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University of Saint Mary & Benedictine Chorales Unite for 21st Annual Spring Oratorio *3 p.m. Sunday, March 30 and April 6*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— More than 100 student performers from both the University of Saint Mary and Benedictine College will combine to perform “French Choral Masterworks” at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, on the University of Saint Mary campus in Leavenworth, Kan., with a repeat performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, on the campus of Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Saint Mary performance will be in Annunciation Chapel on the University of Saint Mary campus, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. The Benedictine performance will be in Abbey Church on the Benedictine College campus, 1020 North 2nd Street, Atchison, Kan.

The combined concert chorales of USM and BC is a 21-year tradition led by the brother-sister duo, Dr. William Krusemark, professor of music at the University of Saint Mary, and Dr. Ruth Krusemark of Benedictine College.

The program will include Faure’s motet “*Cantique de Jean Racine*,” sung in French, and Durufle’s “*Requiem*” (1947), sung in Latin. In his setting of the Requiem, Maurice Durufle incorporated Gregorian chant melodies from the “*Mass For The Dead*,” and clothed them in 20th century modal and tonal harmonies. The combined chorales will be joined by soloists mezzo-soprano Vanessa Campagna of USM and baritone Justin Stowell of BC.

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