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Mount Mary College Commemorates 10-Year Anniversary of 9/11

MILWAUKEE (August 24, 2011) – Mount Mary College will mark the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 with signature events that highlight the impact of transforming injustice and anger into compassionate action and outreach that promote peace.

“Beyond Belief,” a documentary about two 9/11 widows who turned the tragic loss of their husbands into humanitarian outreach in Afghanistan, will be shown several times on the Mount Mary campus, which is located at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway in Milwaukee. The showings are free and open to the public.

Dates and times for the campus showings of *Beyond Belief* are as follows:

- Wednesday, August 31st, 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 8th, Noon
- Monday, September 12th, 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 16th, 6:00 p.m.

All showings will take place in Gerhardinger Center, Room 109. Ample free parking is available.

“Beyond 9/11: From Tragedy to Transformation” will feature Susan Retik, one of the women profiled in the documentary, speaking at a luncheon on September 22, 2011 at the Pfister Hotel. Retik co-founded Beyond the 11th, a nonprofit organization that provides support to widows in Afghanistan who have been afflicted by war, terrorism, and oppression. Retik received the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2010 for her heroic efforts in improving the lives of thousands. In her first-ever Milwaukee appearance Retik will share her inspirational story and urge others to use their talents to transform the world, whether around the corner or around the globe.

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person.

An International Day of Peace Celebration will be held on the Mount Mary campus on Wednesday, September 21 from 11:45-12:45 p.m. Janan Najeeb, President of the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, will present "Muslim Women as Peacemakers." The program will close with an interfaith prayer of peace. The event is free. Attendees may bring or buy their lunch, plus enjoy a complimentary sample of Middle Eastern cuisine.

More information on the documentary, *Beyond Belief*, can be found at mtmary.edu/beyondbelief.html. Information on Susan Retik, and the "Beyond the 11th: From Tragedy to Transformation" luncheon is available at mtmary.edu/beyondthe11th.html.

Information on the International Day of Peace Celebration is available by contacting the Alumnae Office at 414-256-1254 or plenary@mtmary.edu.

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