Nebraska State Senator, Deb Fischer, will speak at College of Saint Mary Graduation

What: College of Saint Mary Graduation - Senator Deb Fischer will give Commencement Address

When: Sunday, May 19, 2013
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: CenturyLink Center
455 North 10th Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Omaha, Neb. - On Sunday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m., College of Saint Mary (CSM) will celebrate its 89th Commencement in the CenturyLink Center.

This weekend, 275 students will participate in graduation activities at College of Saint Mary. On Saturday, May 18, at CSM, a Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Archbishop George J. Lucas begins the evening at 5 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel (7000 Mercy Road, Omaha, NE 68106). Following at 6 p.m., the Graduate Reception will be held on the CSM Plaza. Then at 7:30 p.m., the following ceremonies will be held: Honors Convocation, Our Lady of Mercy Chapel; Certificate Ceremony, CSM Gross Auditorium; and Masters Hooding Ceremony, Lied Fitness Center.

This year’s Commencement speaker is Deb Fischer, United States Senator for Nebraska. Senator Fischer was elected to the United States Senate in 2012. She currently serves on the Indian Affairs; Armed Services; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship committees. She has also been named the Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on merging Threats and Capabilities for the 113th Congress.

Additional information on Senator Fischer – Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator Fischer attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with a degree in education. She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for 40 years and own a ranching business near Valentine, Nebraska. The Fischer family has been recognized for their conservation and environmental
stewardship, receiving honors from the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts, Nebraska Cattleman and the Society for Range Management.

Senator Fischer arrived in Washington as an expert on a range of issues, from education policy to complex telecommunications matters. She was elected to the Valentine Rural High School Board of Education, became President of the Nebraska Association of School Boards and served as a Commissioner on the Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education.

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College of Saint Mary, founded in Omaha in 1923, is the region's only Catholic college for women. With approximately 1,000 students, CSM is dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership. For more information on CSM, visit CSM.edu.

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