facilities. In addition, pursuant to special legislation, the Authority has twice issued bonds on behalf of a public community college for housing purposes. Sectarian institutions are not eligible for assistance; however, the fact that an institution is sponsored by a religious denomination does not of itself make the institution sectarian. Application to the Authority is voluntary.

The scope of projects for which the Authority may issue bonds is broad, including buildings or facilities for use as student housing, academic buildings, parking facilities, day-care centers, and other structures or facilities required or useful for the instruction of students, or conducting of research, in the operation of an institution of higher education.

While the Authority retains broad powers to oversee planning and construction, it is current policy to permit the institution almost complete discretion with respect to these matters.

The Authority is also authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds of the Authority then outstanding, including payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest accrued or to accrue to the earliest or any subsequent date of redemption.

The operations of the Authority are financed solely from fees paid by the participating institutions; it has no taxing power.

Bond issuance costs, including fees of bond counsel, the financial advisor and trustee, are paid by the participating institution.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The Authority has retained Springsted Incorporated, Public Finance Advisors, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing the Official Statement, the Financial Advisor has relied upon College officials, and other sources, who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement, and the Financial Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Financial Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the Authority to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards. The Financial Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased by RBC Dain Rauscher Inc. (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a purchase price of \$7,820,651.05 (representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds less an underwriter's discount of \$79,650.00 and original issue discount of \$64,698.95) plus accrued interest.

The Underwriter intends to offer the Bonds to the public initially at the offering prices set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices.

The College has agreed in the Bond Purchase Agreement to indemnify the Underwriter and the Authority against certain civil liabilities, including certain potential liabilities under federal securities laws.

RATING

As noted on the cover hereof, Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has assigned a rating of "Baa2" to the Bonds. This rating reflects only the view of such rating agency. Further information concerning the rating is available from Moody's.

There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time or that it may not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

LITIGATION

The Authority and the College are unaware of any pending or threatened litigation which would affect the validity of the Bonds or materially affect the ability of the College to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

LEGALITY

The Bonds will be subject to the unqualified approving opinion as to validity and tax exemption by Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., of Duluth, Minnesota as Bond Counsel. A legal opinion in substantially the form set out in Appendix II herein will be delivered at Bond Closing.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the College by Hughes Mathews, P.A., of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; and for the Underwriter by Leonard Street & Deinard of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TAX EXEMPTION

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, (1) provisions relating to the expenditure of Bond proceeds, (2) provisions which prescribe yield and other limits relative to the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and other amounts, (3) provisions which require that certain investment earnings be rebated periodically to the Federal government and (4) provisions relating to the ownership and operation of the facilities financed or refinanced by the Bonds. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income for purposes of Federal and State income taxation retroactive to their date of original issue, irrespective in some cases of the date on which such noncompliance is ascertained.

The Loan Agreement and Indenture contain provisions (the "Tax Covenants") including covenants of the Authority and the College, pursuant to which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, such requirements can be satisfied. The Tax Covenants do not relate to all the continuing requirements referred to in the preceding paragraph. If a Determination of Taxability occurs, however, whether or not as a result of violation of any of the Tax Covenants, the outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption without premium, and the Bonds shall bear additional interest at a rate of two percent (2%) per annum from the Date of Taxability until the respective dates on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. (See "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS – The Loan Agreement – Determination of Taxability" in Appendix V). A determination that interest on the Bonds is includable in the computation of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code is not a Determination of Taxability.

Assuming compliance with the Tax Covenants and on the basis of the certifications to be furnished at Bond Closing, in the opinion of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Bond Counsel, under present laws and rulings: interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes or in the taxable income of individuals, estates and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in determining federal alternative minimum taxable income of individuals and corporations or the Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals, estates and trusts. However, the interest is includable in "adjusted current earnings" for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum taxable income of subject to the Minnesota franchise tax imposed on corporations, including financial institutions, measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base.

The Code imposes a branch profits tax equal to 30% of the "dividend equivalent amount" which is measured by "earnings and profits" effectively connected to the United States, net of certain adjustments. Included in the earnings and profits of a United States branch of a foreign corporation is income that would be effectively connected with a United States trade or business if such income were taxable, such as the interest on the Bonds.

In addition, interest on the Bonds is includable in the net investment income of foreign insurance companies for purposes of Section 842(b) of the Code. In the case of a property, casualty or other insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 831 of the Code, the amount which otherwise would be taken into account as losses incurred under Section 832(b)(5) of the Code must be reduced by an amount equal to 15% of the interest on the Bonds that is received or accrued during the taxable year. In addition, passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to federal income taxation under Section 1375 of the Code for an S corporation that has Subchapter C earnings and profits at the close of the taxable year if more than 25% of its gross receipts is passive investment income.

The Code further provides that interest on the Bonds is includable in the calculation of modified adjusted gross income in determining whether Social Security or railroad retirement payments are to be included in taxable income of individuals.

Bondholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to collateral consequences arising from the receipt of interest on the Bonds, including without limitation the calculations of alternative minimum tax or foreign branch profits tax liability, or the inclusion of social security or other retirement payments in taxable income.

Bond Premium

A Bond will be considered to have been issued at a premium if, and to the extent that, the holder's tax basis in the Bond exceeds the amount payable at maturity (or, in the case of a Bond callable prior to maturity, the amount payable on the earlier call date). The holder will be required to reduce his tax basis in the Bond for purposes of determining gain or loss upon disposition of the Bond by the amount of amortizable bond premium that accrues (determined on a constant yield method) during the period of ownership. No deduction (or other tax benefit) is allowable in respect of any amount of amortizable bond premium on the Bonds.

Original Issue Discount

The dollar amount of the initial offering price to the public of the Bonds with stated maturities in 2009 through 2024, includsive (the "Discount Bonds") is less than the principal amount of such maturities. The difference between the initial public offering price of each such Discount Bond (assuming a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds is sold at such price) and its principal amount represents original issue discount. Under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions, Bond Counsel is of the opinion with respect to the Discount Bonds that the amount of original issue discount constitutes tax-exempt interest to the extent that it is deemed to accrue to an owner for federal and State of Minnesota income tax purposes (other than Minnesota corporate franchise taxes measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base). Original issue discount is deemed to accrue for such purposes on the basis of a constant yield to maturity taking into account semiannual compounding. The amount of original issue discount that accrues during any accrual period to a holder of a Discount Bond who acquires the Discount Bond in this offering generally equals (i) the issue price of such Discount Bond plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (ii) the yield to maturity of such Discount Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), less (iii) any interest payable on such Discount Bond during such accrual period. The amount of original issue discount so accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as stated interest and will increase the holder's tax basis in such Discount Bond. Any gain realized by a holder from a sale, exchange, payment or redemption of a Discount Bond would be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of such Discount Bond.

It is possible under the applicable provisions governing state and local income taxation in states other than Minnesota that interest on Discount Bonds may be taxable in the year of accrual, and may be deemed to accrue earlier than under federal law.

NOT QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The Bonds will not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

THE COLLEGE

Located in St. Joseph, Minnesota, the College of Saint Benedict (the "College") is one of the oldest colleges in the Upper Midwest established for the undergraduate education of women. The Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict received an educational charter in 1887; the first college-level course was offered in 1913.

The College and the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict have been two separate corporate entities since the College was incorporated October 13, 1961. The Bonds do not represent a debt of the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict and the Order has no legal or financial obligations to the College.

The College continues to enroll only women but also educates men through its coordinate relationship with St. John's University, a four-year undergraduate college for men, which is four miles distant from the College of Saint Benedict. The two colleges cooperate in virtually all aspects of college life. They share a single academic enterprise, a single registrar's and admissions department and operate a combined library system, some of which is located on each campus. The academic and administrative computing services are also joint. Requirements for all major programs are the same for students for either college and students attend classes on either campus.

The College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as well as by appropriate professional organizations. The College is also registered with the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

The College admits qualified women without regard to race, color, age, religion or veteran status in accordance with the requirements of federal and State law.

Governance

The College is governed by a Board of Trustees who serve three-year terms renewable twice. The current Board has 39 members. By-laws permit up to 45 members.

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President of the College

The Board of Trustees has appointed MaryAnn Baenninger, Ph.D., as president of the College of Saint Benedict. She will begin her official duties on August 1, 2004. Dr. Baenninger will succeed former president Mary E. Lyons who served as College president from July 1, 1996 until July 1, 2003, when she assumed the presidency of the University of San Diego. Dr. Carol J. Guardo was appointed interim president at the College by the college's Board of Trustees for the 2003-04 academic year, and is acting president until Dr. Baenninger's term begins on August 1, 2004.

Dr. Guardo has been actively involved with both the College and Saint John's University (SJU) in a variety of consulting roles since 1993. She played a critical role in helping to establish the coordinated academic administration for the colleges and led an extensive assessment of the effectiveness of the colleges' coordinated administrative structure. She also assisted the College Board of Trustees with the college's last presidential search in 1995.

Dr. Baenninger currently serves as the executive associate director of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in Philadelphia, Pa. As a senior staff member of the Commission, she acts as liaison to a diverse group of 110 member colleges and universities in the Middle States region. She oversees the evaluation of educational and institutional effectiveness and works with peer reviewers to make recommendations regarding accreditation actions. Prior to her post with the Middle States Commission, Dr. Baenninger was a tenured associate professor in the department of psychology at The College of New Jersey. She also has served on the faculties of Philadelphia University and Washington College. She received her Ph.D. from Temple University in psychology, where she also completed her baccalaureate degree.

Academic Information

The College offers 36 major programs and 31 minor programs of study. The College confers the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. All other four-year programs lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The College's academic year is composed of two semesters. Each semester generally consists of 72 class days and four days of final examinations. A normal course load is considered four, 4-credit classes per semester.

The libraries at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University serve the combined student body with a joint staff and coordinated programs and services. Joint holdings of the two libraries are 680,888 volumes, 2,175 active periodical subscriptions 11,364 electronic periodicals, 284,974 (many are included in the volume count) government documents and 119,665 microforms 33,471 audiovisual materials. An Interlibrary Exchange program provides physical access to the collections of the University of Minnesota and other Minnesota libraries (MINITEX) as well as libraries in the Upper Midwest. Because of the strong computing network, students and faculty can utilize these resources from virtually any computer on campus – be it in their office, dorm room, or in one of the well-equipped public access computing areas

Campus and Buildings

The College's campus is located on 67 acres in the City of St. Joseph. The physical facilities include 21 main campus buildings. The physical plant and contents are insured at replacement values of approximately \$121,000,000. The College manages the campus power plant, owned by the Order. In 2001 the College constructed a chiller plant adjacent to the power plant to provide air conditioning to most of the buildings on campus.

The oldest building on campus is St. Gertrude Hall, constructed in 1898. St. Teresa Hall and the Chapel were constructed in the 1910's. The College has completed building programs during the past 40 years with the most recent being remodeling of Mary Hall Commons; the construction of a 7,680 square foot bookstore and a second floor above the bookstore for student development offices which occurred in 2000. The Haehn Campus Center which opened January 1, 1996, includes a dining area, non-alcoholic nightclub, a 350-person capacity meeting room/dining area, several meeting rooms on the lower level, office space for student organizations and the College athletic department, and a fieldhouse. The fieldhouse includes four basketball courts and provides recreational space, including running and walking tracks, for intramurals for students from both the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University. A weight room is next to the fieldhouse. This complex is adjacent to Claire Lynch Gym and the swimming pool.

The Ardolf Science Center is a state-of-the-art science facility which opened in fall of 1992. The 42,857 square foot science building is divided into three separate sections: faculty offices, laboratories/curriculum support and general classrooms. The Science Center houses two departments, chemistry and nutrition, and, in that physical placement, recognizes the connection between the two disciplines. The labs have 57 fume hoods which provide increased safety, completely exchanging the air in the labs 11 to 45 times an hour.

The 54,000 square foot Clemens Library opened in the fall of 1986. The library provides study space for over 500 students and provides extensive computer and video equipment for student use. The library has particularly strong collections in the fields of literature, religion, women's studies, fine arts and nursing.

The Benedicta Arts Center was completed in 1964 and is a primary academic facility for art, music, theater and dance as well as a main cultural resource center for the region. The Arts Center contains a 1,000-seat auditorium, a 300-seat theater, two art galleries and other supporting facilities for the arts. An extensive music library is also housed in the Arts Center.

The College has the following residence halls: Brian Hall, built in 1996 for 119 students; Frank and Lottie Ardolf Hall ("Lottie Hall"), built in 1994, for 250 students; Margretta Hall, built in 1988 for 150 students; the East Apartments, built in 1975 and renovated in 2001 which increased the capacity from 196 to 230 students; the West Apartments, built in 1971, for approximately 250 students; and the Mary Hall complex, built during 1956-1969, accommodating 511 students.

Currently, approximately 75% of the student body resides on campus. The present housing capacity is approximately 1,536 and in spring 2004 the occupancy level was 95.1%.

Computer Capability

The College receives its technology planning and support from the Information Technology Services ("IT Services") department. IT Services is a joint department having similar responsibilities for Saint John's University (SJU.) IT Services provides state of the art technological infrastructure, networking, training, and service and support to the faculty, staff, and students at the College and at St. John's University.

Student Body

The College's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment on campus for the past five years has been:

	Fall Term	<u>FTE</u>
Actual:	1999	1,962
	2000	1,978
	2001	2,043
	2002	2,026
	2003	2,011

Approximately 82.4% of the students at the College are from Minnesota. A total of 31 states and 25 foreign countries were represented during the 2003-04 academic year.

Applications, Acceptances and Enrollments

Applications, acceptances and enrollments for first-year students for the past five academic years are as follows:

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Applications Acceptances Percent Accepted	1,159 1,024 88.4%	1,360 1,092 80.3%	1,431 1,172 81.9%	1,274 1,085 85.2%	1,174 1,057 90.0%
Enrolled Percent Enrolled	515	514	556	516	502
to Accepted	50.3%	47.1%	47.4%	47.6%	47.5%
ACT	24.5	24.9	25.2	24.8	24.8

Tuition and Fees

The College meets the costs of its educational programs primarily through tuition and fees. The following table lists the fees charged full-time students for the past four academic years and as adopted by the Board of Trustees for the 2004-05 academic year.

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Tuition for First Year Student Room*	\$16,995	\$18,015	\$18,916	\$20,335	\$21,758
Board	2,850 2,422	2,950 2,656	3,053 2,736	3,169 2,818	3,292 2,916
Activity Fee Technology Fee	100 96	100 150	110 150	110 170	120 190
Campus Center Fee	50	50	70	70	80
Total	\$22,513	\$23,921	\$25,035	\$26,672	\$28,356

* Average room charges; may be more or less depending on residence hall and number of students per room.

Certain other fees may be charged depending on the course of study.

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	Tuition and	Room and	Comprehensive
<u>College/University</u>	Required Fees	Board	<u>Charges</u>
Carleton College	\$30,666	\$6,309	\$36,975
Macalester College	\$26,806	\$7,350	\$34,156
St. Olaf College	\$25,150	\$5,800	\$30,950
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	\$23,910	\$5,550	\$29,460
Gustavus Adolphus College	\$22,955	\$5,810	\$28,765
University of St. Thomas	\$21,828	\$6,838	\$28,666
Hamline University	\$22,083	\$6,346	\$28,429
College of Saint Benedict	\$22,148	\$6,208	\$28,356
Saint John's University	\$22,148	\$6,027	\$28,175
College of St. Catherine	\$21,050	\$5,808	\$26,858
Augsburg College	\$20,758	\$6,080	\$26,838
College of St. Scholastica	\$20,760	\$5,916	\$26,676
Bethel College	\$19,990	\$6,570	\$26,560
Concordia University, St. Paul	\$19,928	\$6,156	\$26,084
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	\$17,905	\$5,470	\$23,375
Concordia College, Moorhead	\$17,770	\$4,690	\$22,460
Bethany Lutheran College	\$14,742	\$4,982	\$19,724
AVERAGE	\$21,800	\$5,995	\$27,795

Comparison of Undergraduate Charges for Minnesota Private Colleges (2004-2005)

* These are "standard," fulltime, academic year charges for new entering students. Several colleges have differential tuition for upper-level students or other policies that result in some variation across class levels and students.

NOTE: Comprehensive charges are reduced for many students through financial assistance. Approximately 87 percent of private college students apply for and receive financial assistance, with the amounts and types of aid determined in relation to family resources, calculated need, government formulas and financial aid funding and other factors. Typical assistance provided to students includes Federal and State grants (if applicant qualifies), institutional grants, loans and work-study determined in relation to the student's needs and other factors.

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Financial Aid

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04*
Grants/Scholarships:					
College (President's, CSB Grant, etc)	\$9,050,063	\$10,267,024	\$11,524,380	\$12,528,902	\$13,729,632
Annual Gifts (Alliss, Reunion, MPCC, etc.)	482,780	520,189	873,376	436,237	446,835
Endowments	497,048	539,664	610,108	649,032	550,900
Tuition Waivers	858,653	1,008,700	1,125,920	1,134,782	1,418,450
Federal Pell	707,692	740,645	801,977	870,480	906,481
Federal SEOG	518,476	534,102	450,102	450,102	450,102
State (MN Grant)	2,888,802	2,796,060	2,610,810	2,403,526	2,242,528
Private (Outside Scholarships)	815,163	977,907	1,094,664	1,093,173	1,000,156
Total Grants & Scholarships	\$15,818,677	\$17,384,291	\$19,091,337	\$19,566,234	\$20,745,084
Loans:					
Perkins	779,739	747,935	934,043	1,216,109	1,412,057
Stafford (subsidized and unsubsidized)	4,834,722	4,768,809	4,810,247	4,843,211	5,232,716
SELF	2,259,129	2,276,320	2,427,788	2,468,001	2,562,150
PLUS (Parent Loan)	925,390	905,563	1,311,703	1,425,430	1,742,777
Private (Alternative Loans)	215,332	341,663	432,923	679,903	913,958
Total Loans	\$9,014,312	\$9,040,290	\$9,916,704	\$10,632,654	\$11,863,658
Student Employment: Federal	909,751	586,155	765,007	1,263,757	1,023,873
State	786,975	905,736	705,007 544,144	1,203,737	280,067
Institutional	,	,	,		,
	<u>539,880</u>	<u>661,532</u>	<u>830,122</u> \$2,139,273	<u>813,221</u>	<u>771,172</u> \$2,075,112
Total Student Employment	\$2,236,606	\$2,153,423	\$2,139,273	\$2,076,978	\$2,075,112
Total Financial Aid	<u>\$27,069,595</u>	<u>\$28,578,004</u>	<u>\$31,147,314</u>	<u>\$32,275,866</u>	<u>\$34,683,854</u>
Number of Students Receiving Aid	1,776	1,837	1,881	1,904	1,901

*as of May 18, 2004

Faculty and Staff

The student-faculty ratio is approximately 13.3 to 1. Nine percent of the faculty are Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict. There are no religious or denominational prerequisites or any participatory religious requirements for faculty membership. The College subscribes to the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom of the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges.

Total employment of the College is 397 full-time equivalent. The College employs 142 full-time faculty, 120 of whom are tenured, and 27 part-time faculty. Average salaries by full-time faculty rank are:

<u>Rank</u>	Number	Average Salary
Professor	40	\$64,670
Associate Professor	42	\$52,467
Assistant Professor	37	\$44,532
Other	5	\$29,467

Pension Plans

The College participates in one retirement plan: a Section 403(b) annuity plan sponsored by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association ("T.I.A.A.") for faculty, administrative staff and support staff. The T.I.A.A. plan covers certain faculty, administrative and support staff employees with contributions based upon salary levels of the participants. The College's share of contributions to the plan was \$1,052,439 in Fiscal Year 2003 and \$1,024,071 in Fiscal Year 2002.

Capital Campaign

The College completed a campaign in the fall of 1996 of \$30,566,740, exceeding the goal of \$26.4 million by 15 percent. The campaign supported capital, endowment and annual funds. The College is in the quiet phase of a capital campaign expected to realize \$75-100 million dollars.

Endowment Funds

Following is a five-year history of the ending fund balances, based on market value, of the College's Endowment and Similar Funds and Annuity Funds.

Years Ended June 30	Endowment <u>Funds</u>	Quasi-endowment <u>Funds</u>	Annuity <u>Funds</u>
2003	\$13,286,668	\$4,659,225	\$306,081
2002	12,667,588	4,926,897	121,898
2001	12,923,771	5,672,360	156,617
2000	13,006,934	6,568,775	192,470
1999	10,655,154	5,443,526	109,919

Endowment includes amounts in unrestricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

Gifts and Grants

Gifts and grants revenues received from federal, State and private sources for the past five years have been:

Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>
2003	\$879,258	\$4,195,865	\$5,271,938
2002	1,022,015	1,275,590	2,384,543
2001	968,547	1,131,842	1,871,152
2000	939,951	1,116,121	999,264
1999	549,762	2,852,220	491,273

Summaries of Unrestricted Revenues, Expenditures and Transfers

The following table summarizes the College's statements of unrestricted activities for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1999 through 2003. For more complete information of the College for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, see Appendix VI of this Official Statement.

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

STATEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30,

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT					
Tuition and fees	\$ 30,196,233	\$ 32,298,949	\$ 34,408,676	\$ 37,394,134	\$ 39,337,055
Less: Scholarships and grants	(9,730,760)	(10,535,954)	(11,862,211)	(13,124,686)	(14,064,273)
Net tuition and fees	20,465,473	21,762,995	22,546,465	24,269,448	25,272,782
Government grants					
Federal	1,199,612	1,174,386	1,092,678	1,224,813	1,240,571
State	403,082	626,855	630,927	377,954	
Private gifts and grants	549,762	939,951	968,547	1,022,015	879,258
Other investment income	1,120,072	1,397,587	1,128,425	800,764	463,347
Endowment income	110,388	84,638	139,904	132,156	99,682
Net realized gains on investments	375,915	390,897	147,219	44,299	20,133
Ne unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(537,770)	813,822	(2,615,000)	(1,929,724)	116,509
Other sources	758,820	672,562	1,610,843	994,707	922,379
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises					
Residence halls	4,071,274	4,353,666	4,695,787	5,039,308	5,193,961
Food service	3,117,813	3,161,430	3,375,216	3,726,063	3,850,764
Other auxiliaries	4,081,588	3,976,605	4,206,848	4,444,560	4,206,063
	35,716,029	39,355,394	37,927,859	40,146,363	42,265,449
Net assets released from restrictions	1,011,696	2,989,913	1,839,088	1,849,923	2,091,249
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	36,727,725	42,345,307	39,766,947	41,996,286	44,356,698
EXPENSES					
Program expenses					
Instruction	11,395,976	12,019,412	12,625,487	13,870,595	14,214,703
Academic support	4,683,930	5,166,383	5,770,891	5,572,013	5,440,253
Student services	4,165,339	4,275,018	4,453,167	4,858,495	4,730,748
Auxiliary enterprises					
Residence halls	3,645,776	3,536,925	2,809,660	3,579,994	3,600,172
Food service	2,921,153	2,893,946	3,212,160	3,812,581	3,519,147
Other auxiliaries	3,563,068	3,930,449	4,298,559	4,552,960	4,312,210
Support expenses	-,,	-,,	, ,	,,	,- , -
Institutional support	5,935,803	5,526,261	6,561,897	6,724,158	6,956,876
Total expenses	36,311,045	37,348,394	39,731,821	42,970,796	42,774,109
Change in Net Assets before					
Extraordinary Loss	416,680	4,996,913	35,126	(974,510)	1,582,589
Extraordinary loss	(778,626)				
Change in Net Assets	(361,946)	4,996,913	35,126	(974,510)	1,582,589
Net Assets Beginning of Year	41,625,033	41,263,087	46,260,000	46,295,126	45,320,616
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 41,263,087	\$ 46,260,000	\$ 46,295,126	\$ 45,320,616	\$ 46,903,205

Source: audited financial statements of the College

Budget Summaries

Below are summaries of the College's budgeted unrestricted revenue and expenses for Fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON REPORT

	APPROVED BUDGET FY 2004	APPROVED BUDGET FY 2005	
REVENUES	1 1 2001	112000	
Educational and General Revenues			
Tuition & Fees	\$ 41,521,916	\$ 44,213,289	
Tuition Discount	(14,939,079)	(16,521,152)	
Net Tuition and Fees	26,582,837	27,692,137	
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Government Grants	1,088,071	1,088,071	
Private Gifts & Grants	1,605,677	1,718,557	
Endowment Income	1,089,357	927,989	
Other Sources	290,568	290,568	
Auxiliary Support for Financial Aid	1,794,518	1,803,491	
TOTAL E&G REVENUES	32,451,028	33,520,813	
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Food Service	3,800,465	3,879,502	
Residence Halls	5,076,708	5,222,849	
Bookstore	2,231,000	2,237,500	
Telecomm	557,505	525,526	
Other Sources	1,814,956	1,800,347	
Auxiliary Support for Financial Aid	(1,794,518)	(1,803,491)	
TOTAL AUXILIARY REVENUES	11,686,116	11,862,233	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 44,137,144	\$ 45,383,046	
EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS			
Educational and General Expenditures			
Instructional	\$ 12,775,552	\$ 13,097,403	
Academic Support	4,098,316	4,202,394	
Student Services	4,170,755	4,337,848	
Institutional Support	6,936,888	7,135,359	
Operations & Maintenance	2,867,197	2,983,720	
Market & Range Salary Adjustments	-	159,512	
Furloughs and Vacant Positions on Hold	(152,040)	(152,760)	
Transfer to Stabilization Reserve	317,338	332,187	
Capital	113,250	113,250	
Transfer to Debt Service	553,284	553,199	
Transfer to Repair and Replacement	186,164	320,000	
TOTAL E&G EXPENDITURES	31,866,704	33,082,112	
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Food Service	2,744,193	2,833,683	
Residence Halls	3,283,583	3,356,295	
Bookstore	2,407,975	2,434,442	
Telecomm	347,172	340,070	
Other	1,773,933	1,770,628	
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	855,400	970,900	
Transfer to Repair and Replacement Fund	636,656	543,055	
TOTAL AUXILIARY EXPENDITURES	12,048,912	12,249,073	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	43,915,616	45,331,185	
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NET REVENUES	\$ 221,528	\$ 51,861	

Long-Term Debt of the College as of June 1, 2004

- 1. \$17,475,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Three-W, dated March 15, 1994; final maturity March 1, 2020; \$3,915,000 is outstanding. The Series Three-W Bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College; a first lien on the base rent and other income of the Frank and Lottie Ardolf Hall and Margretta Hall; and a debt service reserve. These bonds were partially refunded by the College's Series Four-T bonds and will be fully refunded with proceeds from the Bonds.
- 2. \$3,000,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Four-G (College of Saint Benedict), dated July 1, 1996; final maturity March 1, 2016; \$2,130,000 is outstanding. The Series Four-G Bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College; a security interest in the rents, charges, and fees of Brian Hall; and a debt service reserve.
- 3. \$25,430,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Four-T (College of Saint Benedict), dated July 15, 1998; final maturity March 1, 2020; \$22,390,000 is outstanding. The Series Four-T Bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College; and a debt service reserve.
- 4. The Bonds.

Total of long-term debt outstanding as of June 1, 2004, adjusted to exclude the Series Three-W Bonds to be refunded with proceeds from the Bonds, is \$24,520,000. The College's long-term debt will increase by the principal amount of the Bonds upon issuance.

Annual Debt Service by Fiscal Year and Coverage Statement

The table on the following page sets forth the estimated debt service on the Bonds and debt service on the College's currently outstanding long-term debt excluding the Series Three-W Bonds for each fiscal year during the term of the existing indebtedness of the College. Column 6 shows coverage of such annual debt service by the amount of College revenue that was available for debt service for the year ended June 30, 2003, as further detailed in footnote (c) of the table. Actual long-term debt of the College may increase in the future as additional capital projects are undertaken.

The table on the following page is intended merely to show the relationship of Fiscal Year 2003 revenues of the College available for the payment of debt service to a *pro forma* statement of combined annual debt service of the College after giving effect to the defeasance of the outstanding Series Three-W Bonds and an assumed interest rate and amortization on the Bonds. The table is not intended and should not be considered a projection of future revenues, expenses, debt service or debt service coverage of the College. There is no assurance that the future revenues, expenses, debt service relationships thereof will correspond to the revenues, expenses and debt service or the respective relationships thereof shown by or reflected in the following table.

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Series Five-W, College of Saint Benedict Annual Debt Service by Fiscal Year and *Pro Forma* Coverage Statement

Fiscal					
Year		Outstanding	Combined	Amount	Estimated
Ending	Debt Service	Long-term	Long-term	Available for	Coverage
<u>June 30,</u>	on the Bonds (a)) Debt Service (b)	Debt Service	Debt Service (c)	<u>(times)</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
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2005	\$ 407,948		\$ 2,926,025	\$ 5,127,379	1.75
2006	640,296		3,161,124	5,127,379	1.62
2007	638,016		3,153,149	5,127,379	1.63
2008	639,466	2,521,263	3,160,729	5,127,379	1.62
2009	639,436	2,515,013	3,154,449	5,127,379	1.63
2010	643,380	2,519,998	3,163,378	5,127,379	1.62
2011	640,980	2,523,058	3,164,038	5,127,379	1.62
2012	642,780	2,521,598	3,164,378	5,127,379	1.62
2013	638,290	2,520,124	3,158,414	5,127,379	1.62
2014	643,025	2,518,930	3,161,955	5,127,379	1.62
2015	641,150	2,518,848	3,159,998	5,127,379	1.62
2016	641,650	2,523,063	3,164,713	5,127,379	1.62
2017	641,150	1,910,998	2,552,148	5,127,379	2.01
2018	639,650		2,557,105	5,127,379	2.01
2019	642,150		1,385,980	5,127,379	3.70
2020	638,400		1,386,385	5,127,379	3.70
2021	638,650		638,650	5,127,379	8.03
2022	641,350		641,350	5,127,379	7.99
2023	642,475		642,475	5,127,379	7.98
2024	642,025		642,025	5,127,379	7.99
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\$ 12,582,268 \$ 35,556,196 \$ 48,138,464

- (a) Interest rates and principal amounts are based on the bond sales results obtained on June 23, 2004. True Interest Cost on the Bonds is 5.099%.
- (b) Excludes debt service on Series Three-W, refunded with Bond proceeds.
- (c) Calculation of amount available for debt service for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2003:

Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets Plus:	\$ 1,582,589
Depreciation and amortization Debt service interest Unrealized losses on investments	2,987,079 1,663,795 -
Other additions Less:	-
Net assets released from restriction for land, buildings and equipment Unrealized gains on investments Other reductions	(989,575) (116,509) -
Amount available for debt service	\$ 5,127,379

### PROPOSED FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

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#### \$7,965,000 MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES FIVE-W (COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT)

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the "Authority") of its fully registered (initially book-entry) Revenue Bonds, Series Five-W (College of Saint Benedict), in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,965,000 (the "Bonds"), dated July 1, 2004. The Bonds mature on March 1 in the years 2005 through 2014 and on March 1, 2020 and 2024, and bear interest at the interest rates per annum specified in the Indenture (defined below) for each maturity subject to an increase in such interest rates in the event of a Determination of Taxability. The Bonds are subject to optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption prior to maturity as provided in the Indenture.

The Bonds are issued for the purpose of funding a loan from the Authority to the College of Saint Benedict (the "College"), a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, located in St. Joseph, Minnesota, in order to finance (i) the refunding of an outstanding series of bonds namely, the Authority's \$17,475,000 Revenue Bonds, Series Three-W (College of Saint Benedict) and (ii) a project consisting of the construction, acquisition, equipping and improvement of educational facilities, as further described in the Loan Agreement. We have examined executed counterparts of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Authority and the College and the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee (the "Trustee") each dated as of June 15, 2004, one or more opinions of Hughes Mathews, P.A., as counsel to the College, the form of the Bonds prepared for execution, and such other documents as we deemed necessary for the purpose of the following opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon certified proceedings, documents and certifications furnished to us by public officials and officials of the College without undertaking to verify such facts by independent investigation. We have also relied upon the opinion of Hughes Mathews, P.A. as to the Loan Agreement having been duly authorized and executed and being binding upon the College, as to the corporate organization, tax-exempt status, good standing and powers of the College, and as to title to the Project Site (as defined in the Loan Agreement and Indenture), all without examining the records of the College or original title records or abstracts of title.

We have not been engaged or undertaken to verify the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds, and we express no opinion relating thereto (except to the extent, if any, stated in the Official Statement).

Based on our examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof, as follows:

- 1. The Authority is an agency of the State of Minnesota with authority under Sections 136A.25 to 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, to issue the Bonds, to loan the proceeds thereof to the College and to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and the Indenture to secure the Bonds.
- 2. The Loan Agreement and the Indenture are valid and binding instruments of the parties thereto, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- 3. The Bonds are secured by the assignment of the loan repayments payable by the College under the Loan Agreement to the Trustee, scheduled to be made in amounts and at times sufficient (if timely paid in full) to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, and by the pledge of the funds and investments held by the Trustee under the Indenture and by the pledge of funds and rights to payment held by the Trustee, as assignee, under the Loan Agreement.
- 4. Assuming compliance with certain covenants in the Loan Agreement and Indenture, under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions as presently construed, the interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation or in taxable income of individuals, estates and trusts for purposes of Minnesota income taxation. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference required to be included in the computation of "alternative minimum taxable income" for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals under Section 55 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals, trusts and estates. Interest on the Bonds, however, is includable in "adjusted current earnings" for purposes of the computation of "alternative minimum taxable income" of corporations under Section 55 of the Code and is subject to the Minnesota franchise tax imposed upon corporations, including financial institutions, measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base. The Bonds are not arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code. The Bonds are "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141(a) and "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" within the meaning of Section 145 of the Code. Ownership of the Bonds will result in disallowance of a deduction for a portion of the interest expense of a "financial institution" under Section 265(b) of the Code. Reference is made to the caption "Tax Exemption" in the Official Statement for a description of the effect of certain provisions of the Code relating to, among other things, the branch profits tax imposed on foreign corporations, losses incurred by property and casualty insurance companies, Subchapter C earnings of S corporations, net investment income of foreign corporations, and the taxability of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits.

The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds, the Indenture and the Loan Agreement may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and receivership proceedings and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with principles of equity.

Dated: July 8, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

# INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

### Annual Reporting

The Annual Report Date will be the earlier of (a) thirty days after the Board of Trustees of the College approves and accepts the audited financial statements or (b) 270 days after the fiscal year-end, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The Annual Report will contain:

- 1. Audited financial statements for the most recent complete fiscal year.
- 2. The following financial and operating data contained in Appendix I to the Final Official Statement:
  - a. Information as of the end of the most recent complete academic or fiscal year, as appropriate, of the matters covered by the Sections entitled:
    - Student Body
    - Applications, Acceptances and Enrollments
    - Tuition and Fees
    - Financial Aid
    - Faculty and Staff
  - b. Information as to gifts, bequests and grant support for the most recent complete fiscal year, identifying major sources.
  - c. Information as to any publicly-announced capital campaign, including stated goals and progress toward the goals.

#### Material Events to be Disclosed

The events enumerated in Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are to be disclosed, if material, are as follows:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of security holders;
- (viii) The giving of notice to redeem any Bonds other than for a sinking fund redemption;
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities and;
- (xi) Rating changes.

#### **DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS**

Act: Sections 136A.25 to 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, as amended.

*Additional Bonds*: Any Additional Bonds issued by the Authority on behalf of the College pursuant to the Indenture.

Authority: The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Authorized Authority Representative: The person at the time designated to act on behalf of the Authority by written certificate furnished to the College and the Trustee, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the Authority by its Chair, Secretary or Executive Director or any officer authorized to act on behalf of the foregoing officers. Such certificate may designate an alternate or alternates.

Authorized Denominations: \$5,000 and any integral multiples thereof.

Authorized Institution Representative: The person at the time designated to act on behalf of the College by written certificate furnished to the Authority and the Trustee, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the College by the Chair, Vice Chair or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees or the President or a Vice President of the Institution. Such certificate may designate an alternate or alternates.

*Authorized Investments*: Investments authorized for moneys in the accounts created under the Indenture and described in Section 5.04 thereof.

*Beneficial Owner*: With respect to any Authorized Denomination of a Bond in DTC book-entry form, each person who beneficially owns such Bond in such Authorized Denomination and on whose behalf, directly or indirectly, such authorized denomination of Bond is held by the Depository pursuant to the DTC book-entry system.

*Board of Trustees*: The Board of Trustees of the College, including any Executive Committee or other committee authorized to act for such board.

*Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account*: The account established pursuant to the Indenture into which the Authority and Trustee shall deposit certain moneys for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Bond Closing: The original issuance, sale and delivery of any series of Bonds.

*Bond Resolution*: The Series Resolution of the Authority adopted on June 16, 2004, authorizing the Series Five-W Bonds, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented by any amendments or modifications thereof.

*Bond Year*: With respect to the Series Five-W Bonds, (a) the period from the Issue Date to the close of business on March 1, 2005 and (b) each succeeding 12-month period ending at the close of business on March 1 of each year in which the outstanding Series Five-W Bonds, if paid at their stated maturity dates, will be outstanding.

*Bonds*: Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Five-W (College of Saint Benedict) and any Additional Bonds.

*Building Equipment:* Those items of goods, equipment, furnishings, furniture, inventory, machinery or other tangible personal property now or hereafter owned by the College and

located on the Project Site acquired with funds other than the proceeds of the Bonds or the Prior Bonds.

*Business Day*: Any day other than Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday in the State of Minnesota or any other day that the Depository or banks in Minnesota are not open for business.

*College*: College of Saint Benedict, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.

*Construction Account:* The account established under the Indenture for the deposit of certain Bond proceeds to be used for the payment of Project Costs.

*Construction Period*: The period between the date of commencement of acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Project and the completion date set forth in the Certificate of the Project Supervisor furnished pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

*Date of Taxability*: The date as of which the interest on the Bonds is determined to be includable in the gross income of the Owners thereof, provided that no Bond shall bear additional interest for any period for which the statute of limitations shall be a bar to the assertion or collection of a deficiency of federal income taxes from the Owner of such Bond.

*Depository or DTC*: The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, its successors or assigns, or any other person who shall be a Holder of all Bonds of any series directly or indirectly for the benefit of Beneficial Owners and approved by the Authority, College and Trustee to act as the Depository; provided any Depository shall be registered or qualified as a "clearing agency" within the meaning of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Determination of Taxability: A Notice of Deficiency issued by the Internal Revenue Service or a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to the effect that the interest payable on the Bonds is includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation by reason of the application of the provisions of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, related sections and regulations thereunder, in effect on the date of issuance of the Bonds, as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement. A determination that interest on the Bonds is includable in the computation of any alternative minimum tax is not a Determination of Taxability.

*Event of Default*: An Event of Default described in the Indenture or Loan Agreement and summarized in this Official Statement in the sections entitled "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS - THE INDENTURE - Events of Default" and "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS - THE LOAN AGREEMENT - Events of Default."

*Financial Journal: The Bond Buyer*, or any other newspaper or journal devoted to financial news published in the English language in Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, or in the City of New York, New York.

*Fiscal Year*. The College's fiscal year, initially the 12-month period commencing on July 1 in each year.

*General Bond Resolution*: The General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority on October 31, 1972, and any amendments thereto.

*Holder, Bondholder, or Owner*. The person in whose name a Bond shall be registered except if any Bond is in DTC book entry form, with respect to any consent or approval of a Holder of Bonds of such series, the terms shall mean the Beneficial Owner.

*Indenture*: The Trust Indenture between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee, dated as of June 15, 2004, under which the Bonds are authorized to be issued, and including any indenture supplemental thereto.

*Institution*: The College of Saint Benedict, a Minnesota institution of higher education with its main campus located in St. Joseph, Minnesota and owned (or leased) and operated by the College.

*Interest Payment Date*: March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2005 and any other date on which the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable.

Internal Revenue Code: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments thereto.

*Issue Date*: The date on which the Bonds are delivered to the original purchaser thereof upon original issuance.

*Lease*: That certain Ground Lease Agreement dated as of June 1, 1996, from the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, as lessor, and the College, as lessee, relating to land on the main campus of the College for Brian Hall, which is included as a part of the Project Site.

*Lease Amendment*: The 2004 Modification Agreement between the College and the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict.

*Loan Agreement*: The Loan Agreement between the Authority and the College relating to the Bonds, dated as of June 15, 2004, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

*Loan Repayments*: Payments required to be made by the College to the Trustee pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

*Net Proceeds*: When used with respect to proceeds of insurance or a condemnation award, moneys received or receivable by the College as owner or lessee or the Trustee as secured party pursuant to the Indenture, less the cost of recovery (including attorneys' fees) of such moneys from the insuring company or the condemning authority, plus investment earnings thereon.

*Permitted Encumbrances*: As of any particular time, (i) liens for ad valorem taxes and special assessments not then delinquent, (ii) utility, access and other easements and rights-of-way, mineral rights, restrictions and exceptions that an independent engineer certifies will not interfere with or impair the use of or operations being conducted in the Project Facilities, (iii) such minor defects, irregularities, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way and clouds on title as normally exist with respect to properties similar in character to the Project Facilities (including, with respect to Project Equipment, purchase money security interests and equipment leases), and as do not in the aggregate, in the opinion of independent counsel, materially impair the property affected thereby for the purposes for which it was acquired or is held by the College, (iv) those additional encumbrances set forth in Exhibit C to the Loan Agreement, and (v) liens granted by the College to secure funded debt allowed under the Loan Agreement.

*Prior Bonds*: That portion of the Series Three-W Bonds as described in Section 2.01(e) of the Loan Agreement maturing on March 1 in the years 2005 through 2020, inclusive, and currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$3,915,000.

*Prior Bonds Project*: That portion of the Series Three-W Project which was financed by the Authority's Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series Two-Q (College of Saint Benedict), dated May 1, 1988, and which consisted of the construction, furnishing and equipping of Margretta Hall, a residence hall, with appurtenant site improvements and adjacent parking, the renovation of St.

Teresa Hall for faculty and administration offices and a reception area; the installation of air conditioning in Claire Lynch Hall, a gymnasium, and the installation of a storm sewer.

*Project*: The Project consists of the following renovations and improvements: (a) lower level remodeling, bathroom and kitchen remodeling, window replacement, fire sprinkling and fire alarm improvements to the West Apartments; (b) chilled water distribution lines, fire alarm improvements and roof and patio entrance improvements to Brian Hall, Lottie Hall and Margretta Hall; (c) roof replacements and fire sprinkling improvements to Aurora Hall, Regina Hall and Corona Hall; (d) pool roof improvements to Murray Hall; (e) entrance doors, forum roof, auditorium roof, tuckpointing and remodeling of the Benedicta Arts Center; (f) roof improvements to Clemens Library; (g) roof improvements, fire sprinkling improvements and chilled water improvements to the Henrita Academic Building; and (h) other capital projects to facilities, all owned and operated by the College and located on the Project Site.

*Project Buildings*: The facilities to be acquired, improved or constructed with proceeds of the Series Five-W Bonds, including investment earning and any other facilities constructed or improved with the proceeds of the Prior Bonds.

Project Costs: Costs properly payable from the Construction Account in relation to the Project.

*Project Equipment*: All fixtures, equipment, and other personal property of a capital nature acquired with proceeds of the Bonds or the Prior Bonds, including investment earnings.

*Project Facilities*: The Project Site, the Project Buildings, and the Project Equipment as the same may at any time exist.

*Project Site*: Those portions of land described on Exhibit A to the Loan Agreement, which are owned or leased by the College, and on which any Project Buildings are or will be located or otherwise to be improved as part of the Project or the Prior Bonds Project.

*Redemption Account*: The Redemption Account created under the Indenture for deposit of any moneys received which are not otherwise committed. Moneys in the Redemption Account shall be used (i) to create and maintain the required balance in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; (ii) to create and maintain the required balance in the Reserve Account; and (iii) to redeem or prepay outstanding Bonds or to purchase outstanding Bonds for redemption and cancellation. Moneys in the Redemption Account may be used in the discretion of the Trustee to pay rebate due to the United States under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority fails to provide for payment of any rebate.

*Reference Rate*: The interest rate per annum announced from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota as its prime or reference rate, regardless of whether the interest rate is actually charged to any customer of said bank.

*Regular Record Date*: The 15th day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding an interest payment date.

*Reserve Account:* The Reserve Account established under the Indenture, into which at Bond Closing will be placed Bond proceeds in the amount of the Reserve Requirement. Moneys in the Reserve Account shall be used to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds if moneys in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or Redemption Account are not sufficient thereof and may be used in the discretion of the Trustee to pay rebate due to the United States under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority fails to provide for payment of any rebate.

*Reserve Requirement*: (a) If no Additional Bonds are outstanding, the least of (i) the maximum amount of principal of and interest on the Series Five-W Bonds that accrues and is payable in

any remaining Bond Year or (ii) 10% of the proceeds (par value less original issue discount according to the offering scale) received from the issuance and sale of the Series Five-W Bonds, subject to Arbitrage Regulation limitations or (iii) 125% of the average annual debt service of the Series Five-W Bonds, or (b) if Additional Bonds are outstanding, shall mean the sum of (x) the amount set forth in subsection (a) plus (y) the least of (i) the maximum amount of principal of and interest on Additional Bonds that accrues and is payable in any Bond Year or (ii) 10% of the principal amount of the Additional Bonds, subject to Arbitrage Regulation limitations or (iii) 125% of the average annual debt service of the Additional Bonds.

*Series Five-W Bonds*: The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Five-W (College of Saint Benedict).

*Series Three-W Bonds*: The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Three-W (College of Saint Benedict).

*Series Three-W Indenture*: The Trust Indenture between the Authority and the Series Three-W Trustee, dated as of March 1, 1994.

*Series Three-W Project*: Use of the Series Three-W Bond proceeds for (a) the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a residence hall (known as Lottie Hall) for approximately 242 students; (b) the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a science facility (known as Ardolf Science Center) originally financed by the Authority's Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series Three-D (College of Saint Benedict), dated May 2, 1991; and (c) the construction, furnishing and equipping of Margretta Hall, a residence hall, with appurtenant site improvements and adjacent parking; the renovation of St. Teresa Hall for faculty and administrative offices and a reception area; the installation of air conditioning in Claire Lynch Hall, a gymnasium; and the installation of a storm sewer all originally financed by the Authority's Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series Two-Q (College of Saint Benedict), dated May 1, 1988.

*Series Three-W Redemption Account*: The Redemption Account created under the Series Three-W Indenture.

*Series Three-W Trustee*: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association.

*Trust Estate*: All the rights, interests and security given to the Trustee under the Indenture as security for the Bonds.

*Trustee, Registrar, Paying Agent:* Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

# SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

### THE LOAN AGREEMENT

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Loan Agreement. This summary does not purport to be complete and reference is made to the full text of the Loan Agreement for a complete recital of its terms. Certain words and terms used in this summary are defined in "DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS," Appendix IV, contained herein.

### **Construction of Project**

The College represents that the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project are to be substantially completed by no later than July 1, 2006, subject only to "force majeure," as provided in the Loan Agreement. The College may apply to the Authority at any time to delete from the Project any building, system or equipment proposed to be acquired, constructed or improved as part of the Project, or to add any building, system or equipment to the Project shall accordingly be amended by a supplement to the Loan Agreement executed by the Authority and the College, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Trustee, provided that no such amendment of the description of the Project" under the Act or will adversely affect the tax exempt status of interest on the Bonds and an opinion of counsel to such effect is furnished. The College agrees that it has previously paid or will itself pay all costs relating to the acquisition, construction, improving and equipping of the Project, including costs of issuance of the Bonds, to the extent such payments and costs exceed the proceeds of the Bonds, including investment earnings in the Construction Account.

The College represents that it will cause the Prior Bonds to be redeemed on August 1, 2004.

### Loan Repayments

Under the Loan Agreement, the College agrees to make Loan Repayments in amounts and at times sufficient to provide for payment in full of all principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds when due. To provide for such payments the College covenants to pay for the account of the Authority in the following amounts:

- (a) at least five (5) Business Days prior to each March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2005, into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account a sum which will be equal to the amount payable as interest on the Bonds on the next succeeding interest payment date, and the amount payable as principal on such principal payment date; provided however, that there shall be credited against such obligations (i) the net amount of funds and investments then on deposit to the credit of the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; and (ii) any credits permitted by Sections 5.01, 5.02, 5.03 or 5.04 of the Indenture (relating to the transfer to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account of certain investment earnings and certain excess funds); and
- (b) on or prior to a date established for the optional redemption or mandatory redemption and prepayment of the Bonds, into the Redemption Account such

amount, if any, as shall be necessary and sufficient to provide for the redemption of any Bonds called for redemption from the Redemption Account; and

- (c) forthwith into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or Redemption Account, as appropriate, the amount of any deficiency in the event that the funds on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or Redemption Account on any Bond principal or interest payment date are for any reason insufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds then due or then to become due (whether at maturity, or by call for redemption, or by acceleration of maturity); and
- (d) into the Reserve Account any amounts required to be deposited therein by Section 5.02 of the Indenture; and
- (e) into any fund or account designated by the Trustee funds in the amount determined by the Trustee to be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 6.09(f) of the Loan Agreement and Section 5.05 of the Indenture (relating to arbitrage rebate); and
- (f) at least five (5) Business Days prior to each March 1, commencing March 1, 2015, into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, a sum which is equal to the amount, if any, as shall be necessary and sufficient to redeem on such March 1, at par plus accrued interest, the amount of the Bonds specified in Section 5.01 of the Indenture.

There is reserved to the College the right to prepay all or part of the Loan and to redeem Bonds prior to their maturity in certain events as described under "THE BONDS."

As additional payments, the College agrees to pay the annual fee of the Authority, fees and expenses of the Trustee, rebate of certain excess investment earnings to the United States, and certain other expenses.

# Use of Project Facilities

The College agrees to use the Project Facilities as educational facilities, in compliance with law and ordinance requirements, and not as facilities for sectarian instruction or religious worship, nor primarily in connection with a program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination. The College agrees not to permit use of the Project Facilities in such manner or to such an extent as would result in loss of the tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code or loss of the College's status as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

### Maintenance of Project Facilities

The College agrees that, so long as there are Bonds outstanding, the College will keep the Project Facilities in good repair and good operating condition at its own cost, making such repairs, modifications, and replacements as are necessary so that the Project and the Prior Bonds Project will remain a "project" under the Act and interest on the Bonds will be exempt from federal income taxation. The College may lease or sublease or enter into agreements in the ordinary course of business for the use of the Project Facilities (i) so long as the tax-exempt status of the Bonds will not be affected thereby, (ii) such lease, sublease or use agreement shall not be inconsistent with the Loan Agreement as if such lease, sublease or use agreement had not been made, and (iv) in the case of any lease to or occupancy by persons who are not

students, employees or faculty, an opinion of Bond Counsel is provided to the Trustee to the effect that tax exemption of the interest on the Bonds is not adversely affected.

### **Operating Expenses and Liens**

The College will pay all utility charges and other charges arising from the operations of the Project Facilities which, if unpaid, would become a lien on the Project Facilities; provided, that the College may in good faith contest such utility and other charges and any mechanics' or other liens filed or established against the Project Facilities, and in such event may permit the items so contested to remain undischarged and unsatisfied during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Authority or the Trustee shall notify the College that, in the opinion of Independent Counsel, by nonpayment of any such items the Project Facilities or any part thereof will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event the College shall promptly pay and cause to be satisfied and discharged all such unpaid items.

### Taxes and Other Governmental Charges

The College will pay all taxes, special assessments, license fees and governmental charges of any kind that may at any time be lawfully assessed or levied against, or with respect to the operations of the College, or the Project Facilities or any improvements, equipment or related property installed or bought by the College therein or thereon, or the Bonds, the Loan Agreement, the Indenture, or the interest of the Authority, the Trustee, or the Bondholders therein.

The College may, at its expense, in good faith contest any such taxes, assessments, license fees and other charges and may permit the taxes, assessments, license fees or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Authority or the Trustee shall notify the College that, in the opinion of independent counsel, by nonpayment of any such items the Project Facilities or any part thereof, or the revenue therefrom will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event such items shall be paid promptly.

### Insurance

The College is required to maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance, with certain deductible amounts, as follows:

- (a) Insurance against loss and/or damage to the Project Buildings and contents and Project Equipment, including fire and extended coverage in an amount not less than insurable replacement value of the Project Buildings and Project Equipment or the principal amount of the outstanding Bonds or (if greater) 80% of the full insurable replacement value of the Project Buildings and Project Equipment, with a deductible amount of up to \$250,000.
- (b) Comprehensive general public liability insurance including blanket contractual liability and personal injury liability and automobile insurance in the minimum amount for each occurrence of \$5,000,000 and aggregate for each year of \$5,000,000 with a deductible amount of up to \$250,000 and against liability for property damage in the minimum amount for each occurrence of \$100,000.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance in such amount as is customarily carried by organizations in like activities of comparable size and liability exposure to the College, provided that the College may be self-insured with respect to all or a part of its liability for workers' compensation.

Upon the written request of the College, the Trustee (i) may permit modifications to such insurance requirements and deductible amounts, including permission for the College to be self-insured in whole or in part for any comprehensive general public liability insurance, upon such terms and conditions as the Trustee may require, and (ii) shall permit modifications to such insurance requirements and deductible amounts, including permission for self-insurance for (a) and (b) above, in accordance with the recommendation of an independent insurance consultant employed by the College and satisfactory to the Trustee.

Each required policy shall contain a provision that the insurer will not cancel or modify the policy without giving written notice to the College and the Trustee at least thirty days before the cancellation or modification becomes effective. On or before December 1 of each year, the College shall provide the Trustee with a certificate of insurance compliance.

### Damage or Destruction

If the Project Facilities shall be damaged or partially or totally destroyed there shall be no abatement in the Loan Repayments, and to the extent that the claim for loss resulting from such damage or destruction is not greater than \$1,000,000, the College will promptly repair, rebuild or restore the property damaged or destroyed with such changes, alterations and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as will not impair the character or significance of the Project Facilities as educational facilities. To the extent that the claim for loss resulting from such damage or destruction exceeds \$1,000,000, the College shall either repair, rebuild or restore the damaged facilities, or redeem and prepay the Bonds in whole or in part as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement.

If the Bonds are redeemed, the available Net Proceeds or (if less) the pro rata portion in respect of any Project Building shall be used for redemption or purchase of outstanding Bonds. "Pro rata portion" means the following percentages of the principal amount of outstanding Bonds:

- (i) twenty-two percent (22%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of the residence hall known as Margretta Hall;
- (ii) nineteen percent (19%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of St. Teresa Hall;
- (iii) six percent (6%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of the West Apartments;
- (iv) one percent (1%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of Brian Hall or Lottie Hall;
- (v) four percent (4%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of Aurora Hall, Regina Hall or Corona Hall;
- (vi) one percent (1%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of Murray Hall;
- (vii) sixteen percent (16%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of the Benedicta Arts Center;
- (viii) eleven percent (11%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of the Henrita Academic Building; and

(ix) three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds in the case of the Clemens Library.

### Condemnation

If at any time before the Bonds have been fully paid (or provision for payment thereof has been made in accordance with the Indenture), title to the Project Facilities, shall be taken in any proceeding involving the exercise of the right of eminent domain, the College shall either redeem the Bonds in whole or in part or rebuild or restore such facilities, as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement.

If the Bonds are to be redeemed, the available Net Proceeds (or if less, the pro rata portion) in respect to any Project Facilities which the College elects not to repair, rebuild or restore shall be used for redemption or purchase of outstanding Bonds. For purposes of this provision, "pro rata portion" shall be defined as set forth above under "Damage or Destruction."

### Removal or Release of Project Equipment and Building Equipment

The College may remove or release Project Equipment and Building Equipment from the Project Facilities if no Default exists and upon the following conditions:

- the College may substitute equipment and related property for any Project Equipment and Building Equipment, provided that such substitution shall not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance or value of the Project Facilities;
- (b) the College may release any equipment from the definition of Project Equipment (with or without the physical removal thereof) without substitution therefor, provided that the College pays a sum equal to the then value of such Project Equipment as determined by an independent engineer selected by the College, to the Trustee for deposit in the Redemption Account for the redemption and prepayment of the Bonds; provided that if the depreciated book value of any item of equipment so removed was less than \$25,000, such release without substitution and such deposit to the Redemption Account may be effected without such determination of value and Certificate by an independent engineer upon such showing by the College as may be satisfactory to the Trustee; and
- (c) the College may remove any Building Equipment without substitution therefor provided that such removal will not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance or value of the Project Facilities.

In connection with (a) and (b) above, if the depreciated book value of the Project Equipment or, in connection with (c) above, the depreciated book value of Building Equipment, to be substituted, removed or released equals or exceeds \$25,000 the College will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by the Authorized Institution Representative stating that the substitution, removal, or release, as the case may be, of such equipment will not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance of the Project Facilities.

### Indemnification

The College agrees to hold the Authority, its members and employees, harmless against any claim, cause of action, suit or liability for any loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project

Facilities and the use thereof, including that caused by any negligence of the Authority or anyone acting in its behalf, provided that the indemnity shall be effective only to the extent of any loss that may be sustained by the Authority in excess of the net proceeds received by the Authority from any insurance carried with respect to the loss sustained.

The College agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority against any and all losses, claims, damages or liability to which the Authority may become subject under law, and to reimburse the Authority for any out-of-pocket legal and other expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) incurred by the Authority in connection with investigating any such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities or in connection with defending any actions, insofar as the same relate to information furnished to the Authority by the College in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

# Existence and Accreditation of College

The College agrees that during the term of the Loan Agreement it will maintain its existence as a nonprofit corporation and will maintain the Institution's existence as a nonprofit institution of higher education under the laws of Minnesota, accredited as such by recognized accrediting agencies, and that it will not dissolve or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or all or substantially all the assets of the Institution, or consolidate with or merge into another corporation, or permit one or more other corporations to consolidate with or merge into it, except upon the conditions provided in the Loan Agreement. The conditions are the following: (a) if the surviving, resulting or transferee corporation or institution, as the case may be, is other than the Institution, such surviving, resulting or transferee corporation shall assume in writing all of the obligations of the College in the Loan Agreement and shall be either a state university or college or a nonprofit corporation operating or authorized to operate an institution of higher education under the laws of Minnesota, eligible to be a participating nonprofit institution under the Act, and complies and will comply with the provisions of the Loan Agreement against unlawful discrimination and requiring that the Institution be nonsectarian; and (b) the College shall furnish to the Trustee an opinion of bond counsel that such consolidation, merger or transfer shall have no effect upon the tax-exempt nature of the interest on the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

# \$150,000,000 Limitation on Outstanding Non-Hospital Bonds

The College has represented that the sum of the principal amount of the Bonds, plus the respective outstanding aggregate principal amounts of all tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of or for the benefit of the College and all organizations under common management or control with the College (other than qualified hospital bonds), within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code, does not exceed \$150,000,000. Under the Loan Agreement, in no event will the College consolidate with or merge into another corporation or sell or otherwise transfer to another institution all or substantially all of its assets or the assets of the Institution as an entirety if the effect of any such transaction would be to adversely affect the tax exempt status of the Bonds, such as by exceeding limitations on the outstanding aggregate principal amounts of all tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of the College or such other resulting entity, and all organizations under common management or control with the College or such resulting entity (other than qualified hospital bonds), within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Institution to be Nonsectarian

The College agrees that the Institution will continue to be nonsectarian; will not require or forbid attendance by students or any other persons at religious worship or acceptance of any religious

creed; and will not promulgate the distinctive doctrines, creeds or tenets of any particular religious sect.

### Federal Income Tax Status

The College represents that it presently is and agrees that it shall take all appropriate measures to assure that it remains an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(a) of such Code.

### Determination of Taxability

In the event a Determination of Taxability is made at any time that interest payable on the Bonds is includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect at the date of issuance of the Bonds, the Bonds shall bear additional interest at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum from the Date of Taxability until the respective dates on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. In addition, in the event of such Determination of Taxability, the Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part, on the next date for which due notice can be given or any date thereafter and the redemption price therefor shall be equal to par plus accrued interest (including additional interest from the Date of Taxability).

### Other Covenants

The College further agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations against unlawful discrimination, and not to discriminate on account of religion, race, color, creed or national origin in the use of the Project Facilities; to provide and file such financing statements and other instruments of further assurance as the Authority or the Trustee may request; to perform all obligations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder with respect to the non-arbitrage status of the Bonds; and to observe all applicable State laws and regulations, including those of the Authority and the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office, subject to the right of contest. The College agrees to indemnify the Authority from losses arising from certain representations made by the College regarding the absence of hazardous waste on the Project Facilities.

The Authority further agrees to comply with the applicable rebate requirements imposed under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect (but only with respect) to amounts paid by the College to the Authority as the Authority's annual fee under the Loan Agreement and any income earned or imputed therefrom.

### **Events of Default**

Following are Events of Default under Section 7.01 of the Loan Agreement:

- (a) If the College shall fail to make any Loan Repayment when due and either (i) the moneys on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, Reserve Account and Redemption Account on a Bond principal or interest payment date are insufficient to pay when due principal and interest on the Bonds, or (ii) such failure shall continue for five (5) Business Days after notice from the Trustee or the Authority to the College that such payment has not been made; or
- (b) If the College shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 6.09(f) of the Loan Agreement (relating to arbitrage calculation and rebate requirements); or

- (c) If the College shall fail to maintain the balance in the Reserve Account in the amount of the Reserve Requirement as defined in Section 5.02 of the Indenture, provided failure to comply with such requirement shall not become an Event of Default unless the College fails to restore such deficiency within a period of thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such deficiency and requesting that it be remedied is given to the College by the Authority or the Trustee; or
- (d) If the College shall fail to observe and perform for reasons other than force majeure any other covenant, condition or agreement on its part under the Loan Agreement for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice, specifying such default and requesting that it be remedied, is given to the College by the Authority or the Trustee provided that failure to comply with Section 6.14(b) of the Loan Agreement shall not become an Event of Default unless the College fails to restore the deficiency within 180 days from the close of the Fiscal Year in which such deficiency was reported; or
- (e) If the College files a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, or for the composition of its affairs or for its corporate reorganization under any state or Federal bankruptcy or insolvency law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or consents in writing to the appointment of a trustee or receiver for itself or for the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College; or
- (f) If a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree against the College in any insolvency, bankruptcy, or reorganization proceeding, or appointing a trustee or receiver of the College or of the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College, and such order, judgment or decree shall not be vacated or set aside or stayed within ninety (90) days from the date of the entry thereof; or
- (g) If, under the provisions of any other law for the relief or aid of debtors, any court of competent jurisdiction shall assume custody or control of the College or the College or of the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College, and such custody or control shall not be terminated within ninety (90) days from the date of assumption of such custody or control; or
- (h) If the College shall default under the Lease or if any portion of the Lease shall be terminated by the College or the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict other than in connection with the redemption of Outstanding Bonds, in whole or in part, pursuant to Sections 5.08 or 5.09 of the Loan Agreement for Brian Hall.

The term "force majeure" as used above includes the following: acts of God; strikes, lockouts or other employee disturbances; acts of public enemies; orders, regulations or laws of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State of Minnesota or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivisions or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; tornadoes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accident to machinery, transmission pipes or canals; partial or entire failure of utilities; or any other cause or event not reasonably within the control of the College. The provisions of paragraph (d) above, are subject to the further limitation that if the Default can be remedied but not within a period of thirty (30) days after notice and if the College has taken all action reasonably possible to remedy such default within such thirty-day period, the default shall not become an Event of Default for so long as the College shall diligently proceed to remedy such default and in accordance with any directions or limitations of time made by the Trustee. The College agrees, however, to use its best efforts to remedy with

all reasonable dispatch any cause or causes preventing the College from carrying out its agreements.

### Remedies on Default

Whenever any Event of Default shall have happened, and be subsisting, the Loan Agreement provides that any one or more of the following steps may be taken:

- (a) The Trustee may declare all or any amount of Loan Repayments thereafter to become due under and payable for the remainder of the term of the Loan Agreement to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable.
- (b) The Trustee (or the Authority with respect to certain sections of the Loan Agreement) may take whatever action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due and thereafter to become due under the Loan Agreement.
- (c) The Trustee may take whatever action in law or equity which appears necessary or desirable to enforce the security provided by or enforce any provision of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Any amounts collected by the Trustee pursuant to action taken under the foregoing paragraphs shall be applied first to advances and expenses, second to payment of the Bonds as provided in Section 7.04 of the Indenture and any excess to the College.

### Amendments

Except as otherwise provided in the Loan Agreement or in the Indenture, subsequent to issuance of the Bonds and so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Loan Agreement may not be amended without the prior written consent of the Trustee.

# THE INDENTURE

The following constitutes a summary of certain provisions of the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture"). This summary does not purport to be complete and reference is made to the full text of the Indenture for a complete recital of its terms. Certain words and terms used in this summary are defined in "DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS," Appendix IV, contained herein.

### Granting Clauses

Pursuant to the Indenture, the Authority grants to the Trustee, as security for the Holders of the Bonds, the following:

- (a) all right, title and interest of the Authority under the Loan Agreement and all Loan Repayments and other sums due under the Loan Agreement, except the rights of the Authority to fees, expenses, indemnity and advances;
- (b) a first lien on and pledge of (i) the moneys and investments in the Accounts covenanted to be paid and maintained under the Indenture (but excluding all moneys and investments in the Escrow Fund) and (ii) all accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, moneys and instruments arising therefrom or relating thereto and all proceeds and products of and accessions to any thereof; and
- (c) any and all other property of every name and nature from time to time conveyed, mortgaged, assigned or transferred, or in which a security interest is granted, by the Authority or the College or by anyone in behalf of them or with their written consent, to the Trustee.

### Accounts

Bond proceeds, revenues and other funds derived under the Loan Agreement or Indenture shall be deposited into accounts held by the Trustee as described in "ACCOUNTS," contained in the body of this Official Statement.

### Trustee's Right to Payment

The Trustee shall have a first lien, with right of payment prior to payment of interest on or principal of the Bonds, for reasonable compensation, expenses, advances and counsel fees incurred in and about the execution of the trusts created by the Indenture and exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the Trustee under the Indenture, and the cost and expenses incurred in defending against any liability in the premises of any character whatsoever (unless such liability is adjudicated to have resulted from the negligence or willful default of the Trustee).

### Additional Bonds

In addition to the Bonds, the Indenture permits the issuance of one or more series of Additional Bonds by the Authority, acting at the request of the College, equally and ratably secured on a parity with the Bonds to provide funds for the following purposes: (i) completion of the Project, (ii) refunding of all or any series or portion of a series of then outstanding Bonds, (iii) improvements or alterations, repairs or replacement of the Project Facilities, or (iv) other project or projects as authorized by the Act.

The issuance of Additional Bonds requires, among other things, evidence satisfactory to the Authority of the College's ability to meet debt service on the Additional Bonds. Furthermore, to the extent required by the Authority, the College shall make additional deposits to the Reserve Account and execute supplements to the Loan Agreement and the Indenture. Additional Bonds may not be issued unless in the opinion of bond counsel the exclusion of interest on the outstanding Bonds from gross income of the holders for federal income tax purposes shall not be jeopardized.

### Covenants of the Authority

Under the Indenture the Authority covenants, among other things, to perform its various undertakings and agreements; not to extend the maturity of any of the Bonds or the time of payment of any claims for interest; to take such action or cause and permit the Trustee to take such action as may be necessary and advisable to enforce the covenants, terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, if such action shall, in the discretion of the Trustee, be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority or the Bondholders; to comply with the applicable arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder; to keep proper books, accounts and records; and not to issue or permit to be issued any Bonds under the Indenture in any manner other than in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and not to suffer or permit any default to occur under the Indenture. Under the Act, and it is expressly agreed that, the Authority has no obligation to make any advance or payment or incur any expense or liability from its general funds for performing any of the conditions, covenants or requirements of the Indenture or from any funds other than Loan Repayments or moneys in the Accounts established by the Indenture.

### Events of Default

The following are Events of Default under the Indenture:

- (a) If payment of the principal of any of the Bonds, when the same shall become due and payable (whether at maturity or by proceedings for redemption or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise), shall not be made; or
- (b) If payment of any interest on the Bonds when the same shall become due and payable (in which case interest shall be payable to the extent permitted by law on any overdue installments of interest, in each case at the interest rate borne by the Bonds in respect of which such interest is overdue) shall not be made; or
- (c) If the Authority shall default in the due and punctual performance of any of the covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Bonds or in the Indenture, or in any supplemental indenture on the part of the Authority to be performed, and such default shall have continued for a period of sixty (60) days after written notice, specifying such default and requiring the same to be remedied, shall have been given to the Authority and to the College (giving the College the privilege of curing such default in the name of the Authority, if permitted by law) by the Trustee, which may give such notice in its discretion and shall give such notice upon written request of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding; or
- (d) If any "event of default" on the part of the College, as that term is defined in the Loan Agreement, shall occur and be continuing.

# Remedies

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Trustee may, and upon written request of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds outstanding shall, by notice in writing delivered to the Authority, declare the principal of all Bonds then outstanding and the interest accrued thereon immediately due and payable, and such principal and interest shall thereupon become and be immediately due and payable subject, however, to the right of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds then outstanding by written notice to the Authority and to the Trustee, to annul such declaration and destroy its effect at any time if all covenants with respect to which default shall have been made shall be fully performed or made good, and all arrears of interest upon all Bonds outstanding and the reasonable expenses and charges of the Trustee, its agents and attorneys, and all other indebtedness secured by the Indenture (except the principal of any Bonds which have not then attained their stated maturity and interest accrued on such Bonds since the last interest payment date) shall be paid, or the amount thereof shall be paid to the Trustee for the benefit of those entitled thereto.

In the case of the breach of any of the covenants or conditions of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, the Trustee, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding and without any request from any Bondholder (subject, however to its rights to indemnity and notice provided in the Indenture) shall be obligated to take such action or actions for the enforcement of its rights and the rights of the Bondholders and the rights of the Authority under the Loan Agreement as due diligence, prudence and care would require and to pursue the same with like diligence, prudence and care.

Upon the happening and continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee may, and shall upon the written request of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Bonds, proceed forthwith by suit or suits at law or in equity or by any other appropriate remedy to enforce payment of the Bonds, to enforce application to payment of the Bonds the funds, revenues and income appropriated thereto by the Indenture and by the Bonds, to enforce any such other appropriate legal or equitable remedy as the Trustee, being advised by counsel, deem most effectual to protect and enforce any of its rights or any of the rights of the Bondholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee need not proceed upon any such written request of the Bondholders as aforesaid, unless such Bondholders shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby.

# **Concerning the Trustee**

The Trustee has no responsibility to use its own funds under the Indenture, but it may make advances at a rate equal to the Reference Rate of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which advances are given priority of payment. The Trustee also has a lien with right of payment prior to payment of Bond interest or principal for reasonable compensation, expenses, advances and counsel fees. The responsibilities of the Trustee prior to an Event of Default are limited to express provisions of the Indenture, and at all times the Trustee shall not be liable unless it acts negligently or in bad faith. The Trustee is not required to institute suit or take other steps to enforce its rights and powers unless indemnified to its satisfaction against all costs and expenses. The Trustee and its officers and directors are authorized to acquire and hold Bonds and otherwise deal with the Authority or the College to the same extent as if it were not Trustee. Provision is made for the succession or replacement of the Trustee by another corporate Trustee with a minimum capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$10 million in event of merger, resignation, or removal by Holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding Bonds, or in the event of disability, by the Authority or a court. Provision is also made for removal of the Trustee by Bondholders or the Authority, at the request of the College, provided that the Authority may, but is not required to remove the Trustee with or without the request of the College if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or a default which with the passage of time or the giving of notice will become an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. The Authority may not remove a successor Trustee properly appointed by the Bondholders.

# Concerning the Bondholders

No Bondholder shall have any right to institute any proceeding in equity or at law for the enforcement of the Indenture or for any remedy under the Loan Agreement unless a default has occurred of which the Trustee has been notified or of which it is deemed to have notice; nor unless also such default shall have become an Event of Default and the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee and shall have offered it reasonable opportunity either to proceed to exercise the powers granted or to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name; nor unless also they shall have offered to the Trustee indemnity as provided in the Indenture; and no one or more Bondholders shall have the right to affect, disturb, or prejudice the lien of the Indenture by his or their action or to enforce any right thereunder except in the manner therein provided, and that all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted and maintained in the manner therein provided and for the equal benefit of the Holders of all Bonds outstanding.

The Trustee upon the written request of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds at the time outstanding shall waive any default under the Indenture and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of the Bonds at the date of maturity specified therein; provided, however, that a default in the payment of interest on the Bonds shall not be waived unless, prior to such waiver, all arrears of interest, and all expenses of the Trustee shall have been paid or shall have been provided for by deposit with the Trustee of a sum sufficient to pay the same. In case of any such waiver, the Authority, the Trustee and the Holders of the Bonds shall be restored to their former positions and rights respectively. No waiver of any default or Event of Default, whether by the Trustee or by the Bondholders, shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or Event of Default or shall impair any rights or remedies consequent thereon.

Provision is made for meetings of Bondholders, proof of ownership of Bonds and execution of consents and other instruments by Bondholders.

### Defeasance

If the Authority and the College shall:

- (a) pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Bonds at the time and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Indenture, or
- (b) provide for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Bonds by depositing with the Trustee at or at any time before maturity an amount either in cash or direct obligations of the United States in such aggregate face amount, bearing interest at such rates, and maturing on such dates sufficient to pay the entire amount due or to become due for principal and premium, if any, and interest to maturity of all Bonds outstanding, or
- (c) deliver to the Trustee (1) proof that notice of redemption of all of the outstanding Bonds not surrendered or to be surrendered to it for cancellation has been given or waived, or that arrangements have been made insuring that such notice will be given or waived; or (2) a written instrument executed by the College for the Authority and expressed to be irrevocable, authorizing the Trustee to give such notice for and on behalf of the Authority; or (3) file with the Trustee a waiver of

such notice of redemption signed by the Holders of all such outstanding Bonds, and in any case, deposit with the Trustee before the date on which such Bonds are to be redeemed, the entire amount of the redemption price, including interest accrued and to accrue, and premium, if any, either in cash or direct obligations of the United States of America in such aggregate face amount, bearing interest at such rates and maturing at such dates as shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of the redemption price on the date such Bonds are to be redeemed and on any interest payment dates, or

(d) surrender to the Trustee for cancellation all Bonds for which payment is not so provided,

and shall also pay or provide for the payment of all unpaid fees and expenses of the Trustee and the rebate of all amounts due or to become due to the United States under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder, then at the request of the Authority or the College all the Trust Estate shall revert to the Authority and the College as their interests appear, and the entire estate, right, title and interest of the Trustee, and of registered owners of Bonds in respect thereof, shall thereupon cease, determine and become void; and the Trustee in such case, upon cancellation of all Bonds for the payment of which cash or government obligations shall not have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall, upon receipt of a written request of the Authority and of a certificate of the Authority and an opinion of counsel as to compliance with conditions precedent, and at its cost and expense, execute to the Authority, or its order, proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction of the Indenture and surrender to the Authority or its order, all cash and deposited securities, if any (except that held for the payment of the Bonds), which shall then be held thereunder.

When the Authority or the College shall have deposited at any time with the Trustee in trust for the purpose, in the manner provided, or left with it if previously so deposited, cash or direct obligations of the United States of America sufficient to pay the principal of any Bonds (and premium, if any) when the same become due, either at maturity or otherwise, or at the date fixed for the redemption thereof and to pay all interest with respect thereto at the due date of such interest or to the date fixed for redemption, for the use and benefit of the Holders thereof, then upon such deposit all such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security of the Indenture except the right to receive the funds so deposited, and such Bonds shall be deemed not to be outstanding thereunder; and from and after such redemption date or maturity, interest on such Bonds so called for redemption shall cease to accrue.

### Supplemental Indentures

The Authority and the Trustee may enter into such supplemental indentures as shall by them be deemed necessary or desirable for any one or more of the following purposes, among others:

- to correct the description of any property conveyed or pledged by the Indenture or intended so to be, or to assign, convey, pledge or transfer and set over to the Trustee additional property for the benefit and security of the Holders and owners of all Bonds under the Indenture;
- (b) to add to the covenants and agreements of the Authority or to surrender any right or power reserved to or conferred upon the Authority;
- (c) to evidence the succession of any other department, agency, body or corporation to the Authority;
- (d) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision contained in the Indenture or in any supplemental indentures or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Indenture or any supplemental indenture as the Authority may deem necessary

or desirable and which shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture or any supplemental indenture and which shall not impair the security of the same;

- (e) to create a series of and authorize Additional Bonds; and
- (f) to modify the Indenture as authorized by the Bondholders.

In addition and subject to the provisions set forth below, the Holders of not less than 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding shall have the right to consent to and approve such supplemental indentures as shall be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding in any particular, any of the terms or provisions of the Indenture or in any supplemental indenture; provided, however, that such provision shall not be construed as permitting without the consent of the Holders of all Bonds directly or indirectly affected (a) an extension of the maturity of any Bond, or (b) a reduction in the principal amount of any Bond or the redemption premium or the rate of interest thereon, or (c) the creation of a lien upon or a pledge of revenues ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien or pledge created by the Indenture (except as provided in Section 2.09 of the Indenture), or (d) a preference or priority of any Bond over any other, or (e) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds the Holders of which are required to consent to such supplemental indenture or the Loan Agreement as set forth in the Indenture.

### Amendments to the Loan Agreement

The Authority and the College with the consent of the Trustee may, without the consent of or notice to any of the Bondholders, consent to and (if requested) execute any amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement as may be required (a) by the provisions of the Loan Agreement or Indenture, (b) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or formal defect or omission, (c) so as to add additional rights acquired in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement, or (d) in connection with any other change therein which, in the judgment of the Trustee, is not to the prejudice of the Trustee or the Holders of the Bonds.

Except for amendments, changes or modifications provided for in the preceding paragraph, neither the Authority nor the Trustee may consent to any amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement without the written approval or consent of the Holders of not less than 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time outstanding, given and procured as provided in the Indenture. However, the Indenture does not permit a reduction in, or a postponement of, the Loan Repayments under the Loan Agreement without the consent of the Holders of all the Bonds then outstanding.

# Registration

The Bonds shall be fully registered as to principal and interest at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee, which shall also perform the functions of registrar and paying agent. Bonds may be transferred and exchanged by surrender to the Trustee with a written authorization by the registered Holder or his authorized attorney satisfactory to the Trustee subject to such reasonable regulations as the Trustee may prescribe and shall be without expense to the Holder, except as to any taxes or other governmental charges required to be paid. If the Bonds are no longer in book entry form, Bonds may be exchanged for a new Bond or Bonds of the same series, aggregate principal amount, maturity and interest rate of any Authorized Denominations. Payment of principal will be at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee and interest shall be by check or draft of the Trustee mailed (or, pursuant to an agreement with the Trustee, by wire transfer) to the registered Owner at his address as shown on the registration books of the Trustee, subject to applicable procedures while in book entry form.

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 AND 2002



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees College of Saint Benedict St. Joseph, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the College of Saint Benedict as of June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the College of Saint Benedict at June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The "Highlights" on page 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Vinchas, Krause & Company, LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota August 20, 2003

#### BALANCE SHEETS June 30, 2003 and 2002

ASSETS				
		2003		2002
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,207,761	\$	9,121,091
Accounts receivable				
Student receivables, net of allowance for doubtful				
accounts of \$170,000 each year		838,103		617,629
Contributions receivable		2,388,414		746,451 292.845
Other		339,345 126,034		292,845
Inventories		•		4,723,399
Marketable securities		5,118,522		
Prepaid expenses		53,934		48,558
Total Current Assets		21,072,113		15,663,276
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES AND OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS				
Student loan receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts				
of \$266,000 each year		6,086,778		6,342,251
Contributions receivable		5,111,013		2,527,192
Deferred debt acquisition costs		499,124		529,908
Total Long-term Receivables and Other Noncurrent Assets	_	11,696,915	-	9,399,351
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS		23,184,779		22,414,138
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Land and improvements		3,246,983		3,223,361
Buildings		64,744,345		64,709,628
Furniture and equipment		22,145,519		19,948,222
Library books		5,638,519		5,337,960
Construction in progress		411,396		1,357,330
Total		96,186,762		94,576,501
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-	(40,556,072)		(37,599,777)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		55,630,690		56,976,724
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	111,584,497	\$	104,453,489

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2003	2002
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2000	
Accounts payable	\$ 733,231	\$ 1,301,760
Accounts payable Accrued payroll and benefits	2,246,669	2,265,451
Other liabilities	1,356,827	1,352,833
Deferred revenue	285,246	170,543
Funds held for others	172,704	161,501
Current portion of annuities payable	60,934	37,986
Current portion of bonds payable	1,325,000	1,210,000
Total Current Liabilities	6,180,611	6,500,074
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Government grants repayable - Federal Perkins loan program	6,143,891	6,055,386
Bonds payable, net of current portion	28,435,000	29,760,000
Annuities payable, net of current portion	325,821	192,627
Total Long-Term Liabilities	34,904,712	36,008,013
Total Liabilities	41,085,323	42,508,087
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Available for operations	5,346,190	4,740,545
Board designated		
Unrestricted portion of endowment	767,500	1,183,325
Endowment	4,659,225	4,926,897
Repair and replacement	6,464,711	4,874,169
Contractual limitations - debt service	3,296,019	3,322,251
Investment in property, plant and equipment	26,369,560	26,273,429
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	46,903,205	45,320,616
Temporarily Restricted		
Unexpended gifts	2,523,639	1,017,811
Contributions receivable	2,373,111	1,621,707
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	4,896,750	2,639,518
Permanently Restricted		
Annuities	306,081	121,898
Endowment	12,519,168	11,484,263
Funds held in trust	747,654	727,171
Contributions receivable	5,126,316	1,651,936
Total Permanently Restricted Net Assets	18,699,219	13,985,268
Total Net Assets	70,499,174	61,945,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 111,584,497</u>	<u>\$ 104,453,489</u>

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2003 With Comparative Totals for 2002

	2003				
	Lincotrictord	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	2002 Total
DEVENUES, CAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	10(a)	10(a)
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 39,337,055			\$ 39,337,055	\$ 37,394,134
Tuition and fees	(14,064,273)			(14,064,273)	(13,124,686)
Less: Scholarships and grants Net tuition and fees	25,272,782			25,272,782	24,269,448
Government grants	20,212,102				
Federal	1,240,571			1,240,571	1,224,813
State	1,2-10,011			.,,	377,954
Private gifts and grants	879,258	\$ 4,195,865	\$ 5,271,938	10,347,061	4,682,148
Other investment income	463,347	36,241	• •,=••,••••	499,588	832,668
Endowment income	99,682	164,591	10,403	274,676	380,728
Net realized gains on investments	20,133	50,754	3,209	74,096	105,484
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	116,509	(98,970)	14,226	31,765	(2,036,001)
Loss on stock gift	. 10,000	(00,000)	(600,000)	· · · ·	(-,,
Other sources	922,379		()	922,379	994,707
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	022,010				
Residence halls	5,193,961			5,193,961	5,039,308
Food service	3,850,764			3,850,764	3,726,063
Other auxiliaries	4,206,063			4,206,063	4,444,560
Adjustment of actuarial liability	,,200,000		14,175	14,175	(41,085)
Aujustitient of dotadhar hability	42,265,449	4,348,481	4,713,951	51,327,881	44,000,795
Net assets released from restrictions	2,091,249	(2,091,249)			
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	44,356,698	2,257,232	4,713,951	51,327,881	44,000,795
EXPENSES					
Program expenses					
Instruction	14,214,703			14,214,703	13,870,595
Academic support	5,440,253			5,440,253	5,572,013
Student services	4,730,748			4,730,748	4,858,495
Auxiliary enterprises					
Residence halls	3,600,172			3,600,172	3,579,994
Food service	3,519,147			3,519,147	3,812,581
Other auxiliaries	4,312,210			4,312,210	4,552,960
Support expenses					
Institutional support	6,956,876			6,956,876	6,724,158
Total Expenses	42,774,109			42,774,109	42,970,796
Change in Net Assets	1,582,589	2,257,232	4,713,951	8,553,772	1,029,999
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	45,320,616	2,639,518	13,985,268	61,945,402	60,915,403
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 46,903,205</u>	<u>\$ 4,896,750</u>	<u>\$ 18,699,219</u>	<u>\$ 70,499,174</u>	<u>\$ 61,945,402</u>

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Tuition and fees	\$ 37,394,134			\$ 37,394,134
Less: Scholarships and grants	(13,124,686)			(13,124,686)
Net tuition and fees	24,269,448			24,269,448
Government grants				
Federal	1,224,813			1,224,813
State	377,954			377,954
Private gifts and grants	1,022,015	\$ 1,275,590	\$ 2,384,543	4,682,148
Other investment income	800,764	31,904		832,668
Endowment income	132,156	234,106	14,466	380,728
Net realized gains on investments	44,299	57,622	3,563	105,484
Net unrealized losses on investments	(1,929,724)		(106,277)	(2,036,001)
Other sources	994,707			994,707
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises				
Residence halls	5,039,308			5,039,308
Food service	3,726,063			3,726,063
Other auxiliaries	4,444,560			4,444,560
Adjustment of actuarial liability	.,,		(41,085)	(41,085)
Aujustment of actualian liability	40,146,363	1.599.222	2,255,210	44,000,795
Net assets released from restrictions	1,849,923	(1,849,923)		
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	41,996,286	(250,701)	2,255,210	44,000,795
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support				••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
EXPENSES				
Program expenses				40.070 505
Instruction	13,870,595			13,870,595
Academic support	5,572,013			5,572,013
Student services	4,858,495			4,858,495
Auxiliary enterprises				
Residence halls	3,579,994			3,579,994
Food service	3,812,581			3,812,581
Other auxiliaries	4,552,960			4,552,960
Support expenses				
Institutional support	6,724,158			6,724,158
Total Expenses	42,970,796			42,970,796
Change in Net Assets	(974,510)	(250,701)	2,255,210	1,029,999
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	46,295,126	2,890,219	11,730,058	60,915,403
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 45,320,616	<u>\$ 2,639,518</u>	<u>\$ 13,985,268</u>	<u>\$ 61,945,402</u>

#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 8,553,772	\$ 1,029,999
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided		
by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	2,987,079	
Realized gains on investments	(74,096	
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(52,248	) 1,999,798
Actuarial adjustment of annuities payable	199,321	42,761
Loan cancellations	116,516	118,303
Contribution of equipment	(487	)
Investment income restricted for reinvestment	(10,403	) (14,466)
Contributions received restricted for plant and long-term investment	(2,785,101	) (1,384,607)
Change in total contributions receivable	(4,225,784	) (1,013,646)
Decrease in funds held in trust by others	20,483	36,203
Change in current assets and current liabilities		
Student receivables	(220,474	) 153,608
Other receivables	(46,500	) 1,031,233
Inventories	(12,731	) (16,539)
Prepaid expenses	(5,376	) 33,541
Accounts payable	(505,700	) 770,275
Accrued payroll and benefits	(18,782	) 87,635
Other liabilities	3,994	(26,400)
Deferred revenue	114,703	(364,772)
Funds held for others	11,203	1,262
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	4,049,389	5,267,892
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(1,672,603	
Withdrawals from deposits held by trustee, net		987,621
Purchases of investments, net	(1,059,903	
Disbursements of loans to students	(1,217,109	) (935,043)
Loan payments from students	1,356,066	859,770
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	(2,593,549	) (4,632,483)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Receipt of investment income restricted for reinvestment	10,403	3 14,466
Contributions received restricted for plant and long-term investment	2,785,101	
Payment of principal on indebtedness	(1,210,000	)) (1,185,000)
Increase in government grants repayable	88,505	
Payments to annuitants	(43,179	9)(33,475)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	1,630,830	328,785
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,086,670	964,194
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of Year	9,121,09	8,156,897
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAF	<u>\$ 12,207,76</u>	<u>\$ 9,121,091</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
	\$ 1,663,79	5 \$ 1,722,680
Interest paid	φ 1,000,100	
Interest paid Noncash investing and financing activities Property, plant and equipment acquired through accounts payable	ψ 1,000,10	62,829

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2003 and 2002

#### **NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the College of Saint Benedict (the "College") reflect practices common to colleges and universities and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below:

**General** - The College maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles and practices of fund accounting. Fund accounting is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting purposes in accordance with activities or objectives specified by donors.

These financial statements, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on the College as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This has been accomplished by classification of fund balances and transactions into three classes of net assets - permanently restricted, temporarily restricted or unrestricted, as follows:

- **Permanently Restricted Net Assets** Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the College. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the College to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by action of the College and/or the passage of time.

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of gift.

Income and net gains on investments of endowment and similar funds are reported as follows:

- as increases in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- as increases in temporarily restricted net assets if the terms of the gift impose restrictions on the use of the income;
- as increases in unrestricted net assets in all other cases.

Losses from investments on permanently restricted endowment funds are reported as reductions in temporarily restricted assets to the extent of prior accumulated earnings reported as such, if any, with the remaining net losses reported as reductions in the unrestricted quasi-endowment funds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2003 and 2002

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets With respect to temporarily restricted net assets, the College has adopted the following accounting policies:
  - **Reporting as Temporarily Restricted Revenues** Contributions received with donorimposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class, and a reclassification to unrestricted net assets is made to reflect the expiration of such restrictions.
  - Release of Restrictions on Net Assets for Acquisition of Land, Buildings and Equipment - Contributions of land, buildings and equipment are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire land, buildings and equipment are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class; the restrictions are considered to be released at the time such long-lived assets are placed in service.
- Cash Equivalents The College considers all highly liquid investments, except for those held for long-term investment, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.
- Receivables An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded annually based on historical experience and management's evaluation of receivables at the end of each year. Bad debts are expensed when deemed uncollectible. Receivables are generally unsecured.

Inventories - Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market.

- Investments Investments in marketable equity and debt securities are recorded at fair value. Other investments are recorded at cost, except those items received as gifts, which are valued at fair value at the date of gift. Fair value approximates cost for all investments recorded on the cost basis.
- Deferred Debt Acquisition Costs The acquisition costs of bond issuance are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related indebtedness.
- Physical Plant and Equipment Physical plant assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The College depreciates its plant assets, with the exception of land, on a straight line basis over the estimated useful service lives of the respective assets. Estimated service lives are as follows:

Furniture and equipment	4 - 15 years
Buildings/building components	15 - 100 years
Land improvements	10 years
Library books	20 years
Utility distribution system	20 years

The College capitalizes physical plant additions in excess of \$5,000. Normal repair and maintenance expenses are charged to operations as incurred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2003 and 2002

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**Deferred Revenue** - Certain revenue related to summer education programs is deferred and recognized as revenue in the same period expenses are recognized. Students are generally billed for courses prior to the start of the course.

- **Government Grants Refundable** Funds provided by the United States Government under the Federal Perkins Loan Program are loaned to qualified students and may be reloaned after collections. These funds are ultimately refundable to the government and are included as liabilities in the statements of financial position. Revenues from other government grants are recognized as they are earned in accordance with the agreement. Any funding received before it is earned is recorded as a refundable advance. Expenses incurred before cash is received are recorded as receivables.
- Retirement Plans The College has certain contributory defined contribution pension plans for academic and nonacademic personnel. Contributions for employees are determined on a percentage of annual salary. The cost of the retirement plans is paid currently and approximated \$1,052,400 and \$1,024,000 for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.
- Grants to Specified Students Amounts received from state and federal agencies designated for the benefit of specified students are considered agency transactions and, therefore, are not reflected as revenues and expenses of the College. The amounts of such grants were \$2,402,391 and \$870,480, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2003. The amounts of such, grants were \$2,600,504 and \$801,977, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2002.
- Fair Value of Financial Instruments The College records financial instruments at cost, with the exception of investments in marketable equity and debt securities which are reflected in the financial statements at market value. Cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are reflected in the financial statements at fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments. The carrying value of contributions receivable approximates fair value because they are recorded at the present value of the discounted future cash flows, based on current market interest rates. The fair value of investments (which are shown in Note 4) are based upon values are not available, historical cost is used as an estimate of market value. A reasonable estimate of the fair value of the crecivables from students could not be made because the notes receivable are not saleable and can only be assigned to the U.S. government or its designees. The fair value of receivables from students under College loan programs approximates carrying value.

A reasonable estimate of the fair value of the annuities payable could not be made because the annuities are not salable. The carrying amount of long-term debt approximates fair value because these financial instruments bear interest at rates which approximate current market rates for notes with similar maturities and credit quality.

- Functional Allocation of Expenses The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain expenses have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.
- Income Tax Status The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the College is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, any unrelated business income may be subject to taxation.

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#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- Fund-Raising and Advertising Expenses Fund-raising expenses totaled \$1,766,000 and \$1,838,000 for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Advertising costs are expensed when incurred.
- **Reclassifications** Certain amounts appearing in the 2002 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2003 presentation. The reclassifications have no effect on reported amounts of total net assets or change in total net assets.

#### NOTE 2 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from temporary donor restrictions during the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of events specified by the donors as follows:

	2003	2002
Acquisition of buildings and equipment Scholarships, instruction and other departmental support	\$ 989,575 1,101,674	\$ 205,125 1,644,798
	\$ 2,091,249	<u>\$ 1,849,923</u>

These assets were reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

#### **NOTE 3 - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable include the following unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2003 and 2002:

	2003	2002	
Temporarily restricted - operations Temporarily restricted - plant projects	\$ 289,043 2,194,892 5,545,140	\$ 318,681 1,478,285 1,954,777	
Permanently restricted - endowment Gross unconditional promises to give Less: Unamortized discount	<u> </u>	3,751,743 (478,100)	
Net unconditional promises to give	\$ 7,499,427	<u>\$ 3,273,643</u>	

At June 30, 2003, gross contributions receivable of \$2,268,993 are due in less than one year, \$5,380,082 are due in one to five years, and \$380,000 are due in more than five years. Promises due in one or more years were discounted at an interest rate of 3.0% and 4.0% for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Promises due in less than one year were not discounted.

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#### NOTE 4 - MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The College categorizes investments for purposes of a classified balance sheet as marketable securities and long-term investments. Marketable securities consist of investments held for operations, plant renewal and replacement and donor restricted funds for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment or for the support of operations. Long-term investments include endowment assets, gift annuities, funds held for retirement of indebtedness, funds held in trust for the benefit of the College and the cash surrender value of life insurance policies owned by the College.

At June 30, 2003 and 2002, marketable securities of \$5,118,522 and \$4,723,399, respectively, consisted of mutual funds recorded at fair value.

Long-term investments at June 30, 2003 and 2002 include the following assets recorded at fair value:

	2003	2002
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,095,425	\$ 1,026,429
Mutual funds	17,251,185	16,664,468
Government securities	1,639,747	2,206,438
Other fixed income securities	12,000	12,000
Stocks	1,081,936	1,457,016
Funds held in trust by others	747,654	727,171
Cash surrender value of life insurance	356,832	320,616
	<u>\$ 23,184,779</u>	\$ 22,414,138

Investment income and gains and losses, including amounts reflected in the adjustment of actuarial liability, for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 follows:

Dividends and interest, net of fees of \$74,102 and \$73,081 Net gains (losses) on investments recorded at market		784,454	\$ 1,223,236
value		143,981	 (1,977,587)
	\$	928,435	\$ (754,351)

The amount allocated to operations (from endowment and quasi-endowment) is determined by applying a spending rate to the average fair value of endowment investments for the preceding three years. The board has authorized a maximum rate of 5%. Spending draws were \$845,726 and \$834,279 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The fair value of all permanent endowment assets is currently in excess of all donors cumulative original gift values. However, as a result of market conditions in recent years, the fair value of assets allocated to certain individual endowment funds is currently less than the gift value of those individual funds. Deficit balances in various funds total approximately \$372,000 at June 30, 2003. Valuation losses in excess of historical gift value reduce temporarily restricted net assets to the extent of prior year undistributed gains with the balance of such losses recorded in the unrestricted net asset class. The market volatility of equity-based investments is expected to continue impacting available distributions.

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#### NOTE 5 - CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

At June 30, 2003 the following projects were in progress:

	Costs To Date	Estimated Total Costs	Funding Plan
Benedicta Arts Center Miscellaneous projects	\$ 263,203 148,193	\$ 7,500,000 1,650,000	External financing Repair and replacement
	\$ 411,396	\$ 9,150,000	

#### NOTE 6 - BONDS PAYABLE

The College had the following bonds payable outstanding at June 30, 2003 and 2002:

	2003	2002
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority First Mortgage Revenue Bonds Series Three-W	\$ 4,515,000	\$ 5,030,000
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds Series Four-G	2,250,000	2,365,000
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds Series Four-T	22,995,000	23,575,000
	\$ 29,760,000	\$ 30,970,000

The College has loans outstanding with the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority ("the Authority") in connection with bonds issued by the Authority:

During March 1994, the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority issued First Mortgage Revenue Bonds Series Three-W (College of Saint Benedict) on behalf of the College totaling \$17,475,000. The bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College, a first mortgage lien upon the land and building of the project, first lien on the base rents and other income received from the project and certain reserves. Interest at rates ranging from 5.75% to 6.375% is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1. During fiscal year ended 1999, \$10,515,000 of the Series Three-W bonds were refunded from the proceeds of the Series Four-T bonds. The remaining bonds mature in annual installments of \$175,000 to \$600,000 on March 1 through 2010 with payments of \$1,075,000 and \$1,630,000 due March 1, 2014 and 2020, respectively. The term bonds maturing in the years 2014 and 2020 are subject to annual sinking fund payments on March 1 in the years 2011 through 2020 in amounts varying from \$225,000 to \$330,000.

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#### NOTE 6 - BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

During July 1996, the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority issued Revenue Bonds Series Four-G (College of Saint Benedict) on behalf of the College totaling \$3,000,000. The bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College and a first lien on the base rents and other income received from the project and certain reserves. Interest at rates ranging from 5.50% to 6.20% is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1. The bonds mature on March 1 of each year through 2011 in amounts ranging from \$120,000 to \$180,000 with a payment of \$1,070,000 due March 1, 2016. The term bonds due in 2016 are subject to annual sinking fund payments on March 1 in the years 2012 through 2016 in amounts varying from \$190,000 to \$240,000.

During July 1998, the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority issued Revenue Bonds Series Four-T (College of Saint Benedict) on behalf of the College totaling \$25,430,000. The bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the College and a first lien on the base rents and other income received from the project and certain reserves. Interest at rates ranging from 5.0% to 5.35% is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1. The bonds mature in annual installments of \$605,000 to \$1,335,000 on March 1 through 2009 with payments of \$2,885,000, \$3,190,000 and \$10,220,000 due March 1, 2011, 2013 and 2020, respectively. The term bonds maturing in the years 2011, 2013 and 2020 are subject to annual sinking fund payments on March 1 in the years 2010 through 2020 in amounts varying from \$710,000 to \$1,910,000.

The College's bonds payable mature in fiscal years ending June 30 as follows:

2004	\$ 1,325,000
2005	1,405,000
2006	1,480,000
2007	1,550,000
2008	1,635,000
Later years	22,365,000
	\$ 29,760,000

During fiscal year 1999, the College partially defeased the 1994 Series Three-W Revenue Bonds by placing part of the proceeds of 1998 Series Four-T Revenue Bonds in an irrevocable trust with escrow agents to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. At June 30, 2003, \$10,515,000 of defeased bonds are outstanding. A total of \$10,606,342 is held in escrow at June 30, 2003 and will be used to retire the bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Series Three-W Revenue Bonds.

#### NOTE 7 - AFFILIATION WITH THE SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT

The College is an affiliated organization of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict of St. Joseph, Minnesota (the "Order"). Certain members of the Order are employees of the College and certain members of the Board of Trustees of the College are also members of the Order. At June 30, 2003 and 2002, the College had an amount due from the Order totaling \$105,139 and \$90,219, respectively, which is included in other receivables.

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#### NOTE 8 - ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The College allocated the following expenses to program and support functions for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002:

	2003	2002
Interest Depreciation Operation and maintenance of plant	\$ 1,663,795 2,956,294 2,547,392	\$ 1,722,680 2,858,405 2,267,779
operation and maintenance of plant	\$ 7,167,481	<u>\$ 6,848,864</u>

#### NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The College provides medical benefits through a self-insurance plan which is available to all employees of the University for certain medical expenses. Estimates for claims incurred but not reported have been accrued by the College.

#### NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the College to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and other investments, accounts receivable and notes. Substantially all of the College's cash and liquid investments are placed with highquality financial institutions, limiting the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution; however, cash balances may periodically exceed federally insured limits. Marketable securities, consisting of both debt and equity instruments, are generally placed in a variety of managed funds administered by different investment managers in order to limit credit risk. Student notes and receivables are due from a variety of sources concentrated primarily in the midwestern United States. In addition, the College's student's receive a substantial amount of support from state and federal student financial assistance programs which are subject to audit by governmental agencies. A significant reduction in the level of this support, if this were to occur, could have an adverse effect on the College's programs and activities.