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ART MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (June 2, 2016) – The Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph has passed the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Core Documents Verification, an important milestone in its ongoing efforts to demonstrate excellence and meet standards and best practices.

Earning Core Documents Verification means that the national professional organization for the museum industry has verified – through a thorough expert review – that the museum has an educational mission, with ethics, planning, emergency, and collections stewardship policies in place that reflect standard practices of professional museums. These elements were evaluated because they are deemed essential for every institution that identifies itself as a professional member of the museum field.

By undertaking this outside review, the Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph has demonstrated it has in place the policies and plans that are essential to good museum management and that provide the structure, ethical grounding, and accountability needed to make informed and consistent decisions in support of the museum’s mission.

“This not only confirms to donors and lenders of art that we operate according to professional standards, but it also supports our role as an academic museum that teaches students about the history and significance of museums and trains interns in museum practice,” said Director and Curator Ann H. Sievers. “We are very pleased to have reached this milestone and look forward to seeking accreditation from AAM in the near future.”

The American Alliance of Museums has been bringing museums together since 1906, helping to develop standards and best practices, gathering and sharing knowledge, and providing advocacy on issues of concern that affect the entire museum community. With more than 15,000 individual, 3,000 institutional, and 300 corporate members, the Alliance is dedicated to ensuring that museums remain a vital part of the American landscape, connecting people with the greatest achievements of the human experience – past, present, and future. For more information, visit www.aam-us.org.

The Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.usj.edu/artmuseum.

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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 25 majors and seven 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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