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International Holocaust Remembrance Day to be recognized at Dallas Public Library

Special exhibit features powerful and thought provoking artwork

DALLAS, TX – The Dallas Public Library will mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday, Jan. 28, with an exhibit depicting the violence and pain inflicted during this event in history. The exhibit will open at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 in the O'Hara Exhibition Hall, 7th Floor, Central Library, 1515 Young St., and will be on display through Feb. 27.

The art work, created by students at Southern Methodist University, (SMU) depicts the student's thoughts and feelings about the holocaust in Europe. Their thought provoking and powerful paintings, sculptures, posters, drawings and other forms of art vividly reflect the violence and pain inflicted during that period.

SMU Senior Chaplain Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr., will be guest speaker for the opening program. A frequent traveler to Europe, Dr. Finnin has visited 12 Nazi internment, labor, political prisoner, and death campus, and edited "Journey of Remembrance: A Christmas in the Death Camps of Poland." The book is the memoir of a ten-member SMU delegation to Poland in 2002.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by Amnesty International Group 205, Anti-Defamation League, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc., Center for Survivors of Torture, Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc., SMU Amnesty International, SMU Human Rights Education Program, and University of North Texas Peace Studies.

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