

NEWS RELEASE

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**USM To Bless the Earth as Part of
'Celebrate the Earth Week'**

11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—As part of a week-long celebration leading up to Earth Day, the University of Saint Mary will hold an outdoor prayer and blessing of the Earth at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20. The prayer and blessing is part of the university's "Celebrate the Earth Week," which allows students, faculty and staff to do their part all week long to keep the community clean, plant flowers, and bless the land in which we all live.

The outdoor prayer and blessing will take place around the USM fountain on the main circle drive of the main campus, located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. The public is welcome to attend. Call 1-800-752-7043 or 913-758-4348 for more information. The USM community will also clean up the campus, the community and later plant flowers on campus throughout the day. Members of the community are welcome to participate as well.

The University of Saint Mary is a private, co-educational applied liberal arts university founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations at 11413 Pflumm in Overland Park and inside Providence Medical Center at 8929 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan.

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