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USM's New Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Holds Open House for Aspiring DPT Students

9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, Berchmans Lecture Hall

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary is hosting an Open House for its soon-to-launch Doctor of Physical Therapy* program from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, in Berchmans Lecture Hall on the USM Leavenworth campus at 4100 South 4th Street. Prospective students interested in becoming part of USM's inaugural DPT class should attend.

Attendees at the DPT Open House will get to meet with and get their questions answered by the expert Saint Mary DPT faculty, tour the university's DPT facilities, watch demonstrations of physical therapy equipment, and enjoy refreshments and prize drawings. Qualified prospective students who have already completed and submitted their application can also have their on-site candidate interview during May 5's Open House.

Learn more about the DPT program and sign up for the open house at www.stmary.edu/DPT.

The first classes in USM's DPT program begin in early June.

USM is launching its DPT program in response to the country's growing need for more and better-trained health care professionals, said Dr. Mark Horacek, head of the Saint Mary program. Regionally, few schools offer a DPT program.

"Among the Saint Mary advantages are small class sizes, meaning one-on-one attention from faculty," Dr. Horacek said. "The DPT curriculum also focuses on developing students' core values. They are going to leave this program with an excellent, values-based education.

"The USM DPT program optimally develops students' God-given potentials while leading them to embrace a role of service to others. We train competent practicing physical therapists," he added.

Call (913) 758-4398 or visit www.stmary.edu/DPT to register for the Open House or to learn more about USM's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

**The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Saint Mary is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org). The program has submitted an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional/technical phase of the physical therapy program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional or technical courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Accreditation.*

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.