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University of Saint Mary Chorale Performs Classical Holiday Concert "Christmas Choral Vespers"

7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Wrap yourself in the glorious music of the holiday season when the University of Saint Mary Concert Chorale and Vespers Chamber Orchestra present "Christmas Choral Vespers" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 in Annunciation Chapel. Dr. William Krusemark, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, will direct the program filled with selections from *Handel's Messiah*, *Vivaldi's Gloria* and *Bach's Tenor Chorale from Cantata #140: "Sleepers Wake."* The performance is free and open to the public. Annunciation Chapel is located on the south side of the main campus at 4100 S. 4th Street in Leavenworth.

The Bells of Saint Mary handbell choir, led by assistant professor of music Freda Proctor, will open the evening with a *Medley for Christmas* by Tucker. The concert also includes international carols like *Fum, Fum, Fum*, a Catalan carol, *Wither's Rocking Carole* by Vaughan-Williams, and *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, a German carol with flute soloist Kim Simpson.

The beautiful Annunciation Chapel, built 1914-16, is a splendid example of Italian Renaissance architecture. The chapel is situated between the University buildings and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Mother House. Inside, a sculptured reredos and rose window create a magnificent altar area, and stained glass windows richly decorate the Chapel walls. The peaceful beauty of the Chapel makes it a house of prayer and devotion.

The Vespers program will be immediately followed by a reception in Saint Joseph Dining Hall. Call 913-682-5151 for more information.

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