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Mount Mary College Presents Free Diversity Lecture

Fundamentals of collaboration and hope mark movement to transform Milwaukee Schools

MILWAUKEE (April 9, 2012) – Mount Mary College will offer a lecture on diversity issues on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 7 p.m. in Stiemke Hall, located on the second floor of Notre Dame Hall on Mount Mary's campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The lecture, “Driving Toward Excellence: The Power of Collaboration Across Schools,” will be presented by Abby Ramirez, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Schools That Can Milwaukee. The presentation will introduce the genesis of the new movement underway to identify and replicate models of high performance in Milwaukee’s schools. Leadership and collaboration methods across schools, business and community leaders and other non-profits will also be explored.

Schools That Can Milwaukee is a non-profit organization that is working to transform Milwaukee’s children and future. The organization seeks to have 20,000 students in high-performing urban schools by 2020. More can be found at <http://stcmilwaukee.org>.

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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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 15) 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.