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USM Founders' Day Concert Commemorates 1858 Landing of Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth *7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Annunciation Chapel*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary department of fine arts-music will honor the 1858 landing of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth with USM's annual Founders' Day Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, in Annunciation Chapel on the university's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth are the founders and sponsors of the University of Saint Mary.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The event will feature the University of Saint Mary Concert Chorale performing a selection of American choral works. The USM String Ensemble will also perform.

As part of the concert, soprano Melissa Jones, a 1997 Saint Mary graduate and Leavenworth resident, will join baritone Dr. William Krusemark, chair of the fine arts department at USM, in a series of Handel duets.

Also in November, USM's department of fine arts-music will present the Senior Voice Recital of mezzo-soprano Theresa Baumstark at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, in the Walnut Room of Mead Hall on the Leavenworth campus.

Baumstark, a pre-med biology major from Hermann, Mo., will sing arias by Mozart, Scarlatti, Schubert, Faure, and Rodgers. Baumstark will be accompanied by Freda Proctor, assistant professor of music and resident keyboard artist at USM. The recital is free and open to the public.

The USM fine arts-music department is also offering up a Fall Student Recital in the Mead Hall Walnut Room at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Call Dr. Krusemark at (913) 682-5151, ext. 6460, for more information on USM music events.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu on the web for more information.

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