

## NEWS RELEASE

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### USM Holds Annual Founders' Day Concert to Honor 1858 Landing of Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth *7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, Annunciation Chapel*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary department of fine arts-music will hold its Founders' Day Concert, an annual tradition commemorating the 1858 landing of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, in Annunciation Chapel on USM's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth are the founders and continuing sponsors of the University of Saint Mary.

The Founders' Day Concert is free and open to the public.

This year's edition of the concert will also feature poems by various Sisters of Charity, which will be read in tandem with choral selections sung by the USM Concert Chorale.

Sr. Susan Rieke, Ph.D., and holder of the endowed Sister Mary Janet McGilley Chair in Liberal Studies, is coordinating the poetry project. One of the poems to be read was written by the late Sr. McGilley, who served as president of Saint Mary for 25 years.

Musical selections at the program include hymns played by the USM strings ensemble, a tenor aria from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" by USM alum Ryan Harris-Hernandez, and organ works by Bach and Buxtehude performed by Assistant Professor Freda Proctor, the university's resident keyboard artist.

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