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### The Mercy Community Signs Partnership with Trinity College

*Trinity College in Hartford to offer classes to Residents through 'The Academy of Lifelong Learning'*



*Residents of The McAuley watch as The Mercy Community's President and CEO, Bill Fiocchetta, signs a partnership agreement with Trinity College January 12. The signers (seated, left to right) also included Trinity College's Professor John Gettier, co-director of The Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL); Associate Academic Dean Sheila Fisher; and Pat Bunker, co-director of ALL.*

**WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — (January 18, 2012)**— The old adage says learning never stops, and The Mercy Community in West Hartford is proving it true. The continuing care retirement community, which is home to Saint Mary Home and The McAuley, has signed a partnership agreement with Hartford's Trinity College to offer educational classes to residents through the College's 'Academy of Lifelong

Learning'. Professor Borden W. Painter, Jr. will teach the first four-session course, "Three Dictators: Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin," on Wednesday afternoons in March at The McAuley.

According to Trinity College, The Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) offers an exciting opportunity for adults to pursue new interests, expand intellectual horizons, and enrich their lives. Courses cover a wide range of stimulating topics and are taught by distinguished former and current Trinity faculty. The hallmark of a Trinity education has long been the close interaction between professors and students, and the Academy of Lifelong Learning continues that tradition. Residents of The Mercy Community will be able to expand their knowledge of subjects of special interest to them through this partnership.

"The partnership between The Mercy Community and our neighbors at Trinity College in Hartford is something that we are so proud and excited to be able offer to our residents. The ability for our residents to continue their intellectual growth, guided by the well-renowned Trinity faculty, is extraordinary. The Spring 2012 semester begins what we know will be a very rich relationship between Trinity College's Academy of Lifelong Learning and the lifelong learners who make their home at The McAuley," said William J. Fiocchetta, President and CEO, The Mercy Community at the January 12 signing ceremony.

For more information on Trinity College and The Academy of Lifelong Learning, members of the greater Hartford community may apply to enroll at <http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/adult/ALL/Pages/Enrolling.aspx> or by calling 860.297.2125. To learn more about the full scope of services available at The Mercy Community, call 860.570.8400, or visit [www.themercycommunity.org](http://www.themercycommunity.org).

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#### **About The Mercy Community:**

The Mercy Community offers a comprehensive and integrated continuum of senior care and services, including:

SAINT MARY HOME, which provides skilled nursing, short- and long-term rehabilitation, dementia, hospice, palliative, subacute, residential and adult day care.

THE MCAULEY, a Continuing Care Retirement Community, which promotes and fosters an independent lifestyle within a life care setting. In addition, The McAuley offers an Assisted Living Program for those residents who require more assistance with the tasks of daily living. The McAuley opened an Outpatient Rehabilitation Center in October 2010.

For more information about The Mercy Community, The McAuley, Saint Mary Home, rehabilitation services, or any of our other programs, please visit [www.themercycommunity.org](http://www.themercycommunity.org).

#### **About Trinity College:**

Trinity College is an independent, nonsectarian liberal arts college located in Connecticut's historic capital city of Hartford. Founded in 1823, Trinity brings the tradition of liberal arts into the 21st century with a dynamic living and learning community. Approximately 2,300 students work closely with faculty,

extend their education through campus activities, engage with the city through internships and community service, and explore the wider world through study abroad and international initiatives. Our mission is to foster critical thinking, free the mind of parochialism and prejudice, and prepare students to lead examined lives that are personally satisfying, civically responsible, and socially useful. To learn more about Trinity College, please visit [www.trincoll.edu](http://www.trincoll.edu)