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Bestselling Author Richard Foster and Spring Arbor University President Gayle Beebe Sign with InterVarsity Press

Downers Grove, IL—InterVarsity Press is pleased to announce the acquisition of a new book by bestselling author of *The Celebration of Discipline* and Renovaré founder Richard Foster, and Spring Arbor University president Gayle Beebe. The book is scheduled to be published in fall 2008.

In the book, tentatively titled *Longing for God: Seven Paths of Christian Devotion*, the authors will look at key figures from Christian history and examine the many forms of Christian devotion and expression. This work will enhance InterVarsity Press's already strong *Formatio* line of spiritual formation books, which are intended to take readers on a journey of transformation rooted in a deep desire to live in the presence of God. Senior editor Cindy Bunch, who will work with the authors on the project's development, comments, "This material will not only inform the mind about spirituality; it is designed to shape our spiritual practice. In the introduction the authors state that they want to 'orient us to God so that we may satisfy [our] unquenchable longing.' And that is my greatest desire for the readers of our *Formatio* line." Foster and Beebe will join *Formatio* authors such as Dallas Willard (*Hearing God*) and Ruth Haley Barton (*Invitation to Solitude and Silence*).

InterVarsity Press publisher Bob Fryling states that Foster and Beebe "are a team that embodies and articulates the riches of spiritual formation for the contemporary church. I am grateful for the privilege IVP has to publish this significant new *Formatio* book. I believe it will be an immediate classic."

According to Jeff Crosby, director of sales and marketing, InterVarsity Press is planning a major national media campaign for this title, including advance reader copies of the book. He remarks, "Richard Foster's books on prayer, spiritual disciplines and the challenges of living a disciplined life have been formative in my own journey of Christian spirituality. I look forward to working with him and Gayle Beebe on the release of this important new title and, together, realizing a significant impact in the lives of believers throughout the world."

As an extension of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, InterVarsity Press serves those in the university, the church and the world by publishing resources that equip and encourage people to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord in all of life.

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