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IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA COMES TO URSULINE COLLEGE

Immaculée Ilibagiza, who survived the brutal Rwandan genocide, brings her message of courage, faith and forgiveness to Ursuline College.

“We are honoured that Ms. Ilibagiza is able to take time from her demanding schedule to speak to our students,” says Gerri Brown, Principal of Ursuline College. “I know that her inspiring story will touch us all deeply.”

For 91 days during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, Immaculée Ilibagiza and seven other women hid in the bathroom of a local pastor’s house. She emerged at the end of her ordeal, weighing just 65 pounds, to learn that her entire family had been murdered. Only one brother, who was studying out of the country, survives.

Immaculée’s strong faith and her deep devotion to prayer released her from the burden of hate and, in a face to face meeting with her family’s killer, she was able to say, “I forgive you.”

She has written several books, including *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*; *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide*; and *Our Lady of Kibeho*. A fourth book, *If Only We Had Listened*, is due to be released soon. Ms. Ilibagiza has appeared on *60 Minutes*, *Oprah*, *The CBS Morning Show* and *CNN*.

Immaculée Ilibagiza will be speaking to Grade 11 and 12 students at Ursuline College, 85 Grand Avenue, W., on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Members of the media are welcome.