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(Manitowoc, Wis.) — Among its many musicianship and music education courses to be offered by the Silver Lake College Music Department in the Summer of 2006 is the course *Church Music History and Literature* which will be taught by Sr. Mary Jane Wagner of Milwaukee, from June 19th to 29th from 8:00-10:45 am and 1:00-3:45 pm on M,T,W, and Thursday. It is a 3 credit course intended specifically for church musicians and presents an overview of the history and literature of Christian worship for 2000 years. Knowing history is an important requisite for envisioning and shaping the future, and experiencing music for worship through centuries of song gives one new perspectives for selecting music for prayer and worship today.

Sister Mary Jane Wagner is a School Sister of St. Francis and serves as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Mary's Parish in Elm Grove, WI. She is an adjunct faculty member of St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and Silver Lake College in Manitowoc where she facilitated the design and development of the SLC Church Music Certificate Program in conjunction with the Green Bay Diocese. Sr. Mary Jane has given organ recitals throughout the United States and in Canada. She teaches organ and gives workshops and presentations related to music in worship. Active in the National Pastoral Musicians' organization, she has served on the faculty for their summer School for Organists and for Keyboardists. Sr. Mary Jane is on the Executive Board of the American Guild of Organists, Milwaukee Chapter, and has coordinated their professional exams for over 20 years. She has served as Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. John and on the faculty at Alverno College, Milwaukee. Sr. Mary Jane has a Master of Music degree in organ from Eastman School of Music and a Master of Arts degree in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic

University of America. Of special interest to her is how music and the arts impact and energize the spiritual life. In 2004 she completed a Graduate Certificate in Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

The Church Music Certificate Program at Silver Lake College is a 20 credit program designed to bring professional opportunities to persons actively involved in aspects of Church music from organist, cantor, choir director, or guitarist to liturgist or parish liturgy commission members. The Certificate Program includes courses in *Church Music History and Literature*, *Introduction to Worship*, *Music Theory*, *Choral Conducting*, *Contemporary Ensemble*, *Parish Cantoring*, *Service Playing*, *Music for the Rites*, applied lessons, and an integrating seminar. Persons interested in the Summer 2006 Church Music course or in any aspect of the Church Music Certificate Program, as well as in other music courses available at Silver Lake College, should contact the Silver Lake College Music Department, 2406 S. Alverno Road, Manitowoc, or phone: 920-686-6173.

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