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**Biographical Information**  
**The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.**  
**President, Creighton University**

Since coming to Creighton University in 2000 as its 23rd president, John P. Schlegel, S.J., has brought a renewed energy to campus, leading the University through a period of historic growth built on the pillars of academic excellence, life-enhancing research, community, spiritual formation, philanthropic support and the promotion of justice.

Prior to his arrival at Creighton, Fr. Schlegel served nine years as president of the University of San Francisco, another Jesuit institution. Before that, he was Creighton University's assistant academic vice president (1978-82), academic dean of Rockhurst College (1982-84), dean of arts and sciences at Marquette University (1984-88), and executive and academic vice president at John Carroll University (1988-1991).

As president of Creighton, Fr. Schlegel has initiated changes that have enhanced the already nationally recognized academic quality of the University and the beauty of the campus. Creighton's investment in redevelopment and east campus expansion has been part of the renaissance of downtown Omaha. The changes are evident: new junior/senior town homes in Davis Square and Opus Hall, one of the nation's top collegiate soccer venues in Morrison Stadium, science facilities that encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and discovery in the Hixson-Lied Science Building, a redesigned campus mall radiant with colors and convenient new parking garages. Add to that a remodeling of the venerable St. John's Church, the heart and soul of the Creighton campus; the construction of the Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning, consolidating academic and student support services in one convenient location; and the construction of the Wayne and Eileen Ryan Athletic Center and D.J. Sokol Arena for Creighton women's volleyball and basketball program while providing a venue for Omaha community events. All of these changes have enhanced the living and learning experience of Creighton's 7,400 students.

In 2002, Fr. Schlegel inaugurated the Creighton University Medical Center as an umbrella for all of Creighton's century-old health care institutions. As a champion of diversity in the workplace, Fr. Schlegel established in 2001 what has become an annual citywide diversity summit and CEO breakfast for corporate Omaha.

For his promotion of understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures, Fr. Schlegel received the Otto Swanson Spirit of Service Award from the National Conference for Community Justice (NCCJ) in 2003, the Champion of Greatness Award from Special Olympics Nebraska (2003), the Honored Citizen Award from the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (2004), the Award for Vision from Downtown Omaha Inc. (2005), the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America (2007), the ICAN's (Institute for Career Advancement Needs) Tim Rouse Advocate for Women in Leadership Award winner (2008), and the Boy Scouts of America's Citizen of the Year Award (2009).

A graduate of St. Louis University with a B.A. in philosophy and classics (1969) and a M.A. in political science (1970), he also earned a theology degree from the University of London (1973) and a doctorate from Oxford University in international relations (1977).

Fr. Schlegel serves on many boards of trustees of colleges and universities across the country and served on regional accreditation review committees. Additionally, Fr. Schlegel served on numerous local boards in the arts, education and not-for-profit areas, including:

◦ ***Civic***

- USSTRATCOM Consultation Committee, 2006-present
- Cathedral Arts Project, 2001-present
- Board of Directors, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, 2001-present
- Executive Committee, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, 2003-2007
- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Joslyn Art Museum, 2001-present
- Board of Directors, Mid-America Council of the Boys Scouts of America, 2001-present; Council Chairman, 2006-07
- Board of Directors, Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, 2000-present
- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Opera Omaha, 2003-2010
- Board of Directors, United Way of the Midlands, 2001-2004, 2007-present

◦ ***Professional***

- Board of Directors, Saint Joseph Hospital, Creighton University Medical Center, 2002-present
- Board of Directors, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Nebraska, 2000-present; Executive Committee, 2000-present
- Board of Directors, Creighton Preparatory School, 2000-2006
- Board of Directors, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, 2000-2006