

RIVIER COLLEGE HERITAGE WEEK

*Schedule of Events
January 29 - February 5, 2009*

“Transforming Hearts and Minds to Serve the World”



Blessed Anne Marie Rivier was born on December 19, 1768. As a young child she faced adversity having suffered a fall that left her handicapped at just 16 months old. Her mother prayed at the foot of a Pieta statue for the healing of her daughter and soon Marie joined her mother’s prayers for a miracle—desiring to serve Jesus more fully if she were healed. On September 8, 1774, Marie found herself able to walk and recognized God’s merciful hand in her healing. She immediately reached out to children sharing with them the love of prayer and she even opened a school when she was just 18 years old. After facing religious persecution, Marie and four companions consecrated themselves to God on the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, founding a community. These new Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, though they had nothing, would open 46 schools in their diocese and then expand around the world. Christian education and support for the poor were the main priorities of Marie’s community. Pope John Paul II beatified Marie Rivier on May 23, 1982. To this day Sisters and Lay Associates of the Presentation of Mary continue the work inspired and sustained by Blessed Anne Marie Rivier’s work and prayer.

Thursday, January 29, 2009—6:00 p.m.

Women’s Basketball Game vs. St. Joseph College of Maine. Come out and support Rivier athletics. Free t-shirts and surprises!

Saturday, January 31, 2009—2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Visit the retired Sisters living in Manchester. Set aside some time to share stories and memories with the Sisters who helped lay a solid foundation for Rivier College. Contact Campus Ministry to sign-up.

Sunday, February 1, 2009—11:00a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Join the community for one of the weekly Sunday Masses in the Resurrection Chapel.

Monday, February 2, 2009—12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.

Attend a presentation by Father Thomas Hoar, SSE, PhD. Fr. Tom will speak about Catholic Mission and Identity in the Dion Reception Room. He is the President and CEO of Saint Edmund’s Retreat Center, Enders Island, CT.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

171st anniversary of the death of Blessed Anne Marie Rivier.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009—3:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Continue the tradition of service at Rivier by volunteering to serve dinner at the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Contact Campus Ministry to sign-up.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009—4:15p.m.

The Heritage Mass will be celebrated in the Dion Center Reception Room as a highlight of Heritage Week. Students who participated in the December service trip to CASA in Houston, Texas will make a brief presentation about their experience. You are invited to join the community for dinner in the Dining Hall following Mass.

Thursday, February 5, 2009—6:00-6:30 p.m.

A performance by the Nashua Choral Ensemble will complete our Heritage Week celebration. Come enjoy the music in the Dion Reception Room.