WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (February 12, 2015) – The University of Saint Joseph will present the 2015 Munger Lecture, featuring Karen Eifler, Ph.D., co-director of the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture at the University of Portland in Maine. Eifler’s lecture, which is entitled, “On ‘Greening,’ Growth, and the Great Commandment,” will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. It will be held in the Crystal Room of Mercy Hall on the University’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Admission is free and open to the general public.

Drawing on images and insights of Hildegard of Bingen, a German writer, composer, and philosopher, the lecture will explore ways to keep minds, hearts, and spirits fresh in a world that often feels frenzied and overwhelming. A professor of Education, Eifler has conducted research on the issues of mission, formation, and generative work-life balance. Her publications include Becoming Beholders: Nurturing a Sacramental Worldview, Actions in College Classrooms and A Month of Mondays: Spiritual Lessons From Catholic Classrooms.

For more information on the 2015 Munger lecture, contact Nancy Billias, Ph.D., at 860.231.5380 or nbillias@usj.edu.

About the Munger Lecture:
The Munger Lecture was established by Mary V. Munger, a University of Saint Joseph alumna who earned a B.A. in Mathematics in 1939, then went on to pioneering positions in engineering at Pratt and Whitney. The lecture series invites a guest lecturer to campus to address a topic or issue in contemporary ethics.

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