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## Have Holiday Fun with "Sister's Christmas Catechism" Dec. 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO – It's one ho-ho-holy night when Sister is on the case in SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM: Mystery of the Magi's Gold, on stage December 1, 2007 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.

Just in time for the holidays, all student and child seats are \$14; general public tickets are \$28.

"This comic juggernaut is laugh-out-loud funny. A gift-wrapped holiday treat, this 'Catechism' should be opened early." (LA Times)

"Sister's Christmas is blessedly funny. The biggest laughs yet in playwright's trilogy of Late Nite Catechism... If Sister can put Jesus in 'Jingle Bells – which she did – she can put anyone in the (holiday) mood." (Grand Rapids Press)

"The real humor lies in (Sister's) improvisationally-gifted quick-witted interplay with the audience." (San Diego Union Tribune)

It's a tune-filled "CSI: Bethlehem" as Sister and her congregation try to solve the case of the Magi's missing gold. Sister hunts under the manger and over camel humps to solve this age-old mystery, examining forensic evidence at the nativity – which is comprised of audience members creating the life-sized living crime scene.

Sister is joined by a local San Luis Obispo choir, featuring Linda A. Wilson, Karen Kahn Pearson, Angel Cabrera, and bass player Dan Murry performing a wide selection of holiday favorites.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own cameras.

Sister's Christmas Catechism is the latest in Maripat Donovan's Late Nite Catechism trilogy; the work is award-winning comedy that continues to play in theatres, parishes, hospitals and various fundraisers across the United States and Europe.

Donovan originated the role of "Sister" in Late Nite Catechism and has toured internationally, receiving rave reviews for her work in Chicago, Boston, New York, Toronto, Philadelphia, Seattle, Portland, London and Dublin.

For her acting work, Donovan was nominated for the coveted Outer Critics Circle Award in New York for Outstanding Solo Performance. She won the Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Solo Performance in Los Angeles.

Many fans of Late Nite Catechism are aware that the production also raises money for retired religious sisters.

Ten years ago, Donovan learned that when Social Security was implemented in the United States, the Catholic Church opted out for religious sisters. To right this excusion, Donovan worked hard to recognize and support various religious orders.

To date, through performances and fundraisers around the world, the company has raised over two million dollars for retired religious sisters. To learn more, visit [www.funnynun.com](http://www.funnynun.com).

All tickets for Sister's Christmas Catechism may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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