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University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute and the Maryknoll First Friday Series present a lecture series on Environmental Injustice in Texas

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute and Maryknoll First Friday Series will present a lecture titled, "Environmental Injustice in Texas."

WHO: Evelyn Merz, chair of the Houston Regional Group of the Sierra Club

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, 2008

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Ahern room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND:

Drawing on a career that showcases a genuine concern and interest in various environmental issues throughout the Houston area for more than 15 years, Evelyn Merz makes a compelling argument concerning environmental injustice in Texas. Merz will discuss a map of environmental injustice in Texas including: a concentration on air, water, habitat loss and fragmentation as well as waste and recycling.

Merz serves as chair of the Houston Regional Group of the Sierra Club and on the state-level executive committee of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. Since the 1980s she has been active in issues regarding funding of Texas state parks, flood control and wetlands, water supply, and native vegetation.

She received a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from the University of New Orleans and a Master in Business Administration in finance from the University of Houston.

COST: Free and open to the public

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