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Mount Mary College Presents Free Diversity Lecture

Award-winning filmmaker Janet Fitch to speak on gun violence

MILWAUKEE (February 3, 2011) – Mount Mary College will offer a free lecture on diversity issues on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 7 p.m. in Stiemke Hall, located on the second floor of Notre Dame Hall on Mount Mary's campus. The event is open to the public.

The lecture, "Gun Violence and Protection – Preserving the Community" will be presented by Janet Fitch. The program will examine the impact of homicides, suicides, domestic violence and mass shootings in the community.

Fitch is the director and producer of "Guns, Grief and Grace in America," an award-winning three-part documentary series that explores issues related to gun violence from a public health perspective. As a community activist, Fitch seeks sensible solutions and works to raise awareness of gun violence issues. Locally she served on the Steering Committee for the Violence Prevention Initiative of the Medical College of Wisconsin. More information on Janet Fitch and her work can be found at <http://www.newmoononline.com/main.php>.

This lecture is part of Mount Mary's Foley-Poehlman Diversity Lecture Series, which aims to broaden discussion around diversity and how it impacts our lives. The series is named for long-time Mount Mary College professors Sister Mary Briant Foley, SSND, (history, retired) and Sister Joanne Poehlman, SSND (anthropology). The series is funded by the Mother Caroline Mandate Fund of the School Sisters of Notre Dame with additional support from Mount Mary College.

For more information about the Foley-Poehlman Diversity Lecture Series, contact Dr. Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND or Dr. Lynne Woehrle at 414-258-4810 or visit www.mtmary.edu.

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