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Festival of Lights At Saint Joseph College Sunday, Dec. 4

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – On Sunday, December 4, 2011, Saint Joseph College will host its annual Festival of Lights, an ecumenical celebration of the season of Advent. The Festival begins at 4:00 p.m. in The Connor Chapel of Our Lady on the College's main campus, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The public is invited to the program, which is free. For more information, contact Sister Kathleen Dorney, CND, director of Campus Ministry, at 860.231.5269 or kdorney@sjc.edu.

The Festival of Lights is a combination of Scripture, music, liturgical dance and prayer. It features a choir under the direction of Dr. Ezequiel Menendez, as well as an instrumental ensemble.

Other participants are the College dance ensemble, directed by Susan Murphy, M.A.; and the Gengras Center Choir, directed by Richard Alfonso. The congregation will join in a traditional candle-lighting ceremony, which recognizes the community's spiritual joy and hope for the holiday season.

The Festival is followed by the annual Dickens Dinner in McGovern Café. Tickets are \$12 a person and all are invited.

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Saint Joseph College, founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy to provide higher education opportunities for women, is a comprehensive institution serving women from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. More than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs are available plus accelerated bachelor's to master's degrees. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies offers both women and men graduate degree programs including: management, counseling, education, and nursing along with online programs in biology, biochemistry and nutrition.

In addition, the undergraduate Weekend Program for Adult Learners, professional certificate programs relevant to today's workforce and other continuing co-educational learning opportunities are available. In the fall of 2011, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 79-year history, welcomed its first class to Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford. View our website at www.sjc.edu.

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