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**Mount Mary College “Writers on Writing” Series to Present  
Memoirist Mary Johnson**

*Author chronicles experience serving in Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity*

**MILWAUKEE** (March 9, 2012) – Mount Mary College will present memoirist Mary Johnson as its “Writers on Writing” guest on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Stiemke Hall. Stiemke Hall is located in the second floor of Notre Dame Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee.

Johnson’s memoir, *An Unquenchable Thirst: Following Mother Teresa in Search of Love, Service, and an Authentic Life*, is an autobiography of her time spent with the Missionaries of Charity and her search for meaning. Johnson joined the Missionaries of Charity at age 19. During her twenty year tenure with the sisters, she studied theology at Regina Mundi, a pontifical institute aggregated to the Gregorian University in Rome, and received a diploma in religious studies, *summa cum laude*. While stationed in Rome she had the opportunity to work closely with Mother Teresa.

Johnson left religious life in 1997 and completed a BA in English, *summa cum laude* as well as a MFA in Creative Writing. She currently serves as the Creative Director of A Room of Her Own Foundation’s retreats for women writers and teaches Italian and creative writing to adults.

Copies of Johnson’s book will be available for purchase at the event. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required. Ample free parking is available. To make a reservation, contact Mount Mary’s English Department at 414-258-4810, ext. 395 or email [murrayk@mtmary.edu](mailto:murrayk@mtmary.edu).

The Writers on Writing Series is sponsored by the Mount Mary College Master of Arts in English Program. Visit [www.mtmary.edu/writing.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/writing.htm) for more details.

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