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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH TO HONOR A HARTFORD MISSIONARY SISTER WITH DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



WEST HARTFORD, CONN.– The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) in West Hartford will honor Elizabeth (Betty) Secord, RSM, of Benson, VT with a Distinguished Alumni Award for her extensive parish service and community work. Secord will be recognized with the ‘Winifred E. Coleman Service Award’ for her “exemplary service and commitment the University of Saint Joseph and its Core Values,” at an Awards Dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Hartford on April 25.

“I was surprised to hear that I had been awarded the Winifred Coleman Award,” said Secord. “It is a privilege to have an award from USJ, which is a wonderful institution. I am most grateful for the honor.”

Secord, who is a former Case Manager for the Resettlement Program at Community Partners in Action in Hartford, received her Master’s degree in Education in 1974, followed by a master’s degree in Counseling in 1981, both from the University of Saint Joseph. As part of her work, Secord helped women newly released from prison to set goals for their future. She currently works at the Mercy Farm in Benson, VT.

“Elizabeth understands what hospitality truly means to those who search for acceptance when there has been none forthcoming in their present lives,” said Rev. Anne Davenport, an alumna of Saint Joseph’s (M ’87 – Counseling) and who recommended Secord for the Distinguish Alumni Award. “She has been a mentor and educator for others.”

Secord will be among six USJ Alumni honored this year for their achievements in community service and professional careers. To attend the Distinguished Awards Dinner on April 25, contact the USJ Alumni Relations Office at alumni@usj.edu or 860.231.5323.

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