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Art Exhibit *"Painting Along The Way,"*

Opens at University of Saint Mary

Opening Reception at 3:30 p.m., Friday, September 12, 2008

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary is showing the artwork of Sister Carmen Echevarria in an exhibit titled, *"Painting Along The Way,"* from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays in Xavier Hall Goppert Gallery at 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth.

The University of Saint Mary Department of Fine Arts – Art will host an opening reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2008.

Sister Carmen's work includes watercolor as well as acrylic using lots of water. More recently she has worked with found images, just allowing paint and water to mix. The exhibit title comes from her quote, "I'm grateful that I took the time for some painting along the way."

Recurring themes are what has been present in her life; mountains, trees, birds, flowers, and the goats in New Mexico. Later she worked from memory, imagination, the unconscious, and the basics of art.

Sister Carmen has had a long connection with Saint Mary. In the fall of 1949, she came from Butte, Montana, to attend Saint Mary College. She earned a bachelor's degree in art at Saint Mary in 1953 and a Masters in Art at New Mexico Highland's University in Las Vegas, New Mexico in 1968. She did full time retreat work for ten years at a retreat center in Seattle, Portland, Ore., and Wichita, Kan., and also at Saint Mary.

In 1950, she entered the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. She taught for 33 years, 11 in grade school, 11 in high school, and 11 at Saint Mary.

The Goppert Gallery is located on the ground floor of Xavier Hall on the main campus. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on weekends by appointment. Exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, call (913) 758-6151, or visit www.stmary.edu and click on "Calendar of Events."

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