



# ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

*Today's Young Woman. Tomorrow's Leader.*

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### **St. Mary's Academy Students Take to the Streets in Annual Blues Bridge Walk**

Portland, Ore. – **October 4, 2010** – Seven hundred St. Mary's Academy students, parent volunteers and faculty and staff members will take to Portland's streets and bridges this Thursday, October 7 for its annual Blues Bridge Walk Student Fundraiser. Blues Bridge Walk promotes community spirit and philanthropy, which raises funds directly benefitting every St. Mary's student through academic programs, co-curricular and extracurricular activities and tuition assistance.

Students and faculty will leave St. Mary's Academy at 10 a.m. and walk a three-mile loop from the west side of the Willamette River to the Steel Bridge, crossing over to the Eastbank Esplanade, crossing back to the west side via the Hawthorne Bridge. The walk culminates at St. Mary's Academy at noon.

"Through the Blues Bridge Walk, students support something in which they believe," said event coordinator Morgan Armstrong. "Students reach out to people in their community to share what they love about St. Mary's and why they think we are so unique."

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#### *About St. Mary's Academy*

Founded in 1859 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, St. Mary's Academy is an all-female Catholic high school and Oregon's oldest continuously operating secondary school. The student body represents a diverse background of young women from over 30 urban, suburban and rural communities in Oregon and southwest Washington. St. Mary's Academy is distinguished by its development of the whole person, and is the only school in the state to receive three U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools awards. For more information about St. Mary's Academy, please visit: [www.stmaryspdx.org](http://www.stmaryspdx.org).