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**UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH TO PRESENT ILLUMINATING LECTURE SERIES ON  
THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 14, 2016) – The Office of Alumni Relations at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) is holding a series of lectures on The Saint John's Bible, Volume 6 – Gospels & Acts. Commissioned in 1998 by Saint John's Abbey and University, The Saint John's Bible is the first hand-written, illuminated, and monumental Bible produced by a Benedictine abbey since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. A seven-volume Bible, USJ's Pope Pius XII Library will house the sixth volume until August 2017.

The four-part lecture series begins on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Crystal Room, Mercy Hall. The Reverend Eric Hollas, OSB, a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., will present his lecture entitled, "The Artist as Preacher: Illumination in The Saint John's Bible." Hollas, who was instrumental in the process of beginning and completing The Saint John's Bible, will share his experience and discuss the vital role artists can play in broadening and deepening people's faith.

The second installment of the series will be a joint lecture presented by the Reverend Joseph Cheah, OSM, Ph.D., associate professor of Religious Studies and Comparative Theology and chair of the department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies, and Benjamin T. Peters, Ph.D., associate professor of Religious Studies and director of the Honors Program. Their lecture, entitled "The Gospel Roots of the Works of Mercy," will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 at 4 p.m. in the Crystal Room, Mercy Hall.

Dorothy Keller, M.Ed., professor of Fine Arts, will give the remaining two lectures of the series. On Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 from 2-3 p.m., Keller will present "Women of Wisdom and Vision: Visual Representations of Women in The Saint John's Bible," followed by "Spiritual Anticipation: The Advent Season and The Saint John's Bible" on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 from 2-3 p.m. Both lectures will take place in the second floor AV Room of the Bruyette Athenaeum.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact Katie DaSilva '15 at [kdasilva@usj.edu](mailto:kdasilva@usj.edu) or 860.231.5364.

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