Press Release for Ukrainian Icon Lecture, Knott Aud. MSMU campus, Nov. 13, 2pm

Ukrainian-born artist and art restorer Kateryna Dovgan will speak on Ukrainian icons on Sunday, Nov. 13 in a benefit for Ukrainian war relief. The lecture will be held at Mount St. Mary’s Knott Auditorium at 2:00 pm. The public is invited and a goodwill offering will be asked for donations to Ukrainian war victims.

Speaker Kateryna Dovgan is Senior Lecturer in Art and Art History at McDaniel College in Westminster. She was born in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, in a family of Ukrainian dissidents. Her father was a renowned sculptor, Borys Dovgan (1928 – 2019) and mother, Margarita Dovgan (1930), is a journalist and an active writer. Dovgan earned her MFA degree at the Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture, with a specialization in painting, art conservation, and teaching.

After over a decade-long career at the Ukrainian Center for Conservation, Prof. Dovgan was invited to work in Germany, and in mid-nineties marriage brought her to the USA. In 1998 Kateryna begun her teaching career at Western Maryland College, now McDaniel, and works there now as a Senior Lecturer of Art. She teaches fundamental studio art classes: Perceptual Drawing, Figure Drawing, Sculpture, Watercolor, Oil Painting, and recently introduced a new course Basics of Art Conservation. She also works as a painting conservator in the Baltimore-Washington area and nationwide.

Professor Dovgan’s talk will describe the considerable stylistic, historical and political significance of icons in Ukraine and her experience of restoring them. This art form has long been recognized outside Ukraine as a highly revered example of worship and artistic merit.

The lecture is co-sponsored by Mount St. Mary’s University Center for Service and by the Town of Emmitsburg, whose sister-city is Lutsk, in Ukraine. The time is 2:00 pm. on Sunday, Nov. 13, and the place is the Knott Auditorium on Mount St. Mary’s campus, Emmitsburg, with parking for visitors signposted. The event is non-ticketed but will collect goodwill donations for war victims before and after the lecture. All are welcome. Information: (301)447-2690.