

## Kalmanovitz Hall Dedication Marks New Era

**F**our years after the redesign of Kalmanovitz Hall began, University of San Francisco President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. welcomed visitors and thanked supporters at a Sept. 23 dedication ceremony for the university's newest building.

Benefactors and administrators cut the ribbon to the renovated building, launching the university's new home for humanities and social sciences on the next leg of its journey. Kalmanovitz Hall opened for classes at the beginning of the fall semester, Aug. 28.

"Today, we celebrate a wonderful educational facility whose deep roots in the university's past will allow it to reach unprecedented heights in the future," Fr. Privett said.

Named for the Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation—a Bay Area philanthropic trust that donated one-third of the estimated \$30 million cost for the renovation—the building features 11 classrooms, 185 faculty and staff offices, 17 laboratories for language, writing, media, and psychology, and 10 conference rooms.

At more than 100,000 square feet, Kalmanovitz's renovation goes beyond merely meeting current earthquake safety standards. The new design more fully exploits the building's space, improves energy efficiency, and brings "smart" technology into classrooms—including video capabilities and wireless computer access, according to Mike London, assistant vice president of facilities management.

Other highlights include a rooftop sculpture garden and a main entrance set off by a soaring multi-story glass atrium connecting the old Kalmanovitz annex to Cowell Hall. The main entrance features a terraced courtyard, seating, and landscaping.