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### Molloy College Presents “The Melting Pot – Immigrant Women”

As part of its Crossroads of Faith and Culture series, Molloy College invites the community to attend “The Melting Pot,” an original play examining the plight of immigrants from various cultural and religious traditions struggling to survive and adapt as new Americans. The play will be performed on Sunday, April 3, 2005 at 3 p.m. and Monday, April 4, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hays Theatre at Molloy College, Rockville Centre. This event is free and open to the public.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, millions of European immigrants, faced with famine, economic repression and persecution, abandoned their homes in hope of renewing their lives in the United States where “the streets were paved with gold.” This play, written and directed by Sal St. George, St. George Productions, tells the poignant and hope filled story of three heroic women – a Catholic, a Jew and a Protestant from diverse and distinct cultural backgrounds – who come together to share their experiences as struggling immigrants. Memories of the land they left behind are creatively woven with their dreams for a more promising life in their adopted homeland.

For further information contact the Office for Mission at 516-678-5000 ext. 6205, or the Center for Christian/Jewish Studies on ext. 6880.

*The Crossroads of Faith and Culture Series was initiated by Molloy College President Dr. Drew Bogner in response to the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. The Office of Mission, headed by S. Dorothy Fitzgibbons, O.P. coordinates Molloy College’s Crossroads Series.*

*The Center for Christian/Jewish Studies at Molloy College, led by Director Marion Lowenthal, was established in 1999 in a spirit of intellectual and collaborative respect to promote dialogue and understanding between Christians and Jews. The goal of the Center is to increase knowledge of one another, pointing out that both religions share much history, many values, and a deep philosophic background. The Center also sponsors workshops and seminars to exchange viewpoints and to examine topics of equal importance to individuals of both religious traditions.*