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Glenna C. Orr, Author to sign book at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Glenna Orr, an educator and reading specialist, will visit Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College on Sunday, October 22, 2006, to sign copies of her recent book titled "*Open Minds, Open Hearts – A Journey With The Ages.*"

Glenna Orr is a graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, which is near Terre Haute, Indiana, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. She will be signing books at Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Sunday. The Gift Shop at Providence Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Orr's book is a collection of memories about intergenerational volunteer programs that were created to bring together two distinct groups of people at very different stages of life: those who were just beginning their journey and those who had a lifetime of experiences to share.

Orr said the purpose of her programs and book are to inspire young people to enrich their lives through volunteerism and helping those who have a more restricted life, such as those living in retirement centers, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

The author recently completed a teaching career as a reading specialist and teacher at Hollin Meadows Math and Science Focus Elementary School in Fairfax County, VA. She soon will be teaching a community college-level course entitled "Developmental Reading" to adult students and she'll be working with several non-profit organizations that place a strong support link between children and seniors.

Orr also has recently completed the draft of a new book that is a realistic fiction picture book about a group of students and an Alzheimer's patient and the setting is the holiday season. A November/December 2007 release is anticipated.

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The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of more than 450 religious women, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute, Indiana. Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China.

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