



# Fast Facts:

## Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D.

### 11th President of Saint Anselm College

#### HOMETOWN

Memphis, Tennessee

#### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** in Religious Studies,  
Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

**S.T.B./M.A.** in Theology, Religious Studies,  
Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

**B.A.** in History, St. Meinrad College, Indiana

Certificate from the Harvard University Institute  
for Executive Management

#### CAREER

**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
Stonehill College, 2012-2019

**Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Dean of the Faculty**  
Stonehill College, 2008-2012

**Dean of General Education**  
Stonehill College, 2005-2008

**Director of the Program for  
Interdisciplinary Humanities**  
Rhodes College, 2000-2005

**Assistant/Associate Professor of Religious Studies**  
Rhodes College, 1993-2005

#### SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS

*The Order of Penitents: Historical Roots  
and Pastoral Future*

*Removing the Barriers: The Practice  
of Reconciliation*

*A Reconciliation Sourcebook*

*From Cloister to Commons: Concepts  
and Models for Service-Learning in  
Religious Studies.*

#### FAMILY

- The youngest of four siblings
- A first-generation college student
- Married to Dr. Paddy Cronin Favazza, Ed.D., an accomplished professor and researcher in the field of Early Childhood Special Education
- Joe and Paddy were named Senior Fulbright Scholars in 2000, and taught for one semester at Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- Parents of four children: Alina, Ana-Marlise, Petr, and Isabella
- Their three oldest children were adopted as siblings from Romania, and their adoption story was documented by Hallmark Entertainment as part of the series "Adoption" on the Hallmark Channel. Subsequently, the family also appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show in 2002.