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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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