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## USM Presents "Do Catholics Have Family Values?"

### A Theology Lecture by Dr. Julie Rubio

*7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Xavier Theatre*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary Theology Department presents "Do Catholics Have Family Values?" with Dr. Julie Rubio—a look at how the Catholic faith and church values the family—for USM's annual theology lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Xavier Theatre on the Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Dr. Rubio is an associate professor of theology at Saint Louis University and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Catholic Bishops. She is also director of the Mev Puleo Scholarship Program. Her first book, "A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family," received a Catholic Press Association award.



**Dr. Julie Rubio**

Rubio's lecture will explore how today's Catholic family is valued—and not valued—in modern American culture as well as how Catholic parishes can support Christian family values and treat marriage as a vocation in and of itself.

"We are happy to have Dr. Rubio to share about the gift of marriage and family life," said Sister Kathleen Wood, chair of USM's theology department. "She can speak from experience of the challenges and joys of marriage and raising a family in a church community."

Contact Sister Kathleen Wood, SCL, at (913) 758-4332 or [WoodK@stmary.edu](mailto:WoodK@stmary.edu) for more information about the event.

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