

INSIDE

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MU to Present Ethics Award to Noted Death Penalty Opponent

Marymount University will honor author and activist **Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**, with the 2008 Ethics Award on Monday, October 27, at 7 p.m. in the Reinsch Library Auditorium.

Sr. Prejean is the author of the international bestseller *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*. The book was on *The New York Times'* bestseller list for 31 weeks. The film adaptation, starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, received four Oscar nominations.

Since 1981, Sr. Prejean has touched the lives of many through her prison ministry. She serves as a spiritual advisor to individuals on death row and counsels the families of murder victims through Survive, an advocacy group she founded in New Orleans. She has also worked against the death penalty through her lectures, media appearances, writings, and leadership positions with the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Amnesty International, Murder Victim Families for Reconciliation, and the Moratorium Campaign.

A reception and book signing will follow the presentation in the Barry Gallery. All faculty and staff are invited to attend both the presentation and reception.

FYI

Get a Glimpse of Fashion Trends

Would you like to preview some of the season's hottest fashions? Experience "The Art of Fashion," an exclusive fashion show inspired by Marymount Fashion Design students.

It will take place at the Friendship Heights Lord & Taylor store, 5225 Western Avenue, NW, on Thursday,

October 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The show is co-hosted with *Capitol File* magazine.

A percentage of the store's sales during the event will benefit the Marymount University Lord & Taylor Fashion Scholarship program. Sketches by MU students will also be on display during the event.

RSVP online by October 24 to www.marymount.edu/alumni/events.html.

Technology Tips Available

E-Learning Services has announced its fall schedule for MUTTS – Marymount University Technology Training Socials. Attend any of the following for quick solutions to enhance your technological proficiency:

- *Using the Blackboard Content Collection*, Wednesday, October 29, 11 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph Lab 5
- *Add a Wiki to your Blackboard Course*, Wednesday, November 5, 11 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph Lab 5
- *Mail Merges with Office 2007: What's New?* Wednesday, November 5, 2-3 p.m., Ballston Center Lab 411
- *Using and Exporting the Blackboard Gradebook*, Wednesday, December 3, 11 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph Lab 5

No need to preregister. Just come ready to learn. For more information, visit www.marymount.edu/its/training/mutts.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Marymount's Student Health Center and Student Nurses Association will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 18, in the Lee Center Atrium, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This event is open to all faculty, staff, and students. There is no need to preregister. Simply show up and roll up your sleeve!

Barry Gallery to Exhibit *New Images in Fiber*

The work of 11 local artists who have spun unique approaches to fiber art will be showcased in the next Barry Gallery exhibit.

It will open Friday, November 7, with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit will continue through December 9.

The artists are **B.J. Adams, Mary Beth Bellah, Jeanne Benson, Sara Brown, Candace Edgerley, Lesley-Claire Greenberg, Catherine Kleeman, Dominic Nash, Sue Pierce, Ginny Smith, and Sandra Woock.** Their creations include hardware fiber art, quilts, tapestry, and other stitchery.

The exhibit's guest curator is **Trudi Van Dyke.**

90 Days to a New You!

Do you feel like you need to do something radically different with your life?

You're invited to a lively, interactive workshop hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations, "90 Days to a New You!" Marymount alumna and professional life coach **Janet Spadola '99** will lead the session, where you'll begin the process of getting clarity and focus in finding a direction for your future.

It will take place tomorrow night, Tuesday, October 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Ballston Center Conference Room.

This event is free, but space is limited. So reserve your place today by calling Alumni Relations, ext. 1541, or visiting www.marymount.edu/alumni/events.html

HalloweenFest Still Needs Some Helping Hands

Candy donations are still being accepted for this year's HalloweenFest, the annual event sponsored by Campus Ministry for disadvantaged local youngsters who

will trick-or-treat through campus residence halls.

Donation drop-off locations are the Campus Ministry Office in the Lodge, the Main Campus Security Station, the Copy Center in Rowley Hall, the Residence Life Office in Berg Hall, and the Ballston Center Security/Information Desk. Please include your name with your donation.

Faculty and staff are still needed to volunteer at the event as well. It will take place on Friday, October 31, from 3 to 7 p.m. Call **David Eyer** in Campus Ministry, ext. 3853, if you're interested. Since this event takes place during regular work hours, please check with your supervisor before volunteering.

Pope's Address to be Topic of Next Deeper Waters Meeting

Get a head start on reading up for the next meeting of the discussion group Deeper Waters on Friday, November 14. The discussion will center on Pope Benedict XVI's remarks at Catholic University last April.

The text can be found online at <http://publicaffairs.cua.edu/Releases/2008//PopeBenedictSpeech.cfm>. A copy of his speech is also available in the Campus Ministry Office in the Lodge.

PLAUDITS

Sr. Patricia Earl, IHM, coordinator, Catholic School Leadership program, presented a day-long program in August to superintendents, board members, principals, and vice principals in the Halton Catholic School District in Ontario, Canada. The theme of their administrators' conference centered on their "Focus on Faith" initiative and Sr. Patricia's recent book *Building the Builders: Faith Formation in Virtue*. Sr. Patricia also gave a day-long in-service presentation in August to administrators and teachers at

Mary Queen of Peace School in Dayton, Ohio, on "Building the Builders: Guides to Beatitude Living," an adaptation of her book.

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, chair, Department of Counseling, was recently reappointed for a four-year term to the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists by Governor Martin O'Malley. She has been elected chairperson for the Board for 2008-09 and also serves as the Board's ethics chair.

PEOPLE Welcome

Sharon McDermott, manager, major events, Office of Development (ext. 6981, sharon.mcdermott@marymount.edu)

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Mason,** who died recently. He was the father of **Lorie Mason,** mailroom assistant.

EVENTS

Oct. 21 — Women's soccer vs. St. Mary's, 8 p.m., Wakefield High School

Oct. 23 — Women's volleyball vs. Goucher, 7 p.m., Verizon Sports Arena

Oct. 24 — Reception to showcase the Reston Center Environmental Graphic Design project, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Reston Center, 1861 Wiehle Avenue. RSVP by calling ext. 5770.

Oct. 29 — Women's volleyball vs. St. Mary's, 7 p.m., Verizon Sports Arena

Oct. 30 — Women's soccer vs. Gallaudet, 8 p.m., Washington-Lee High School

Nov. 2 — Annual Mass of Remembrance, honoring those who have passed away in the last year, 11 a.m., Chapel. To have someone remembered, please contact Alumni Relations, ext. 1541.