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Mount Mary College Marian Gallery Extends Carol Chase Bjerke Exhibit

“HIDDEN AGENDA: ARTiculating the Unspeakable” Expresses Artist’s Response to Cancer, Loss

MILWAUKEE (March 11, 2011) – “HIDDEN AGENDA: ARTiculating the Unspeakable,” an exhibit featuring art work by Carol Chase Bjerke in Mount Mary College’s Marian Art Gallery, has been extended to Saturday, April 9, 2011. An artist’s reception will take place Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Marian Gallery is located on the first floor of Caroline Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway and is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Consisting of 45 pieces of art, several of which are installation art, the exhibit tells the story of what it is like to live with ostomy, a surgically created opening in the abdominal wall for wastes to pass out of the body. Chase Bjerke, a colorectal cancer survivor, created the pieces over the course of 14 years, during and after treatment. She uses mixed media, including photography and medical supplies, to serve as tool for healing and communication about a topic that is otherwise rarely discussed. Chase Bjerke hopes the art will increase awareness and ultimately lead to new solutions for people living with gastrointestinal diseases.

To view the artist’s work and to learn more, visit http://www.mtmary.edu/arian.htm.

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