

## NEWS RELEASE

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# University of Saint Mary to Honor Founder's Day with Music and Art

*7:30 p.m., November 9*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary's Department of Fine Arts hosts an evening of faculty music and art at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 in celebration of the 146-year anniversary of Founder's Day. Sixteen Sisters of Charity came by boat up the Missouri River from Nashville, Tenn. and landed in Leavenworth Nov. 11, 1858. They came to serve the needs of a frontier people of Kansas. Within days they began teaching boys and girls. In 1859, the Sisters opened the first boarding school for girls in downtown Leavenworth which would grow to become the University of Saint Mary.

The Founder's Day Recital will be held in the Walnut Room in Mead Hall on the main campus at 4100 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Leavenworth. Admission is free.

Professor Freda Proctor, a pianist and flutist, and baritone Dr. William Krusemark, chair of the USM Fine Arts Department, will perform selections by Bach, Chopin, and Schumann. Following the recital, a reception will be held in Goppert Gallery in Xavier Hall to coincide with the faculty art show by Associate Professor of Art Susan Nelson and Assistant Professor of Art Alexandra Robinson.

Call 913-682-5151 ext. 6460 for more information.



**"The Landing" painting by Ernst Ulmer**

November 11, 1858, the first Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth arrive at the Leavenworth Landing after an icy trip up the Missouri River.

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