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St. James Spirit and Inspire Choirs Launch a Christmas CD with Grammy Award-Winning Record Engineer and Producer Steve Churchyard

Solana Beach, CA– Just in time for the holidays, the St. James youth Spirit and Inspire Choirs are excited to release *Listen to the Angels Sing*, a Christmas CD featuring a mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas music and other songs of praise.

St. James Spirit and Inspire Choir Musical Director Anne Marie Oldham and Grammy Award-winning record engineer and producer Steve Churchyard assembled more than forty young singers and musicians from the school and parish community to perform on the CD. Proceeds will benefit St. James Church, St. James Academy, and the St. James youth music ministry program.

In the words of St. Augustine, "To sing is to pray twice." This inspirational quote has guided the choirs and musicians in serving their church and has helped to establish them as an integral part of St. James' music ministry program. The Inspire Choir (grades 4 to 6) and the Spirit Choir (grades 7 and above) provide music for the 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. masses the first and second Sunday of each month.

"We were often asked if we would record a CD," said Anne Marie Oldham, Musical Director. "With the support of the St. James community and Mr. Churchyard, we were ready to take up the challenge and felt Christmas was the perfect opportunity to share the choirs' musical gifts with the local community."

Listen to the Angels Sing is available for $17.00 inclusive of tax. It may be purchased on-line at www.saintjamesmusic.org or at St. James Church following weekend masses throughout December. The CD may also be purchased by sending a check or money order in the amount of $23.00, which includes tax, shipping and handling, to St. James-St. Leo Catholic Community, 625 South Nardo Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075 (Attn. CD orders).

To listen to samples of selections from the CD, please visit www.saintjamesmusic.org. For more information about the CD, please call 1-858-755-2545, extension 109.

St. James is a Catholic community that includes St. James Church, St. Leo's Mission and St. James Academy, a K-8 accredited school. St. James serves the North County areas of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad, and La Costa, California.