CONFIRMING THE
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Mount is her people!

As I was walking across campus on a beautiful Sunday this fall, I met a number of prospective students and their families. It was one of those vibrantly beautiful days at the Mount. The sky was a rich blue, the turning leaves were ablaze in color and the sun was shining on the statue of Mary, much like God’s blessing upon us.

I paused for a moment to take in the grandeur and considered how fortunate I was to be at this place, our mountain home. I knew, however, that as beautiful as our campus is, the Mount is not about buildings or grounds, but its people. Our faculty, staff, students and alumni provide the real beauty of Mount St. Mary’s. This issue of Mount Magazine is a tribute to her people—young and old—who give form and meaning to our academic community.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades is Christ-like in his leadership at the Mount. His generous spirit, kind understanding and incredible intelligence have not only enhanced our seminary, but have strengthened the mission of the Mount in its service to God and our country. While we celebrate his appointment as Bishop of the Harrisburg diocese, we celebrate his many campus contributions.

In this issue we pay tribute to Monsignor Hugh Phillips and Fr. Carl Foes, two men who unselfishly served our community and touched the lives of thousands. We welcome Fr. Rick Hilgartner, C’90, as our new chaplain and we are thrilled that Fr. Ray Harris will continue his ministry—helping to prepare priests to shepherd Catholics throughout the United States.

Alumni like Mgr. Godfrey Musung, S.J., highlighted on page 31; Pat Gates, C’64; the president of our National Alumni Association; Dick Bdigugy, C’36 and Peggy Tripp, C’85, recognize their lifelong commitment to the Mount—wearing an example of stewardship in their continued service to the Mount.

Our faculty continue to build the Mount and its national reputation. In this issue you’ll see tangible evidence of the significant work of faculty like Professors Ann Miriam Gallagher, Susan Sampers, Mike Toves, Kristine LaLonde, Kirk Davidson, Bill Forgang, Carmela Cintala, Byron Stay and Teddy Connery. Their scholarship and service strengthen their teaching.

And of course the Mount is her students. Everyday, I continue to be impressed with the young adults on our campus. Their commitment to faith, discovery and leadership build the Mount community in so many ways. The article on our bicentennial class gives me great hope, not only for the future of the Mount, but our society as well.

Like any university, we are in continual transition as people come to the Mount and others move on. Each one makes us richer, leaving a mark and extending our history of serving others. While we will always welcome new members and celebrate the successes of those who leave us, we should always remember that the Mount is her people.

Even on the darkest, rainiest days the Mount is a beautiful place. The beauty of Mount St. Mary’s is best seen in the faces of those who teach and inspire us—sharing their talents to improve the campus and our society.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Thomas H. Powell
University President
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The Funeral Mass was held July 16 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the Mount St. Mary’s University campus. The Most Rev. Harry Flynn, archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, served as the principal celebrant and homilist. Archbishop Flynn is a 1960 graduate, and former rector, of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary.

“Monsignor Phillips was, in so many ways, the spirit of Mount St. Mary’s,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “Having arrived here as a young boy, he spent his life in service to the Mount and her students. His dedication as a teacher, director of our library, college president and chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes helped build the Mount in service to God, our country and our students.”

Monsignor Phillips came to the Mount as a sixth-grader and graduated from its prep school in 1927. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1931 and was ordained from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in 1935 for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He also received a Master of Arts degree from the Mount in 1935.

Following his ordination, he returned to the Mount and served as its librarian for 32 years. He personally designed and directed the construction of the current campus library—which bears his name—raising the quality of its holdings and services until it was cited for excellence by the United States Department of Education.

His illustrious teaching career spanned decades—at the Mount and elsewhere. Besides serving as a professor of theology and church history at the Mount, he was a professor of philosophy, psychology and church history at St. Joseph’s College in Emmitsburg, Md., from 1938-50. He also taught theology, psychology and medical ethics at the Catholic University of America from 1937-60.

He became the Mount’s 19th president in 1967, and served for four years. It was during his presidency that the Mount’s current system of governance—with a board of trustees containing lay and clerical members, as well as the archbishop of Baltimore—was adopted.

Monsignor Phillips also had a special relationship with Providence Hospital and the Daughters of Charity in Washington, D.C. During his college and seminary years, he operated Providence’s canning factory in Silver Hill, where the hospital had its own farm. He also served as a member of the Providence Health Foundation.

Perhaps Monsignor Phillips is best known for his resolve in restoring the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes—which resides on the Mount St. Mary’s campus. The shrine, which attracts hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year from all over the world, is one of the oldest American replicas of the Lourdes shrine in France.

Monsignor Phillips was appointed director of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes in 1958, and was named grotto chaplain by the Archdiocese of Baltimore when it was proclaimed a Public Oratory. After completely refurbishing the shrine, he opened it to the public. He was responsible for further enhancing the Grotto with the handsome Pangborn Memorial Campanile crowned with a 25-foot, gold-leafed bronze figure of the Virgin Mary, and other significant statuary monuments throughout the Grotto grounds.

In 1995, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters for his tireless devotion to the Mount.

“Today, on campus, we have many visible reminders of his proactive leadership. While our community will pray for his soul, we are confident that he is now with Jesus, watching over his beloved Mount community,” Powell said.
Patrick J. Goles, C'64, president of Mount St. Mary’s University National Alumni Association, recently announced the 2004-05 recipients of the 16th Annual Rev. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to rising seniors based on academic merit, financial need and service to the Mount and community. Each award is in the amount of $3,600.

This year’s recipients are: Noemy Contreras of Washington, D.C.; Sarah Hartwyk of Point Pleasant, N.J.; Jennifer Hunter of Snow Hill, Md.; Lauren O’Brien of Fallston, Md.; and Lauren Presti of Baltimore, Md.

Contreras is majoring in elementary education and Spanish in anticipation of a career as a bilingual teacher. She serves the Mount as a resident assistant, Mount Ambassador in the admissions office, and as president of the Latin American Student Association. Contreras also volunteers in Our Daily Bread soup kitchen for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Hartwyk, an elementary education major, plans to teach after graduation. She is captain of the Mount’s cheerleading team and a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Spirit Club and Education Club. Hartwyk volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and St. Gregory’s Pantry.

Hunter, a business/marketing and art major, will pursue a career in fashion design after graduation. Hunter is a member of the Marketing Club, Campus Activities Board and Management Club. She is also active with the dance team, Art Club and Best Buddies.

O’Brien is majoring in rhetoric and communications to prepare for a career in public relations or journalism. She is on staff of the university newspaper, The Mountain Echo, and was a student representative on the search committee for the vice president of academic affairs. O’Brien is a Mount Ambassador, and a member of the Women’s Rugby Club and Mount Bell Choir. She volunteers for the Freshman Orientation Program.

Presti, a psychology major, plans to be a family/child guidance counselor. Also a Mount Ambassador, Presti is co-chair of the Psychology Club and a peer mentor and tutor for the university’s Learning Services. A member of the Campus Activities Board and Campus Ministry Team, Presti is also a host for the Mount’s radio station, WMTB.

For the ninth consecutive year, Mount St. Mary’s University has been recognized as one of the nation’s best universities by U.S. News & World Report magazine. The Mount is ranked 27th in the Best Master’s Universities—Northern Region category, in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” magazine and guidebook. There are 164 colleges/universities in the Masters-North category, ranked among four tiers. The Mount has been ranked “Best” in the top tier since 1999.

Ranking criteria used by U.S. News & World Report include academic reputation among peer institutions; student/faculty ratio; student retention rates; faculty resources; graduation rate; and alumni giving.

The Mount is also featured in Princeton Review’s publication “The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges.” The Mount is one of 98 top schools in five states and the District of Columbia featured in the issue.
The Mount St. Mary’s University Bicentennial Commission has begun the planning stages of what promises to be a multiyear celebration encompassing the entire Mount community. In June, commission members reviewed ideas presented during the brainstorming session in January, developed a committee structure and drafted a mission statement.

Commission members worked collaboratively throughout the summer and into the fall to create a blueprint for the events that will unfold over the next four years. Some of the proposed celebrations are as follows:

• lecture series—symposium on “Faith and Democracy,”
• lecture series on “Athletics and Ethics,”
• alumni events in four major cities,
• Bicentennial Medal Awards,
• invitational sports tournaments,
• U.S. postal commemorative stamp card,
• campus beautification to include a Founder’s Plaza,
• U.S. committee meeting of bishops and recognition of veterans with a visible memorial on campus.

The commission met most recently in October to create a calendar of proposed celebrations. Each committee is working towards developing a budget plan and will submit those proposals at the next meeting, scheduled for March 13, 2005.

“The Mount recognizes the invaluable contributions the commission members will make and appreciates their commitment and continued support,” said Dick Ridgway, C’58, commission chairman.

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In addition to Ridgway, commission members include Monsignor John Enzler, S’73, vice chair; Peggy Trip, C’85, vice chair; Tony Ansbach, C’72; Marty Brokot, C’10; Karen Carter, C’77; James Courtney, C’84; Don Currie, C’84; Renee Delaplaine; former trustee; Jack Ellis, C’71; Karl Enoke, Ph.D., university faculty; Patrick J. Gubin, C’74; Jack Graham, C’57; Thomas Holmes, C’80; Kelly Roche Hughes, C’92; Dan Ketter, S’08; Jen Martin, C’05, current Student Government Association president; Frank Merolla, D.D.S., C’63; Fr. Dan Mindling, seminary faculty; Liz Monahan, bicentennial director; Scott Newkam, C’72; Jim Phelan; Irene Powell, wife of Mount President Thomas H. Powell; Marv Stocker, university parent; and John Walsh, C’58. Additional students will be added this fall.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
Off and Running

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The Rev. Raymond Harris, who currently serves as chaplain, has accepted an appointment as a faculty member at the Seminary.

Fr. Hilgartner was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1995 after graduating from St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. Fr. Hilgartner is currently working on an advanced degree in liturgical theology in Rome and is looking forward to returning to the Mount, as he was very active in campus ministry as a student.

Mount President Thomas H. Powell is pleased about Fr. Harris' new role because it is a logical extension of his continuing service to the Mount and the church. “His many gifts as a priest and a teacher will continue to flourish as a full-time member of our seminary faculty,” said Powell.

Fr. Harris attended seminary with Fr. Hilgartner and has worked with him throughout the years. Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1994, Fr. Harris was only the third African American to be ordained for the priesthood in the history of the archdiocese.

University Chaplain APPOINTED

The Rev. Richard Hilgartner, C’90, will join the Mount community in July of 2005 as the next university chaplain and director of campus ministry.

New Faces ON CAMPUS

The Mount community welcomed 392 new freshmen and 39 First Theology seminarians this fall. Known as “The Bicentennial Class,” they will graduate when the university celebrates its 200th birthday in 2008.

Following the Opening Convocation, members of this historic class gathered to sign the University Oath of Academic Excellence. The oath calls upon all new students to uphold the university’s mission and to strive to become better scholars and citizens.

Students pledged to “commit ourselves to discovery, both academic and personal; enrich our lives in faith and reflection; develop character through integrity, leadership by example, and compassionate engagement with the world around us; and practice acceptance and respect for ourselves and one another in the Mount community and throughout the whole world.”

Interesting Facts about the Freshman Bicentennial Class:
- Students come from 17 states and 4 countries
- 60 percent female, 40 percent male
- Sixty students were selected for Freshman Honors, with three receiving full-tuition scholarships
- Business, biology, elementary education and psychology are the most popular intended majors
- The most popular male name is Matthew and the most popular girl’s name(s) are Lauren and Jessica

For more information on the Mount’s Bicentennial Class of freshmen and seminarians, see page 18.
A new Mount St. Mary’s University program will give students the opportunity to challenge themselves and explore the outdoors through backpacking, kayaking, rock climbing, camping, caving and other outdoor adventure programs.

Kenneth McVearry Jr. was appointed this fall as Associate Director of Recreational Sports for Outdoor Adventures. McVearry comes from Loyola College in Maryland, where he developed a similar program. McVearry’s father, Kenneth, is a 1967 graduate of the Mount.

“Mount St. Mary’s is blessed with an ideal setting for an outdoor adventure program,” said McVearry. “We will utilize local opportunities for rock climbing, kayaking, caving, backpacking, and canoeing, and we will also offer longer adventure trips over university breaks to places like Colorado, the Florida Everglades, or the Virgin Islands.

“A strong outdoor adventure program in higher education is not just about the skills themselves,” McVearry said, “but rather the activities are an adventure-based means for experiential education. It is more than just playing in the woods. Mount students will discover invaluable lessons about self awareness, interpersonal relations and community ideals.”

Mount senior, Jamie Gutcher, like many students, is excited about the new program because “it’s great to offer students activities they might not have the opportunity to participate in on their own.”

Adventure trips will begin this spring with the hope that by fall of ’05 there will be at least one trip per weekend throughout the year. Also beginning this spring will be a leadership development opportunity for students eager to become trip leaders and facilitators. The department will keep costs low for students so that everyone can take advantage of the outdoor opportunities. In addition to trips, Outdoor Adventures will conduct teambuilding workshops for various campus groups.
THE MOUNT CAFÉ
Unveils New Look

An official ribbon cutting ceremony celebrated October’s re-opening of the Mount Café in Patriot Hall. The redesigned space is much warmer now, thanks to comfortable booths and tables and brighter color schemes.

Howard Williams, director of dining services, worked with students on the project and is thrilled with the changes.

“The room is called the Mount Café,” notes Williams, “yet nothing in there made it different from any other room at any other university. We wanted to use the space to tell the story of the Mount and make the room more comfortable and classy.”

ARAMARK, the Mount’s dining services’ food vendor, made the facelift possible, donating $40,000 to offset the costs.

Williams and Jennifer Martin, the university’s Student Government Association president, spent hours in the university archives, poring over old photographs. Reproductions of these pictures, highlighting important Mount events, now liven up the café—both on the walls and on the tabletops. Over baskets of cheese fries, current Mount students are surrounded by images of Babe Ruth, the first coeds on campus and a horse-drawn plow on Echo Field.

Meg McKeon, dean of students, finds the café much more welcoming and the enthusiasm of the students working on the project quite rewarding. “Our current students are proud of the university,” McKeon says, and “they wanted to use the café creatively to celebrate our 200-year history.”

More students also report that they now enjoy hanging out in the revamped café, citing its “restaurant feel,” improved menu and perhaps the biggest draw, comfortable seating.

MEMBERS OF THE MOUNT COMMUNITY
Named to NCAA Committees

Mount St. Mary’s junior Lani Gholston and Faculty Athletic Representative Robert Kerfer, Ph.D., have been appointed to positions within the NCAA governance structure. Gholston was named to the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), while Kerfer serves on the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Additionally, Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary’s University, is representing the Northeast Conference on the Presidential Advisory Group to the NCAA’s Division I Board of Directors.

A two-year member of the Mount St. Mary’s track and field team, Gholston begins a two-year appointment to the Division I SAAC. The SAAC consists of one student-athlete from each of the 31 Division I conferences. Members, who are selected by the Division I Management Council from a pool of three nominees from each of the represented conferences, offer input and assist in shaping the proposed legislation by which their division is governed.

Kerfer, associate professor of psychology, began his four-year appointment to the Championships/Competition Cabinet on July 1. Composed of 49 members, the cabinet supervises qualification and selection procedures for NCAA Division I and National Collegiate Championships. Other duties include regulating playing and practice seasons, and overseeing playing rules, injury surveillance, drug education and testing, sportsmanship and certification of postseason and exempt contests for football and basketball. The cabinet also oversees individual sport committees. Kerfer joins Quinnipiac Director of Athletics Jack McDonald as the NEC’s representatives on the council.

Powell is serving on the Presidential Advisory Group with 21 presidents from Division I-AA and I-AAA conferences. The group also includes the eight presidents who currently serve on the Division I Board of Directors. Several of the group’s goals include providing a voice for the conferences not represented on the board of directors, enhancing engagement of the presidents in the governing process, and providing a better understanding of issues facing Division I institutions.
SEMINARY WELCOMES 47 New Men

At the opening Mass for the new men and their families on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Aug. 15, Seminary Rector Father Kevin Rhoades noted the appropriateness of their arrival on a feast of Mary and encouraged the new men to cultivate a deep devotion to the Mother of God—the patroness of the Mount.

The new seminarians had a week of orientation before the arrival of 107 returning seminarians Aug. 22. Seminary enrollment this year is 160 (154 seminarians and 6 lay students). The seminarians come from 29 different dioceses and 3 religious communities. The largest sending diocese this year is the Archdiocese of Atlanta with 19 seminarians, followed by the Archdiocese of Washington with 14.

The Mount welcomed a new sending diocese this year, the Diocese of Worcester, Mass. Reflecting national trends, the seminary student body reflects a growing ethnic diversity. Thirty seminarians were born outside the United States—representing 15 different countries of origin. Eleven percent of the student body is Hispanic; seven percent Asian/Pacific Islander; two percent African; and two percent Polish.

Sister Ann Miriam Gallagher CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has always been an important day of celebration for Mount St. Mary’s University. This year, however, it took on special significance as it marked the 50th anniversary of entrance into religious life of seminary professor Sister Ann Miriam Gallagher, R.S.M.

By Bryan W. Jerabek, First Theology, Diocese of Birmingham, Ala.

It was also a celebration of the 25 years that she has served at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, and seminarians, faculty, staff, university presidents, Sisters of Mercy, Daughters of Charity and other guests honored her with a solemn Mass and reception.

“Today we gather to celebrate the life of a woman who has lived for fifty years as a Sister of Mercy. … Miracles have happened because of your fifty years, hearts have been changed … great works have been accomplished through you,” Archbishop Flynn noted.

Sister Ann Miriam Gallagher, R.S.M., was instrumental in bringing Sister Ann Miriam to Mount St. Mary’s 25 years ago. “We look at you and we are grateful; miracles have happened because of your betrothal to Him, because of your gentle and generous manner,” he said. The Rev. Flynn has gone on to become archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The new students of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary gathered at the home of Mount St. Mary’s University President Thomas H. Powell and his wife, Irene, at the end of orientation week. Dr. and Mrs. Powell hosted the new men and the orientation team for brunch following Mass at the Mount’s grotto, the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, on Aug. 21.

St. Ann Miriam (center) with her brothers Edward and Joseph and sister-in-law Joanne and Julie.
Monsignor Richardson RECEIVES McCLOSKEY AWARD

Monsignor William M. Richardson, S'72, received the 29th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association at the Priests' Alumni Reunion in October.

Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1972, Monsignor Richardson served as parochial vicar in two parishes before serving as director of campus ministry at Bloomsburg University and Penn State University.

In 1985, Pope John Paul II elevated him to reverend monsignor. In 1990 he was named general secretary and vicar general of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Later, he was named pastor of the Cathedral Parish in Harrisburg and brought his parish through an especially difficult period of time in their community.

Other responsibilities have included serving as director of pastoral planning, director of vocations, director of communications and chancellor. Monsignor Richardson has also been a member of the Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees and the Seminary Renovations Capital Campaign Committee.

He currently serves as the pastor of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus in New Cumberland, Pa.

SEMINARIANS EARN Homiletics Awards

Two Mount St. Mary's seminarians were recipients of national 2004 Homiletics Awards presented in a summer competition for seminarians and graduate students preparing for careers in preaching and teaching ministries.

Deacons Anthony Co and Michael Angarola, both studying for the Diocese of Peoria, received third-place and honorable mention awards, respectively. The competition included participants from across the United States.

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids, Mich., sponsored the competition. The annual competition is one of Acton's many programs designed to assist future religious leaders in developing an understanding of the relationship between morality and the marketplace and becoming articulate proponents of a free and virtuous society.

CATHOLIC FAITH, CatholicFaces

Photographs from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other sites in the archdiocese of Washington and Baltimore were on display in September. "Catholic Faith, Catholic Faces," a collection of photographs of seminary and parish life taken by Pavel Chichikov, was exhibited at the Mount in September. Included were several seminary photos from a feature titled "A Day in the Life of Mount St. Mary's Seminary" that appeared in the January 2004 issue of Crisis magazine.
Priests REUNION

October 5-6, 2004

Top to bottom:
Msgr. Andrew McGowan, C'47, S'49; and
Archbishop Flynn, S'60; the Seminary Choir;
Bishop-elect Rhoades, C'79 and archbishop Flynn with
Msgr. William Richardson, S'72, who received the 29th
Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the Mount St. Mary's University
National Alumni Association (NAA)

Top to bottom:
Rev. Mr. Patrick Goles, C'64, NAA President, Archbishop Flynn and Thomas H.
Powell and wife, Irene; Archbishop Flynn and Rev. Mr. Patrick Goles; Alumni priests enjoyed themselves at the Reunion Banquet held October 5

Top to bottom:
l. to r., Rev. Frank Tamburro, C'70, S'74; Res. Phil Burger, S'83; Fr. Walter Gureaus,
S'91; Bishop-elect Rhoades, C'79; Msgr. William Richardson, S'72; Rev. Kenneth
Smith, S'74; l. to r., Frank Deluca, C'68; S'73; Res. Frank Tamburro; Rev. Richard
Gallagher, S'72; Msgr. William Richardson and H. Gene Nickel, C'60, S'73; l. to r., Dr.
Thomas Powell; Bishop-elect Rhoades; Richard O'Donnell, S'76; recipient of the Fr.
Fives Scholarship; and Rev. Mr. Patrick
goles, C'64
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• Contemporary threats to vocation

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While the change in designation from "College and Seminary" to "University" garnered all of the headlines in June, the Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees was busy on another front—namely, adopting a Vision Statement carrying the institution forward through 2009.

"As we near our third century of service, the Mount St. Mary's University Board of Trustees enthusiastically adopts this Vision Statement and applauds the campus community for articulating and presenting an aggressive agenda to ensure our continuing distinction," said Thomas G. O'Hara, C'64, board chairman.

Focusing on eight distinct goals, A Vision for Continuing a Mission of Distinction specifies a desire to take the Mount to new levels of excellence. Trustees mandated steady and reasonable enrollment growth in undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs. The document also focuses on improving retention and graduation rates, improved SATs of incoming students, an increase in the percentage of alumni contributing to the annual fund, and building the endowment.

"The board asked that substantial resources be directed toward improving student life, adding new degree programs and developing new strategies to recruit and support faculty and staff," said University President Thomas H. Powell. "This vision statement will be a catalyst to engage the campus community in continuing the Mount's mission of distinction and developing our strategic plan to build the university."

What follows is the text of the vision statement. You'll read more about how it is being implemented across campus in future issues of Mount Magazine. For a printed copy, contact the President's Office at 301-447-5600.
A VISION FOR CONTINUING A MISSION OF DISTINCTION

In 2009, Mount St. Mary’s University will focus on future success in service to God, our country and our students in our third century. The Mount will be uniquely positioned for national distinction as a university of high quality, ranked among the best small, regional universities—known as a student-responsive community where excellence in teaching, scholarship and socially significant public service is identified, encouraged and tangibly supported.

In 2009 Mount St. Mary’s will continue its collective goal to build distinctive academic programs serving 2,600 students. Mount St. Mary’s will continue to concentrate on preparing students for society via its Catholic, liberal arts programs. During this period, the Mount will explore the feasibility of having its professional programs in teacher education and business nationally accredited. The seminary will continue to be nationally recognized as the seminary of choice for those preparing to shepherd in dioceses throughout the nation. Its special emphasis on Hispanic ministry will serve as a national example of outreach to others in the universal spirit of the Catholic Church. The seminary will have expanded graduate programs, adding a limited number of Pontifical accredited degrees. Additionally, Mount St. Mary’s will have a well-recognized graduate division serving the Maryland-Virginia-Pennsylvania-District of Columbia region with academic programs in select areas.

A premier distinction of Mount St. Mary’s will be a comprehensive student life program with state-of-the-art residence halls, with a comprehensive student activity program linking the academic programs with all areas of campus life. As the heart of student life will be a campus ministry program focusing on expanding the spiritual life of our students and providing specific ministry to students. The Vision of Vocation grant, funded by the Lilly Foundation, will be used as a catalyst to focus the campus community on the vocational nature of our academic programs, urging students to enhance and expand vocations in service and leadership, and to support students to serve as leaders in the church and society. Students will be required to complete a social justice experience as a part of their core academic program—focusing on service to others.

Additionally, the Mount’s programs will be enhanced with greater emphasis on academic accomplishments of student-athletes, and an increased emphasis on lacrosse, soccer and baseball. Oudoors athletic facilities will be enhanced with an all-weather, all-season playing field and stadium. The baseball stadium will also be enhanced.

In 2009 Mount St. Mary’s commitment to faith, discovery, leadership and community will be perceptively present and operative in all areas of the campus.

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A premier distinction of Mount St. Mary’s will be a comprehensive student life program with state-of-the-art residence halls, with a comprehensive student activity program linking the academic programs with all areas of campus life. As the heart of student life will be a campus ministry program focusing on expanding the spiritual life of our students and providing specific ministry to students. The Vision of Vocation grant, funded by the Lilly Foundation, will be used as a catalyst to focus the campus community on the vocational nature of our academic programs, urging students to enhance and expand vocations in service and leadership, and to support students to serve as leaders in the church and society. Students will be required to complete a social justice experience as a part of their core academic program—focusing on service to others.

Students will be recruited primarily throughout the mid-Atlantic and New England regions. Special funding and endowment support will keep the nation and mid-level of small, Catholic universities. Mount St. Mary’s will be recognized for its support of deserving students from modest backgrounds and will enhance its diversity and student body.

Mount St. Mary’s will serve the region via a Center for Catholic Leadership for Social Justice, which will bring together church leaders, scholars, public policy makers and social advocates to develop and implement initiatives to serve others. The center will give form to our Catholic heritage and responsibilities and will be a catalyst to improve our society.

Mount St. Mary’s will develop its 1,400 acres to serve the needs of alumni and the region with a Catholic learning/living environment to offer education and living options for senior citizens.

The National Shrine Center of Lanado will be clearly recognized as a formal part of Mount St. Mary’s and will have offices and a guest visitors center to accommodate the many guests and pilgrims who visit annually.

Strategic Planning

A comprehensive strategic planning process will begin during the fall of 2004. The strategic plan will incorporate the goals of this vision statement, in addition to the goals of the Vision of Vocation grant, funded by the Lilly Foundation, and the findings of the Middle States self study. The strategic plan will be submitted to the board of trustees in March of 2009.

The Irish poet Yeats noted that in dreams one can and should become, we will need to systematically and longitudinally address several areas of the campus to make the dream become a reality. Listed are a few of the characteristics of Mount St. Mary’s that will be our focus over the next few years to ensure that we move to the next level of distinction.
KEY GOALS FOR 2004-09

Goal 1: Mount St. Mary's will celebrate its bicentennial in a manner that will enhance the national identity of the University.

Goal 2: Mount St. Mary's will develop a nationally recognized student life program.

Goal 3: Mount St. Mary's will strengthen its academic programs through national accreditation and expansion of academic programs.

Goal 4: Mount St. Mary's will enhance and strengthen its faculty and staff.

Goal 5: Mount St. Mary's will complete a comprehensive campaign focusing on enhancement of the endowment.

Goal 6: Mount St. Mary's will fully implement the Vision of Vocation initiative to provide greater emphasis on vocations for the church, as well as national leadership and service.

Goal 7: Mount St. Mary's will strengthen its board of trustees to enhance its responsibilities in direction, policy and oversight.

Goal 8: Mount St. Mary's Seminary will strengthen its program of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation, with emphasis on the integration of these areas of priestly formation, and in the context of the needs of the church in the United States.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS BY 2009

Undergraduate Students
- Students: 1,800 FTE
- Applications: 2,800
- Average SAT: 1120
- International: 5%
- Acceptance rate: 75%
- Discount rate: 32%
- First-year class: 530
- First-year/sophomore retention rate: 90%
- Graduation rate: 85%
- New academic programs: Three new academic programs

Seminary
- Students: 170 seminarians
- Dioceses: 35
- Foreign countries: 5
- Hispanic ministry, programs for non-English-speaking seminarians

Graduate Programs
- Students: 400 FTE
- Academic programs: One new graduate program
- Certificate programs: Four formally recognized certificate programs

Faculty/Student Ratio
- Undergraduate: 14:1
- Graduate: 12:1

Endowment
- New gifts: $25,000,000
- Overall endowment value: $60,000,000

Alumni Giving Participation
- Participation rate: 45%

Cooperative Programs
- At least one cooperative program with an international university, focusing on student and faculty exchange

Unrestricted Budget Balance
- $4,000,000

New Capital Projects
- Residence halls
- New athletic field/stadium
- Campus landscaping
- Founder's Plaza
- Campus Master Plan

New Programs
- Mount Family Association
- Alumni outreach
- Lay ministry program
- Annual lecture series
- Peer ministry
- Bishop’s and Catholic school scholarships
- Center for Catholic Leadership/Social Justice

Athletics
- Students participating: 320
- Graduation rate: 80%
When asked for their intended major, this year’s 392-member freshman class at Mount St. Mary’s University most often cited business, biology and the ever-popular psychology. And 50 members of the class of 2008—48 women and 2 men—expressed an interest in education. The low figure for men showing an interest in teaching reflects a disturbing trend in education.

A recent National Education Association (NEA) survey found the number of male public school teachers at a 40-year low following a two-decade decline—with men comprising roughly one-fourth of the nation’s teachers and even fewer serving as elementary school teachers.

The ramifications of these numbers are not only felt in public schools. According to the National Catholic Educational Association, where almost 95 percent of full time equivalent professional staff is laity, lay women make up 75 percent of teaching faculty and lay men 20 percent.

The NEA is working hard to prevent what they term a possible “extinction” of male teachers, and at its annual meeting in July approved a measure designed to recruit more men into teaching—specifically elementary-school and minority teachers. The Mount is also working hard to recruit men and the numbers have steadily increased in the last three years. Dr. Barbara M. Palmer, associate professor of education at the Mount, credits the flexibility of the university’s Weekend College and Master of Arts in Teaching program. Evening and weekend courses allow men to still work full time while pursuing education degrees. The Mount’s internship program with Professional Development Schools is also very important. Palmer finds the internships the “greatest recruitment effort, because our successful male teacher candidates serve as role models in their internships and future teaching assignments.”

Why are there so few men teaching? Historically low salaries and status may be to blame, as well as the stereotype that teaching is “women’s work.” Michael Hakkarinen, who recently received his M.Ed. in education from the Mount, teaches at Tuscarora Elementary School in Frederick, Md., and explains, “A lot of college kids today did not have many male teachers in elementary school and naturally don’t consider it as

Nationally, male teachers seem to be a dying breed.

Education and teacher preparation programs at Mount St. Mary’s University are helping reverse the trend.

By Kate Charuhas
an occupation. And it is not possible today to comfortably raise a family on a teacher’s salary alone.

“Two-income families have become the norm and in many circles it is still not acceptable for a man to make less money than his wife and still be considered the ‘provider,’” Hakkarinen said. “In other words, men aren’t becoming teachers because they can’t afford to.”

But Hakkarinen thrives as a teacher, and along with other recent Mount graduates, is bucking the trend—proving that work is not all about money, and that careers can be callings. Sharing their experiences and wisdom may be one step to recruiting more male teachers …

PAUL FER, C’01
B.S. in Elementary Education
Teaches fifth-grade math, science and religion at St. John Regional Catholic School in Frederick, Md.

I decided to major in education in the middle of my sophomore year because I enjoyed working with young people through camps, and teaching warned the logical choice to pursue. The internship I had with the Mount’s program experience is the best teacher. There is only so much you can learn in the classroom. I found this out firsthand my first year of teaching! Having professors teach you how to teach is great, but when you finally get in the classroom and do it yourself the real lessons begin.

Fifth grade is wonderful because students at this age are extremely curious and inquisitive and have an intense desire to learn. I enjoy the subjects I teach because I get to lead them to discovery through science instruction, help them develop as mathematicians and, most importantly, I have the unique opportunity to guide them as they grow in their faith and love of God.

One of my favorite moments in the classroom came towards the end of my second year. Our principal came on the morning announcements to say that she had received a letter written by a former student about one of our teachers. To my surprise, a few moments later, my name was mentioned in the letter. The student explained how much she had learned in my class and how thoroughly she enjoyed the subject I taught.

Teaching is the most rewarding profession out there. You have the rare opportunity to shape individuals. You have the rare opportunity to shape individuals. You are going to mess up when you first begin, but those mishaps will make you a better teacher later on.

MICHAEL HAKKARINEN, C’02
M.Ed. in Education
Teaches fifth-grade language arts, math, social studies and science at Tuscarora Elementary School in Frederick, Md.

FSU offers a graduate assistant position that included a stipend and free tuition. This provided a great opportunity to pursue my Master’s in Education while still working. In my second year of teaching, I received a Hope Scholarship and was able to return to school but was struggling to find the money. Many opportunities at the Mount made it more affordable. I received a Hope Scholarship and was offered a graduate assistant position that provided a stipend and free tuition. This support allowed me to stay in the program while providing the experience that helped me decide to focus on elementary education.

Male role models are extremely important today since so many boys don’t have one. The number of single mothers who have to work is increasing and these kids simply don’t have someone to set an example. The most common comment in my parent teacher conferences is “my son is behaving much better in school this year. He seems to respond better to a male teacher.”

I don’t in any way want this to sound like men make better teachers, because they certainly don’t. But they have an advantage connecting with some students in different situations. There is tremendous potential out there for more young men to get involved in education and make an incredible impact. Building children’s self-esteem, creating opportunities for them to be successful and realize what they can accomplish is the best way to show children the true rewards in life. Strict discipline and negative reinforcement at school is no substitute for what a child might be missing at home. School should be a positive experience and male role models are certainly vital to creating that atmosphere.

Technology in the classroom makes me feel like I’m making a difference—like watching children with dyslexia or a learning disability enjoy writing because they have the use of a laptop computer at their desk! Last year I worked with a student who would normally fight any assignment involving writing. But once he had a computer of his own to use, he was almost always the first one in from recess and ready to write—simply because the computer made it tolerable rather than painful and confusing.

Helping children with disabilities feel included in the classroom setting, other students accept people with differences is like seeing a snapshot of the future, and it looks like it’s going to be a really nice place.
TOM HOFFMAN, C'04
Master of Arts in Teaching
Teaches diversified occupations and coordinates the district’s Cooperative Education Program at Waynesboro Area High School, Waynesboro, Pa.

MY BEST PIECE OF ADVICE TO FUTURE MOUNT TEACHERS IS TO GET TO KNOW YOUR STUDENTS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL AS BEST YOU CAN.

I came to teaching in the late 90s. I always thought I would like to teach but wasn’t sure I wanted to make the time and financial investment necessary to switch to a career I might not end up enjoying. When my father passed away in 1996, I realized how short life could be. I didn’t want to look back with any regrets so I began taking classes at the Mount to get my teaching certification. My instructors did a great job of incorporating “real world” information into their lectures, projects, guest speakers, etc.

Much of this is now applicable to what I see and do on a daily basis at Waynesboro Area High School. Each day brings something new and different. I enjoy helping students explore career possibilities and the world of work. After only four years, I could already write a book on my experiences!

Building relationships with each student is an ongoing accomplishment. My best piece of advice to future Mount teachers is to get to know your students on a personal level as best you can. They may not all remember what you taught them, but most of them will remember that you took an interest in them.

Everyone has the potential to teach. I have seen all personality types succeed—there is no cookie-cutter mold. If you are compassionate, willing to provide structure and discipline and have high expectations, this is the life for you!

For more information on the Mount’s undergraduate education program visit www.msmary.edu/majors and for the graduate program in education visit www.msmary.edu/med.

The Mount is pleased to announce a new merit-based scholarship demonstrating our commitment to supporting Catholic education: the Catholic School Employees Scholarship Program. At least $8,000 per year will be available to any accepted student whose parents are eligible and work for a Catholic educational institution. For more information on this and other scholarships, please call the office of admissions at 1-800-448-4347.

Scholarship details are at www.msmary.edu/financialaid.

The Mount is an equal opportunity institution.
Some came to the Mount because they were called. Some because a scholarship created an opportunity too good to miss. Some came because it seemed like the perfect fit for their academic and personal goals or simply because the community drew them in. And circumstances will forever tie this pivotal time in their lives with a pivotal moment in the Mount’s history.

Who are they, the Mount’s Bicentennial Class? They are 392 young men and women fresh out of high school, with life’s possibilities just taking shape. They are 39 men who’ve completed two years of pre-theology and will spend the next four years preparing for ordination. They are transfer students and graduate students yet to come, who will round out the ranks of those whose graduation in 2008 will also be a celebration of all whom the Mount has sent forth in its 200 years of service.

To view the Mount experience through their eyes is to see the face of the Mount today.

By Barb Ruppert
SHAUN Moran
Freshman from Long Island, New York
Kellenberg High School

“The Mount was my first choice. In fact, I applied early
decision. When I visited, I liked the environment, plus it
had a good theology program and varsity lacrosse team. I
was hoping to meet close friends, get the education I
need to get a good job, and deepen my faith.

“So far, I’m meeting awesome people and enjoying the
spirituality. I go to 10 p.m. mass Monday through
Thursday, plus on Sunday, and it’s just as accepted as
my time on the lacrosse team. I’m thinking of being a
youth minister, and I talk to Father Jim Donohue a lot
for advice. I have him for Freshman Seminar and Skills
for Ministry.

“I’m looking forward to the Bicentennial events and the
new lacrosse stadium that’s planned. Already the Mount
feels like home for me.”
DANIEL Ketter
Seminarian from Atlanta, Georgia
Wake Forest University

“The priesthood had been on my mind since high school, but I was reluctant to follow what I suspected was God’s call. So after graduating from college I entered the business world, worked for several years both here and overseas, had a good career, a house of my own, lots of friends … a perfect life in the eyes of many. But there was something missing.

“When I finally decided to explore a vocation to the priesthood, it all happened very quickly. One day I was at a business lunch with clients from D.C. and I thought, ‘Do I want to be doing this for the rest of my life?’ The next day I called the vocation director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I quit my job, gave away most of my things and headed to the Mount.

“I’ve studied philosophy at the Mount for two years now, and there were times that first year that I was ready to pack up and go home. But by the grace of God and through the prayers of many I’ve been able to persevere. I’ve drawn strength from the bonds of friendship I’ve made with other seminarians. Seeing how seriously these seminarians, as well as the faculty, take their vocations has been a great example for me and a great source of encouragement.

“The current values of our culture make it a challenging time to be authentically Catholic—which is precisely why I and many other seminarians see this as an excellent time to become a priest. We get excited about the opportunity to play a role in the renewal of the priesthood after its image has really suffered in this country. We are also motivated by the challenge of being signs of contradiction in a culture that has largely forgotten that man’s greatest fulfillment and freedom are found in doing God’s will.

“We have the opportunity to use the Mount’s bicentennial celebration as an invitation both to look back at our heritage and, inspired by that heritage, to look forward to the tremendous good we can do for our society as a vibrant Catholic university. I count it a blessing to be part of the Bicentennial Class of 2008.”
"Because of the academics and being so close to home, the Mount was an obvious choice to look into. I liked the campus and the atmosphere when I visited, and it’s been even easier to make friends and settle in here than I thought! Three of my good friends also attend the Mount, plus I met people I liked right away at Orientation.

“I’ve joined the Black Student Union and the Social Dance Club, where we’re learning hip-hop, Latin, African, step and liturgical dance. We plan to perform at basketball games and hold other performances throughout the year. I’ve been to all kinds of fun events on campus, too.

“A liberal arts education is challenging but good because the professors aren’t just telling us everything we need to know; we have to work and study on our own to get the concept. You understand things better then.

“I wouldn’t be here without financial aid. I’m trying to get good grades because my dream is to attend medical school at Johns Hopkins and go into pediatrics."
9:30
BIOLOGY LECTURE
with Prof. A.J. Russo

10:00
PSYCHOLOGY 100
with Prof. Bob Keefer

11:00
STUDYING FOR
PSYCH QUIZ IN
ROOM
Sheridan Hall with
friends, from left, Kelly
Pignataro, C'08;
Tommy Geary, C'08;
and Sabrina Scheffel,
C'08

1:30
SOCCER PRACTICE

KARYN farrar
Freshman from Mount Airy, Maryland
South Carroll High School

“Soccer brought me to the Mount. I like attending a small school
while being able to play on a Division I team. The girls are so
close knit, and I work well with the team because we have the
same styles of play.” [Editor's Note: Karyn is one of the team's
high scorers.]

“The academics are tough, but I’m keeping up and getting good
grades. I don’t have a major in mind, although Dr. Bob Keefer,
who teaches my psychology class, is inspiring. You can tell he loves
what he does.

“I enjoy writing and was pleased to be selected as the winner of
the Freshman Seminar essay contest this summer. I discussed the
role of values in The Pact, the memoirs of three men from broken
homes who made a pact to become doctors.

“Being a college student today offers so many opportunities, as
well as challenges, with the war and the economy. We have to
remember that our generation has the power to change things
if they’re not the way we want them to be.”
LAUREN neville
Freshman from Poolesville, Maryland
Poolesville High School, Global Ecology Magnet Program

“I thought a big university was what I wanted—I got into the University of North Carolina and the University of Colorado. But I didn’t want to be a number. And when I got into the Mount’s Honors Program, and was one of three students to receive a Kuderer Scholarship, I took it as a sign that this was the place I was meant to be.

“I got to know my professors right away and was just hand-picked by my biology professor to be on his research team. I’ll be helping with genetic research on autism with Dr. A.J. Russo, and I’m so excited! I’d like to become a general surgeon eventually and work with Doctors Without Borders, which is like the Peace Corps for physicians.

“It’s been so easy to make friends and find things to get involved in. I volunteered with Campus Ministry at the Dragonboat Races for Catholic Charities in Baltimore, I’m volunteering at St. Catherine’s nursing home in Emmitsburg, and I’m thinking of writing for the newspaper and doing intramurals. Everything here is just motivating me to do the best I can.”

EMILIO arocho
Freshman from Prince Frederick, Maryland
Calvert High School

“I chose the Mount because the Mount and I are both Catholic, the campus was beautiful, and I wanted a liberal arts school. I also knew I wanted a small school, but I didn’t realize I’d actually recognize everyone on campus. The sense of community is great!

“The professors are passionate and care about what they teach. That enthusiasm rubs off on students, particularly in my Honors class, where we can tell the professor expects more from us.

“I’d like to arrange my own major, combining philosophy, computer science and other courses. My two most unique classes are Assembly Language, which has five students, mostly upperclassmen, and Logic, which is mostly seminarians. I also attend Catholic Apologetics, an open discussion led by seminarians after Mass each Sunday, where we discuss larger issues such as reconciliation.

“So far, I’ve written an article for the school newspaper, and I’d like to work at the radio station. It sounds oversimplified, but for the most part, I like to read and write a lot of different things. I wrote more in my first month here than in a year of high school, which is excellent. Esoteric ideas that the rest of the country simply doesn’t place emphasis on keep me going. I’m on a constant quest to have something meaningful to communicate in my writing.”
Two recent major announcements, only days apart, reverberate still on the Mount St. Mary University campus.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II appointed the Very Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., on October 14. A week later, the Reverend Paul S. Coakley, S’83 of Wichita, was named the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Salina, Kan.

Bishop-elect Rhoades succeeds Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo, who passed away in March. Following his ordination ceremony on December 9 at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, he will become the youngest bishop in the nation to lead a Roman Catholic diocese. Coincidentally, he is the second Bishop of Harrisburg with a Mount connection. The Most Rev. Thomas McGovern was its second bishop from 1888-98.

“I am happy to be coming home to the wonderful diocese of Harrisburg,” said Bishop-elect Rhoades. “I look forward to being with the priests, my co-workers in the ministry, with the deacons, with the men and women in consecrated life, and with the lay faithful, all united in the one Body of Christ in truth and charity.”

Bishop-elect Rhoades, 46, is a priest of the Harrisburg diocese and has served as seminary rector for seven years and professor for nine years. The diocese, which encompasses a population of more than 2 million, includes almost 250,000 Catholics, 89 parishes and seven missions, 161 priests and 49 permanent deacons. It also includes 39 parish and inter-parochial elementary schools (10,058 students), and seven secondary schools (3,932 students).

“Father Rhoades is a special priest,” said Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary’s University. “Not only is he a skilled administrator, but he is a priest with the heart of Jesus. We are grateful for his years of service as rector of our seminary and for his leadership in preparing our seminarians for priestly formation. We wish him well and delight in his appointment as Bishop of Harrisburg.”

He was ordained a deacon at Saint Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City, in 1982 by Senator Cardinal Cooke. In 1983, he was ordained a priest at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon by then Auxiliary Bishop William Keeler, now Cardinal for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md., Chancellor of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary.

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THE CRADLE OF BISHOPS

From its earliest years, the Mount has provided the Catholic Church with many of its American leaders.

Mount founder Father John DuBois was named the third Bishop of New York in 1826. DuBois was succeeded in New York by Father John Hughes, a Mount graduate who became the diocese’s first archbishop, and responsible for the building of St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Archbishop Hughes’ successor, Mount alumnus Archbishop John McCloskey, was named the first native-born cardinal in the United States. Mount alumni served as first bishops of 15 newly formed dioceses, and in all, 32 U.S. dioceses have been led by at least one bishop from the Mount, 47 in all. This level of influence led to the Mount being characterized as the “Cradle of Bishops.”

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BISHOP RHOADES brings to his new position many wonderful gifts: he is a dedicated priest who knows and loves the diocese personally; a pastor who has dealt effectively with the challenges of a modern city parish; and one equipped, culturally and linguistically, to offer spiritual leadership to those coming from Latin America.

—His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler
MOUNT FACULTY

Mount faculty bring a high level of scholarly and professional expertise to their teaching. For a complete list of faculty activities through spring 2004, visit www.msmary.edu.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS


SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS


GOLIBER PRESENTS PAPER IN BEIJING

Dr. Sue Goliber, the College Distinguished Teaching Professor, traveled to China in May to present a paper at the University of Beijing on Wilhelmina Kalsbeek, a missionary in China from 1922-49. Her presentation discussed why the Christian Reformed Church first sent missionaries to China and what role Kalsbeek played. Goliber is working on a biography of Kalsbeek because, while the work of female missionaries has often been overlooked, "they were independent women of extraordinary courage who led dangerous lives."

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Karl Einolf: President, Chesapeake Association of Economic Educators, 2004-05.

Laura Frasier: Conference Chairperson, MAST Strand, Maryland State Teachers Association Convention, Ocean City, Maryland, Fall 2003.

Brian Henning: Associate Director of the Society for the Study of Process Philosophies.
BARRY LONG: Adjudicator, Maryland Music Educators Association All-State Band Auditions, November 2003.
Linda Martinak: Chair, Region V Meeting, Association for Continuing Higher Education, University of Virginia, November 2003.
Daniel Russo: Peer Reviewer, TV Series “CYBERCHASE.”

AWARDS
William Collinge: “Peace and Justice in the Bible and the Qur’an,” Lilly Foundation Seminar, with Mary Kate Bix, Kristen Urban, faculty from other institutions, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, July 2003.
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Fulbright Update
Photos are now on the Mount’s website from professor J. Kristen Urban’s Fulbright semester in Bahrain. She received a grant to lecture and conduct research in American studies at the University of Bahrain during the first half of 2004.

Professor Stephen Whitman also received a Fulbright grant and spent the semester lecturing on the history of the American South at the University of Genoa in Italy.

KLINE CHAIR AWARDED
Created through the generous contributions of alumni, the newly endowed Kline Chair in Philosophy is given to a senior member of the philosophy department every five years. It is awarded to a full professor who has a distinguished record of teaching, scholarship and service to the Mount community.

Dr. Trudy Conway is the first recipient and will hold the Kline Professorship for the 2004-09 school years. Conway will receive $14,000, which will go toward the scholarly work of her choice. She has selected associate professor Dr. Brian Henning to receive part of the funding.

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The Mounties hit the hardwood in their home opener at Knott Arena December 4 against Northeast Conference rival Sacred Heart. The noon tip-off is sponsored by Liberty Mountain Resorts, which will be giving away passes for skiing and snow tubing throughout the game, so don’t miss out on the fun! Be sure to get there early to get your Mount basketball schedule magnet, also courtesy of Liberty Mountain Resorts.

Stick around for the Mount women’s basketball home opener, tipping off at 5 p.m. against Sacred Heart.

Be sure to catch Mount basketball all season long! It’s not too late to order your season tickets now! For more information call the Mount Athletic Department Ticket Office at 301-447-5700 or go to the “Tickets” page on the Mount's athletic website at www.mountathletics.com.

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Gone are Myriam Baccouche, Beth Foster and Adrienne Harris, who together amassed nearly 4,000 points in their Mount careers. The 10 returning players this season have 1,309 combined career points. Junior Samira Rashid with 457 points in two years along with sophomore LaToya Butler will need to step up their leadership for the squad to be successful.

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The Mount opens the season at the UMBC Tip-off Tournament against Cornell November 20. Playing Princeton on the road December 20 and participating in the St. Pete’s Holiday Tournament against North Carolina State December 29 highlight the non-conference schedule.

Make a move up the Northeast Conference ladder … that is what head coach Milan Brown hopes to see his Mount St. Mary’s men’s basketball team do this season.

A scintillating stretch run saw last year’s team earn a spot in the Northeast Conference Tournament for the first time in four years, building a foundation for this season’s team.

“We are extremely excited for the upcoming season because of the steps taken at the end of last year,” said Brown. “The program continues to grow as we build on these positive steps.”

The Mount returns four starters and seven of its top eight scorers from a team that won four of its final five regular season games to surge into the final NEC Tournament spot. Add six newcomers to the mix and the Mount hopes it has the recipe for success.

“Everyone will be a year older, and that will definitely benefit us,” said Brown. “We have a good mix of players who have set the foundation for us to be competitive each and every season.”

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A four-year journey to celebrate the Mount’s 200-year history will culminate with a series of grand festivities in 2008. Here’s your opportunity to get a jump-start on the excitement!

To generate the national attention the Mount deserves and support a celebration fitting of such a momentous journey, an opportunity has been created for Mount alumni, parents and friends to share in funding the Mount’s historic birthday and upcoming Bicentennial celebration.

The Mount is seeking the support of $2,008 from 1,000 individuals to help fund the celebration’s many projects and programs. These participants, called “Bicentennial Pioneers,” will be specially recognized in the years leading up to 2008 and will have their names permanently etched in the campus Founder’s Plaza. To date, more than $531,000 has been raised from 250 pioneers.

Your gift can be payable over four years. For example, $502 per year over four years=$2,008!

For information on this initiative contact Pam Zusi, executive director of development, at 301-447-5361.
Bio:
Born in Washington, D.C. In 1971 applied to study for the priesthood at Saint Pius X Seminary and the University of Scranton. Graduated from the University of Scranton in 1975 and was accepted as a student at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, where he was ordained in 1979. Later, travelled to Rome, Italy, to obtain a Doctorate in Canon Law from the University of Saint Thomas. Currently the vicar general for the apostolate for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

First memories of the Mount:
As I approached the campus and was taken into the chapel in the seminary, I was convinced that if I were to study to be a priest, the Mount was the place that I wanted to be part of. There is a “blessedness” to the place that can’t be put into words, but is certainly felt by all who come to Mary’s Mountain.

When did you realize your call to the priesthood?
I had a very close relationship with a number of seminarians attending Mount St. Mary’s and helped in the summer in my home parish. I realized at an early age that God was calling me to priesthood. The sisters and priests of the parish were wonderful role models for me.

What is a vicar general for the apostolate?
As vicar general of the Archdiocese of Washington, I assist Cardinal McCarrick in the daily running of the archdiocese. My particular area of responsibility would be for the apostolic nature of the archdiocese, in particular, schools, social justice and parish life.

Have you had an audience with Pope John Paul II?
I have had several audiences with Pope John Paul II. The first was in 1981 when I accompanied Archbishop Hickey to the Eternal City to receive his Pallium. The Pallium is the circular vestment that all residential archbishops receive from the Holy Father as a sign of their solidarity with the Bishop of Rome. I was so awe struck that I couldn’t speak. During the audience, the Holy Father presented us with a rosary, which I still use to this day.

Hobbies?
I love going to theater, the symphony and seeing movies.

Motto you live by?
The motto I try to live by is one that J.S.Bach used quite often, “Soli Deo Gloria,” To God alone Be Glory!

CATCHING UP WITH … Monsignor Godfrey Mosley, S’79
MEMBER, MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

With a goal of $1.5 million, the 2004-05 Mount Annual Fund campaign kicked off recently with its fall phonathon.

“As I assume my new role as national chair of the Mount Annual Fund, I look forward to working with each and every Mount alum,” said Brian L. Smith, C’70, who is also a member of the President’s Council. “I know that, together, our support will give today’s students the same opportunities we were given.

“This year we have two goals,” Smith said. “One is money; the other is participation. We hope to reach this, giving is critical. If you can give a lot, do so. Yes, we need the big donations. If you can’t give a lot, give $10, $25 or $50. Our participation goal is 50 percent. To reach this, we need gifts at all levels.”

The Mount Annual Fund ensures a Mount education is open to all qualified students who seek it. High Mount Annual Fund participation also ensures the Mount will continue to attract dedicated faculty. The Mount Annual Fund is one of the most important sources for these needed monies. Every dollar donated to the annual fund in the current academic year is used that year.

“It know the task I have ahead of me,” said Smith. “We are building a strong volunteer force to help in personally contacting as many alumni as possible. In addition, we have wonderful Mount students who want to talk with you about their Mount experience and why your support is so important to them. They are the real heroes who do most of the work.”

In short, your gift ensures that members of the Mount community will continue to go out into the world and make a difference. For Now. For Tomorrow. Forever.

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time to these missions, and Doctors donate their time and lead a productive life. The doctors perform maxillofacial surgery on needy children who have facial deformities, such as cleft palate or cleft lip, restoring their ability to smile and eat a productive life. Doctors donate their time and efforts to these missions, and
Operation Smile helps raise funds to pay for the cost of supplies and medical necessities.

1977
Roger DiStefano, C'77, is a premier agent with Prudential Financial (since 1981) and last year qualified for the Million Dollar Roundtable (MDRT). Less than one percent of all insurance and financial advisors achieve this in a given year. Roger recently attended the MDRT conference in Anaheim, Calif.

1978
Diana McDermott O'Neill, C'78, is the executive director of the Long Island Volunteer Center and recently gave the keynote address at the Vincentian 18th Annual Commission Breakfast. As a student at the Mount, the life and works of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton deepened her faith and confirmed her commitment to helping others. Diana focused her keynote address on her personal journey to understanding the importance of voluntarism and the hand of God in the process.

The Rev. Jeffrey F. Samaha, S'78, received The Man of the Year Service Award from his resident parish, St. Philip the Apostle in Camp Springs, Md. He is full-time hospital chaplain at Campbell, Md. He is full-time hospital chaplain at Prince Georges Hospital in Temple Hills, Md.

1979
Bill Motylka, C'79, works at Northrop Grumman in Baltimore as a financial analyst. His wife, Ann, also works there in the IT department as a web designer. They have two children, Andrew (8) and Patrick (9). The family lives in Abingdon, Md.

1980
Jeanne Balméringer, C'80, a delegate from Virginia, was recently part of a panel for the Fairfax Area Young Republicans to give a behind-the-scenes look at the National Convention. The program was shown on CSJAN.

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Jane Purkis Kearney, C'88, and her husband, Peter, joyfully announce the birth of their children Aidan Thomas and Caitlin Anna on April 26, 2004. The family lives in Madison, N.J.

Maj. Charles H. Strife Jr., C'88, is serving with the Army in the Republic of Korea. He is the executive officer with the 16th Medical Logistics Battalion. His unit is responsible for providing medical logistics support to the Korean Theater of Operations.

1989

Derek J. Jess, C'89, MBA'92, is assistant superintendent of business for the Perth Amboy Board of Education. He and his wife, Jeaneen, along with daughters Ashlyn Rose (4) and Kaleigh Maria (2), live in Somerville, N.J.

1990


Xiaomei (Cynthia) Sun, C'90, and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their second child, Stephen, on May 1, 2004. The family resides in Columbia, Md.

1991

Timothy Farrell, C'91, and his wife, Katie, hosted Coach Jim Deegan and Dave Hinton, C'91, for dinner while Dave was competing in the NCAA finals at the University of Texas.

Nancy Godlewski Hartel, C'91, and her husband, Dave, have been married seven years and have three children, Jason (6), Christopher (4) and Amanda (9 months). Nancy works out of her house as a small business bookkeeper.

Tricia (McGinney) Larkin, C'91, and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Anne, on Aug. 2, 2004.

1992

Suzanne (Conti) Martin, C'92, and her husband, Greg, welcomed daughter Rachel Kathryn on March 31, 2004. The family resides in Annapolis, Md.

John Fee, C'92, took part in the Tour of Hope along with Lance Armstrong, in October. The tour is a cycling journey across the country completed by people who have been touched by cancer. John was one of 20 people selected from more than 1,000 applicants. He is riding in memory of his aunt and grandparents as well as to support his mother, a recent cancer survivor.

1993

Ann Marie (Becker) Fennelly, C'93, and her husband, Tom, celebrated the birth of their third child on Sept. 10, 2003. Ryan James joins brother Sean (4) and sister Erin (2). The Fennelly family lives in Potomac Falls, Va.

Crystal (Braun) Nibert, C'93, and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second child, Gregory, on June 2, 2004. He joins big sister Sarah Ann (3).

MaryAnn Cristodero, C'93, has recently passed her licensing exams and is officially a registered nurse.

Tom “Sid” Taylor, C'93, and his wife, Amy, were blessed with the arrival of their second daughter, Lily Meyer, on April 14, 2004.

1994

Tom Bligh, C'94, recently received the Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Award from Florida State University. The writing fellowship recognizes “excellence of thought and expression, creativity, and originality.” Tom is a doctoral candidate in the department of English at Florida State University. He studies with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler and Mark Winegardner. Last spring Tom spent a semester in England teaching literature and travel writing at PSU’s London Center.

Julie (Chupein) Murphy, C'94, and her husband, Dan, welcomed their second daughter, Ryan Elizabeth, on Feb. 12. Julie works full time at JP Morgan Chase and attends law school in the evening.

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Adam Barch, C’95, and wife Cynthia celebrated the birth of their son, John Samuel, on Sept. 13, 2004.

The Rev. John Caulfield, C’95, S.J., is serving as an associate pastor at St. Bernadette’s in West Springfield, Md.

Heather Walde DeWees, C’95, and her husband, Jim, celebrated the birth of their third child, a son, Gavan Wayne. Gavan joins older sister Mackenzie (4) and older brother Bently (2). Jim is currently looking forward to graduation from the Mount’s accelerated degree program in May 2005.

Seamus Robert Quick, C’95, has been appointed vice president of asset management with Lenox Advisors, INC, in New York City.

Lauren (Shake) McHugh, C’95, and her husband, Tom, announced the birth of their hﬁrst child, Thomas John, on April 15, 2004.

Jerry and Carrie (Logan) Wallace, C’96, welcomed a new addition to their family, Emily McKenzie, on May 12, 2004. She joins big brother Ryan Parker (2).

1996

Tim and Ellen (Ettner) Murray, C’96, celebrated the birth of their son, Gavin James, on Oct. 2, 2004.

1997

Anne E. Boyle, C’97, married William L. Sunny on April 24, 2004, in Alexandria, Va. Mount alumni in attendance were Cindy Campbell, C’87, Susan Carroll, Patrick McNulty, K. Murphy, Shane Rubkens, C’97, Amy Hackett, C’96, and Dr. Sarah Stokely (faculty). Anne received her M.A. in communications from the University of Maryland in 2001 and is now vice president at Shutterstock. The couple resides in Alexandria, Va.


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Bill, C’97, and Laura (Murphy) Hanson, C’97, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Liam, on April 7, 2004.

Mary McNamara, C’98, married Brian Magee on Nov. 15, 2003, at St. Paul’s Church in Stone Harbor, N.J. Mount alumni in attendance at the wedding included: maid of honor Bridget Hanlon, C’96, bridesmaid Melissa DiVincenzo Holman, C’96, and friends Kathi Silverstein, Jennifer Weinert and Kelly Angell, C’96. Mary is an English teacher at Conestoga High School in West Chester, Pa.

James and Erin Watkins, C’98, are proud to announce the birth of their ﬁrst child, Emma Marie, on Jan. 30, 2004.

1999

Pamela Bolton, C’99, married Jeremy Wockenfest on Sept. 10, 2004, at St. Ignatius Church in Baltimore, Md. Mount alumna Alison Sanders (Lager), C’97, was in attendance. Pam is an accounting supervisor at Black and Decker in Towson, Md. The couple resides in Perry Hall, Md.

Vicky Ohm, C’99, completed her Master of Education in counseling and development at George Mason University in May 2004. She is a guidance counselor at West Springfield High School in Northern Virginia.

Cynthia Katz, C’99, went to medical school at the University of Maryland, graduating in 2003. She is now in her second year of pediatrics residency at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.
2000

Jaime Entwistle, C'00, is engaged to be married to Michael Coni on Sept. 17, 2000. Jaime currently lives in New Jersey and is working at American Girl Place in New York as a marketing and special events coordinator.

Brian and Meghan (Murphy) Keane, C'00, celebrated the birth of their son, Declan Seamus, on June 3, 2004. He is welcomed with love and kisses by his big sister, Tatum Makayla (1).

Joe Make, C'00, was recently promoted to human resources manager at COMSTAR Federal Credit Union.

2001

Jason Deitch, C'98, and his wife, Melanie, were married on May 15, 2004 in Las Vegas. He has resided there for the past two years. He is currently an audit supervisor associated with the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino.

Erin Elizabeth McCarter, C'01, married Daniel J. Smigiel on June 5, 2004, at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel, Md. Mount alumni, C'W, in attendance at the wedding included: Alison Holiman, Catherine Carroll, Mary Saynak, Katie Coleman Malone, Delia Ryan, Katie Hopkins, Regina Younk and Sean Ramoli.

Ja'Anna M. Miller, C'01, graduated from Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Del., on May 15, 2004. She is preparing to take the bar exam for Maryland in the near future.


2002

Shawn and Devon (Morais) Day, C'02, welcomed their first baby, Ryan Connor, on Aug. 23, 2004. Shawn is working as a reporter for the Saturday Journal and Devon is working as an elementary school teacher.

Elise Harris-Miller, C'02, married Justin R. Burgess on July 10, 2004, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Mount alumni in attendance included: bridesmaid Margaret Rahain, C'02; Peter English, Ben Apcosa, Kenny Sheridan, Chelsey Sullivan, Melinda D'Agnello and Courtney Sones, C'02; Sean Gildea, C'W, and Mike Montesi, C'04.

Caitlin Ratuliffa, C'02, is living in Towson and working as the development coordinator for the Franciscan Youth Center, a non-profit organization in East Baltimore. It is an after-school and summer program for at-risk youth.

2003

Brennan McDevitt, C'03, is now an admissions counselor for Mount St. Mary's University, representing much of Southern Maryland, D.C. and Northern Virginia. In addition to his travel responsibilities, he is also helping coordinate the Mount Ambassador program. He will take this program over full time in the spring of 2005.

Rebecca Walker, C'03, and Robert Shemack, C'02, were married in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on July 10, 2004. Mount alumni in attendance included: Billy Minkins, David Ronkover, Eric Powers, C'03, Christine Pratt, John Butto, Stephen Finlay, Mary Grahame, Hilary Lambough, April Dixon, Shana Martinez, Peter Koong, Matthew Doney, Dominick Colardo, Marie Heftick, Elizabeth Polit, C'01, and Lindsay Marie, C'03. Also in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Richman and professor Bill O'Toole and his wife, Dr. Cathy Bodin. The couple is currently living in Hagerstown, Md.
After a brief but courageous battle with breast cancer, Barbara Lynn Beall, C'91, died on Aug. 8, 2004. She is survived by her parents, George and Barbara Beall; her brother, Patrick Beall, C'85; her sister, Diana Beall; and Diana’s husband and children. A sociology major at the Mount, Barbara later earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland. She was a clinical social worker with NIH in Bethesda, Md., and a resident of Germantown, Md.

Chad Close, C'04, has been accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Ukraine on Sept. 26. He will train and serve as a secondary English teaching volunteer. In addition, he will work closely with local English teachers to develop their confidence and fluency in English communication. Chad graduated from the Mount with a degree in English and philosophy.

Addie Lewis and Katie Drum, C'04, are pictured with Mount graduates Mike Castello, C'63, and Al Branjon, C'64.
ANNAPOLIS AREA CHAPTER

MSM vs. Navy–Rugby, September 4th

After a win by our own Mount Ruggers, John Graham, C’82, his wife, Nancy, and their children hosted the team and loyal alumni supporters for a BBQ at their home in Annapolis. Along with the rugby team coach and team Chaplain, alumni in attendance were: Jack Graham, C’57, and his wife, the former Patricia Ann Miller; Tim Bahr, C’84, who was accompanied by his father, Ron Bahr, and uncle Regis Bahr, who hold the title “Honorary Rugby Alumni” for their stalwart support of the Mount Rugby team over the years; Duffy Ross, Office of Communications, and his family; Bryan Carney, C’82, his wife, Anne, and their daughters Kendell and Paige; Mark Conlon, C’84; Bill Mulford, C’82, and his daughter; Maureen (Carmichael) Plant, C’82, and Jim Plant, C’81, two of their children, John and Katie; Julie (Lynch) and Mark Arnesberger, both C’80. Mark was able to play with his son for his alma mater in the second Navy game. It doesn’t get any better than that.

THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER

3rd Annual Inner Harbor Caribbean Party Cruise
August 7, 2004
More than 30 Mounties sailed aboard Baltimore’s Clipper City cruise ship and enjoyed an evening on Baltimore Harbor.

31st Annual Baltimore Crab Feast
August 15, 2004
Hosted by Rob Mark, C’78. More than 70 attended.

12th Annual Orioles Ball Park Party
Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees
September 11, 2004
500 Mounties, family and friends attended the rival game for food, friends and fellowship.

Dragon Boat Races
September 18, 2004
Congratulations to our Dragon Boat Team! At this biannual event a team of 25 Mount alumni raced to benefit St. Veronica’s Head Start program in Baltimore.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Harrisburg Senators vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats, July 15th

An annual event hosted by John Ford, C’84. More than 30 Mounties attended.

DELAWARE CHAPTER

August 14, 2004

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Morailia hosted a gathering of Mounties at their home in Lewes, Del. Dr. and Mrs. Powell were special guests.
Mount Football—UNDEFEATED SINCE 1951

Images and text are from a former exhibit at the Mount produced by the Mount St. Mary’s Archives & Department of Special Collections, with the assistance of student intern Jessica Ng.

The first Mount St. Mary’s football game took place on October 8, 1891, against Gettysburg College. The Mount’s team lost 58-6, yet went on to play undefeated for six years. The players on these early teams paid for their own uniforms, coached and managed themselves and scheduled their own games. By the end of the decade, Mount football teams had compiled a record of 17 wins, 4 losses and 5 ties.

In 1911, the college began supporting its athletic clubs, and provided the football team with its first coach, professor Michael J. Thompson. That year the team faced Jim Thorpe and the Indian School of Carlisle on Echo Field, where it lost the contest 45 to 6. Art Molloy scored the only touchdown. A gifted athlete, Molloy returned to his alma mater to coach football until 1949.

World War II curtailed football at the Mount. Although it was revived during the post-war years, it was finally suspended after the 1950 season due to lackluster seasons and declining enrollment because of the Korean War. It continues today as an intramural sport.

The photo screened in the background is the Mount Football Team, 1896.

By 1916, the football team had grown from a student-managed effort to a college-supported sport. The arrival of new coach JoJo Lawler in 1935 signaled the beginning of a new era for Mount football. After several dismal seasons, the 1935 team earned a 4-1-2 record.

1950—the final season. The only win was over archrival Catholic University.
One of the most special parts of being a graduate of Mount St. Mary’s is that no matter where you are, you’re never alone. Although I come from a large, supportive family in my own right, the Mount Family extends far and wide throughout the country.

When I was a student at Mount St. Mary’s, I was a bit of an anomaly in that I was one of only two or three students who had a physical disability (I have cerebral palsy), and the first to live on campus all four years. Like my family, the Mount community embraced me as one who was no different.

Several years ago I came to depend on the use of a walker. Living in Maryland and having to use the walker became a major hindrance to getting out during the winter. Against the advice of family and friends, in December 2003 I moved to Florida, to a city in which I knew no one.

In March 2004 I contacted Phil McGlade for the first time in several years because I wanted to attend my 25th reunion in June. He told me of an alumni event in Palm Beach and informed me that one of my classmates and good friends, Franzi (O’Fara) Rheinberger, lived near Palm Beach.

Although I had not seen or spoken with Fran for several years, not only did she and I, along with her sister Patty (also an alumna), attend the event, but I stayed the night at Fran’s house with her husband and two children. Through Fran, I re-established contacts with other classmates.

Things were going along great until August hit, and hit Florida hard. Southwest Florida was in the direct path of Hurricane Charley, which was to pass close to Cape Coral (where I live). For once, I took some sage advice and was about to call Fran to ask if I could take refuge with them on the east coast, when she called me with the invitation. During that stay we received several calls of concern from other Mounties.

When I returned home, the closer to the west coast I got, the more devastation I saw. Trees were in the roadway, parts of buildings were either gone or torn away, the traffic lights that were still up were not working. My fear grew with each mile because it just got worse and worse. I was convinced I would find nothing left of my home.

But my house was standing and showed no signs of flooding. Sherryl joy filled my heart: not even a broken window; only one small tree in the backyard was down. When I found out that during the hurricane my brother was visiting our mother’s grave back home and asking her to look after me, that moment erased all doubts I may ever have had in the power of God.

Two weeks later, a second major hurricane took aim at Florida. This time the east coast was the target. In a reversal of roles, it was me calling Fran to offer refuge. With the same horror we watched as France hit 20 miles north of their home.

Our Lord, and my mother, were again working overtime and placed their hands over the Rheinberger’s house to protect it from the wrath of Hurricane Frances. Although many of my new Florida friends and neighbors are threatening to ship me back up north because, before I moved here, hurricanes were a much rarer occasion, I love the mobility I have here. When the snows hit those up north, I’ll be praying for you, from the beach. For Mount alumni in Florida, I know I can count on you and you on me.

Remember with your prayers those in Florida who have lost everything this year. I thank God, and Mom, for looking over those of us who have weathered the weather.

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For details on chapter events, visit www.msmary.edu/alumnifriends/html/alumnievents.htm

Or call the alumni office, 877-630-6102.

For details on Grotto events, visit www.msmary.edu/grotto

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Friday, June 3 –
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Alumni Reunion Weekend

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• Saturday: National Alumni Golf Tournament

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NEW Scholarships!

Please tell a friend!

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Concert Triangulo, 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

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Thursday, December 9
Student Instrumental and Vocal Recital, 3:30 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall

Sunday, December 12
Mount Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m., Knott Auditorium

JANUARY 2005

Thursday, January 27
Literary and Art Opening—Mount Professors Tim Vermeulen and Elizabeth Holtry, 6 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall

Saturday, January 29
Winter Homecoming

FEBRUARY 2005

Friday, February 11 –
Sunday, February 13
Mount 2000 and Beyond A Eucharistic retreat weekend for young people.
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