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### University of Saint Mary and Sisters of Charity to Hold Prayer Service for People of Haiti *6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Annunciation Chapel*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—As Haiti tries to recover from last week’s monstrously destructive earthquake and its ongoing aftershocks, the University of Saint Mary and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth are holding a prayer service for the people of the island nation at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in Annunciation Chapel on USM’s Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The public is invited to attend.

During the service, donations will be accepted for Catholic relief services.

“We are a Catholic learning institution,” said USM President Sister Diane Steele. “It is in our mission to help our brothers and sisters in their times of need.”

Sunday’s service is also being held in support for two sisters of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa in Haiti currently residing with the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth community. Sister Melicia Singelus and Sister Myrland Moise are in America to study English at Donnelly College.

The sisters’ religious community lost a novice and an orphan they were caring for in the earthquake. Both sisters will be on hand for the prayer service on Sunday.

Call (913) 758-6165 for more information on the prayer service.

*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](http://www.stmary.edu) on the web for more information.*

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