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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH TO HOST DISCUSSION ON “POPE FRANCIS AND AN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY” OCTOBER 5 – FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (September 15, 2015) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) in West Hartford, Connecticut will host a discussion entitled, “Pope Francis and an Integral Ecology: A Panel Discussion of Laudato Si,” which is free and open to the public. The event will take place on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Crystal Room of Mercy Hall, located on the University’s main campus: 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford.

Panelists will respond to Pope Francis’ second encyclical, subtitled “On Care for Our Common Home,” including issues of climate change, sustainability, and the global economy. In an appeal addressing “every person living on the planet,” Pope Francis encouraged an inclusive dialog about the future of Earth and the urgency of environmental issues.

Panelists include: Laura Pence, Ph.D., Chemistry Professor, University of Hartford; Benjamin Peters, Ph.D., Theology Professor, University of Saint Joseph; Shyamala Raman, Ph.D., Economics/ International Studies Professor, University of Saint Joseph; and Bishop Peter Rosazza, Archdiocese of Hartford.

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