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University of Saint Mary Offers Safe Alternative to Halloween with "Trick or Treat Off the Streets"

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(Leavenworth, Kan.)— Little spooks, ghosts, ghouls and angels will come out of hiding to roam the residence halls of the University of Saint Mary the night of Halloween in pursuit of delightful sugary treats. The special occasion is a Leavenworth Halloween favorite, "Trick or Treat off the Streets" at University of Saint Mary. "Trick or Treat off the Streets" begins at 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Halloween night, in two residence halls Berchmans and Maria Hall. "Trick or Treat off the Streets" is free and open to the public. Call 913-758-6395 for more

information.

"Trick or Treat off the Streets" is an annual function designed to provide a safe, comfortable and climate-controlled trick-or-treat environment for parents and children inside the University of Saint Mary residence halls.

Here's how it works: children and their parents are free to stray (in full Halloween costumes) through the third, fourth, and fifth levels of Maria Hall (located on the north side of campus), and the second, third, and fourth levels of Berchmans Hall (located on the east side of campus). University of Saint Mary students will be in costume as well, and will be ready to distribute treats to little ones. Last year, nearly 200 local children and their families trick or treated on the University of Saint Mary campus. "It's a fun way for our students to interact with the local community. The children always have a blast and so do our students," said Taylor Gillespie, Student Government Association (SGA) president.

Interested in donating candy? The University of Saint Mary will accept candy up until Halloween day. To donate candy, call 913-758-6395 or email ryancharris2@yahoo.com.

The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. "Trick or Treat off the Streets" is sponsored by SGA in conjunction with the USM student life department. Parking is limited, so please come early.

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