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Mount Mary College Professor Receives Vatican II Award

MILWAUKEE (November 16, 2011) – Sister Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, Ph.D. and assistant professor of theology at Mount Mary College, received the Archbishop of Milwaukee’s Vatican II Award for Service in Society from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at a prayer service and awards ceremony held November 8th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee.

Established in 1991, the Archbishop’s Vatican II awards are granted to individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and society as set forth in the Second Vatican Council. Sr. Daniels-Sykes is the first and only female African-American Catholic bioethicist in the nation. Compelled by unethical behavior she witnessed during her nursing career, she is dedicated to addressing problems facing racial minorities and lower-income patients.

In addition to serving as an assistant professor of theology at Mount Mary College, she serves as adjunct professor for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana. She also serves as a volunteer faculty member at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s announcement of the 2011 Vatican II Award recipients can be found at <http://www.mtmary.edu/awardsandhonors.htm>.

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Mount Mary College, founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, was Wisconsin’s first four-year, degree-granting Catholic college for women. Located on an 80-acre campus in Milwaukee, the College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and eight graduate programs for women and men. Mount Mary also emphasizes study abroad, service learning, and social justice initiatives. Its nearly 1900 students enjoy small class sizes (average 14) and over 90 percent of full-time students receive financial aid or scholarships. Through classroom instruction and community service, Mount Mary develops women to be leaders in their professions and their communities, serving as role models to inspire achievement in others. Visit Mount Mary at www.mtmary.edu.

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