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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** University Chapel Hour, Chaplain Dennis E. Groh

**Date:** Feb. 14 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

**Admission:** Free, open to the public

**Program:** The title of Groh's presentation is "Bring Back St. Valentine."

Groh will discuss the history of St. Valentine as well as other influential saints and why they have been forgotten.

**Background:** Groh is university chaplain and professor of humanities and archaeology at IWU. Prior to coming to IWU in 1996, Groh was professor of history and Christianity at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. He holds degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University (BA), Garrett Theological Seminary (BD) and Northwestern University (Ph.D.).

Groh specializes in early Christianity and archaeology of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine periods, and has co-authored or co-edited five books and numerous articles. His current research focuses on current Sepphoris excavations he has been involved in as well as the interaction of West and East to form a "Mediterranean Culture" in the Roman and post-Roman Near East. During IWU's May Term he takes a class to Israel to study archaeology.

Groh has been the James Alan Montgomery Fellow and the Annual Professor of the American Schools of Oriental Research at the William F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (Jerusalem), the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow of the Institute for Social Ecology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beer Sheva, Israel). He also is past president of the North American Patristics Society.

**Contact:** For more information call the University Chapel office at 309/556-3005.

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