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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH HOSTS DISCUSSION ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Chief of New Haven Police Department Anthony Campbell, Retired Police Sergeant Sharif Fulcher Abdussabur and Middlesex State Attorney Michael Gailor Lead Discussion

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (Mar. 26, 2019) – Chief of New Haven Police Department Anthony Campbell and Retired Law Enforcement Sergeant Sharif R. Fulcher Abdussabur will be joined by Middlesex State’s Attorney Michael A. Gailor for a discussion entitled “Restorative Justice in Law Enforcement” as part of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Speakers Series on April 2, from 6-7 p.m. in the Crystal Room of Mercy Hall.

USJ Director of the Program in Criminal and Restorative Justice, Nikos Valance, J.D., LL.M., will moderate the discussion. The public is invited to attend this free event, beginning at 6 p.m. on USJ’s campus in West Hartford. For all interested in attending the forum, registration is required at <http://giving.usj.edu/StudentSpeakerSeries>.

“For years, these leaders have dedicated their careers to law enforcement. Their hands-on, practical experience will provide a wonderful backdrop to our discussion of restorative justice in today’s society,” said Valance.

Campbell was appointed New Haven Police Chief in June 2017 and will retire from that position on March 29, 2019, after serving 21 years with the department. He has accepted a position as state inspector for the Department of Justice in New Haven. A native of Harlem, Campbell attended Yale University for his undergraduate degree, later returning to earn his Master of Divinity (M.Div.). Though first interested in the priesthood, he found his law-enforcement calling after seeing a billboard on a city bus recruiting for New Haven police.

During a career that spanned more than 21 years of community-based police training and experience, Abdussabur served as a police detective assigned to major crimes, community patrol officer, chief executive officer, patrol sergeant and district commander. His unique views and approach to urban violence prevention, racial profiling prevention and community-based policing have been featured in many media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Daily News* and NPR.

Gailor is a longtime prosecutor who handled the state's case against former Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez. He was named the state's attorney for the Middlesex judicial district in July 2018. Gailor began his career as a deputy assistant state's attorney in the chief state's attorney's office. He also served for 20 years as a prosecutor in the Hartford judicial district before he was named the executive assistant state's attorney in 2005.

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of coeducational undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with opportunities for mentored research, community service, clinical field work, and internships. Programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph offers degrees with value and values. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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