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University of Saint Joseph Celebrates Festival of Lights on December 8

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (November 5, 2013) – On Sunday, December 8, 2013 the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host its annual Festival of Lights, an ecumenical celebration of the season of Advent. **The Festival will be held at 4:00 p.m. in The Connor Chapel of Our Lady on the University's West Hartford campus located at 1678 Asylum Avenue. This program is free of charge and the general public is cordially invited to attend.** For more information, contact Kate Stratton, M.Div., director of Campus Ministry, at 860.231.5269 or campusministry@usj.edu.

A combination of Scripture, music, liturgical dance and prayer, the Festival of Lights features: the University of Saint Joseph Choir and the Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of Ezequiel Menendez, D.M.A.; the USJ Dance Ensemble, directed by Susan Murphy, M.A.; the Queenes Company, USJ's drama and theater performance troupe, directed by Mark Zelinsky, Ph.D.; the Voices of Praise Gospel Choir which is student directed; and the Gengras Center Choir, directed by Richard Alfonso. During the Festival, the congregation will participate in a traditional candle-lighting ceremony, recognizing the community's spiritual joy and hope for the upcoming holiday season.

Immediately following this event, all are invited to the Festival of Lights Dinner in USJ's McGovern Café. Admission: \$15 per person; children ages 12 and under: \$5.

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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