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THÉRÈSE: THE STORY OF A SOUL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Oct. 3, 2016) – Join the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) community for the production of *Thérèse: The Story of a Soul* on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium of Bruyette Athenaeum.

In this one-woman show, audiences have a face-to-face encounter with Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and learn about the love she encompassed for God and the struggles she overcame throughout her life.

Born in Europe in 1873, Thérèse Martin's childhood was full of difficulties. Her mother died of breast cancer when Thérèse was only four-years-old and, as a young woman, Thérèse suffered from an inexplicable illness early in life. After being healed of that and subsequently dealing with anxieties for several years, she experienced a miracle at the age of 13, and was changed forever.

With special permission from the Pope, Saint Thérèse entered the Carmelite monastery at 14-years-old and devoted her life to helping others. Now known as the most beloved saint of modern times, Saint Thérèse was declared a saint by the Catholic Church in 1924.

Thérèse: The Story of a Soul, presented by Saint Luke Productions, is free of charge and will take place on the University's West Hartford campus, located at 1678 Asylum Ave.

For more information on the performance and Saint Luke Productions, visit <http://www.stlukeproductions.com/>

Questions? Contact Lynette Colón, director of Campus Ministry, at 860.231.5269 or at lcolon@usj.edu.

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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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