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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mount Mary College Hosts Free Film Screening for International Day of Peace**

**MILWAUKEE** (Sept. 18, 2012) – On Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m., Mount Mary College will host a free screening of *Fambul Tok: A Documentary About the Power of Forgiveness* in the student lounge located in the first floor of Caroline Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway. The film shows how citizens of Sierra Leone are using an ancient practice, *fambul tok* (family talk), to help them heal and recover from the atrocities of their country's brutal civil war.

Elizabeth Kamara, a recent Mount Mary graduate who's from Sierra Leone, will give context to the film as she shares her insight and personal experiences of growing up, living in and ultimately leaving the country.

*Fambul tok* brings victims and perpetrators together in tradition-based truth-telling and forgiveness ceremonies. By reviving this ancient custom, the film shows how Sierra Leoneans are building sustainable peace at the grass-roots level, succeeding where the international community's post-conflict efforts failed. Filled with lessons for the West, the documentary explores the depths of a culture that believes true justice lies in redemption and healing for individuals and that forgiveness is the surest path to restoring dignity and building strong communities.

In addition to the documentary screening, Mount Mary will observe the International Day of Peace with ringing of the Notre Dame tower bell, a morning reflection at the college's peace pole and at peace stations located throughout the campus.

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Mount Mary College, founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, was Wisconsin's first four-year, degree-granting Catholic college for women. Located on an 80-acre campus in Milwaukee, the College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and eight graduate programs for women and men. Mount Mary also emphasizes study abroad, service learning, and social justice initiatives. Its nearly 1900 students enjoy small class sizes (average 14) and over 90 percent of full-time students receive financial aid or scholarships. Through classroom instruction and community service, Mount Mary develops women to be leaders in their professions and their communities, serving as role models to inspire achievement in others. Visit Mount Mary at [www.mtmary.edu](http://www.mtmary.edu).

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