Celebrating
AN ENDURING
LEGACY
TOM AND IRENE POWELL
President’s Letter

While transitioning this spring to President Emeritus of our beloved Mount St. Mary’s University, I had the luxury of spending some time reflecting on my 12 years serving our campus community. I thank God every day for the wonderful opportunity to have served as President of our historic campus.

During my presidency I was fortunate to have worked with a visionary Board of Trustees who shared a commitment to preserving and enhancing the Mount for future generations. Doubly blessed, I was fortunate to work with a group of colleague leaders whose dedication to the Mount, her mission as a Catholic university, and our students helped us achieve a great deal together. Our faculty, staff and students taught me how to be a more effective educator and they helped me immeasurably to be a better person.

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Any thoughtful measurement of the return on the investment of a Mount education must include how the lives of young women and men are transformed on our campus. The real return on investment must consider if we guided our students to lead good and virtuous lives. The real return is if we helped them appreciate, listen and respond to God’s personal call to be in service to others.

As we struggle to measure the value of education, can we ever truly measure the spiritual growth of our students as they confronted God and the beauty of life while they were at the Mount?

It is my prayer they will always say the return on their investment was a life well lived—a life full of love and God’s grace.

Thomas H. Powell
President Emeritus

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INTRODUCING SIMON P. NEWMAN, THE MOUNT’S 25th PRESIDENT

Simon P. Newman, was appointed the 25th President of Mount St. Mary’s University in December. The announcement was made during an on-campus Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.
NINE ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO THE DEAN’S CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE/ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The Circle of Excellence recognizes distinguished Mount alumni—particularly those who have achieved significant accomplishments in their professional field or in service to the community.

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Daniel G. Muldoon, M.D., C’89, majored in biology and earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School and continued his training in family medicine. In 2013, Muldoon opened Family Care of Fredericksburg.

William J. (Bill) Ward, Jr., C’65, earned his degree in accounting and presently serves as the Director Emeritus of the Master of Health Administration degree program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Faculty Director of the School’s Sommer’s Scholars leadership program. He is a former senior healthcare executive with more than 30 years of experience in health care finance and operations.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Thomas J. (T.J) Harrington, C’78, majored in accounting and earned his graduate degree from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, American Bankers Association—University of Delaware. Harrington served as the Associate Deputy Director for the FBI and was responsible for the development and execution of the FBI’s diverse mission strategy across a workforce of 36,000. He now serves as Managing Director & Chief Information Security at CITIGROUP.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

DeVeda E. Coley, C’93, graduated with a degree in elementary education and went on to earn her masters in educational leadership from Hood College. She earned her administrator certificate in 2000 and presently serves as principal of North Frederick Elementary.

Janette (Kozlovsky) Blee, C’86, graduated with a major in sociology and a minor in criminal justice and earned her law degree from George Mason University. Blee served for two years as a law clerk for the City of Alexandria, VA. Presently, her law practice is focused on all areas of employment and labor law.

RICHARD J. BOLTE, SR., SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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J. Raphael Della Ratta, C’92, majored in English with a minor in philosophy and completed his MA in English literature at Catholic University of America. In 1995, he began writing for Exchange/Monitor Publications and then joined the Russian-American Nuclear Security Advisory Council (RANSAC). In 2012, he returned to his family business and currently serves as the Vice President of Commercial Management Company and as Vice President of Della Ratta Inc.

Fr. Paul L. Dressler, OFM, CAP, C’82, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Mount with a degree in philosophy and began teaching in Catholic high schools. After a 10-year discernment period, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan friars. In 1999, Fr. Paul was ordained to the priesthood and sent to parish work in center-city Philadelphia. Presently, he serves as director of formation and guardian of Capuchin College at the Catholic University of America.

MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY

Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Luca, S’70, studied at the University of Maryland and at Resurrection College in Kitchener, Ontario, before heading to the Mount. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and is pastor of St. Louis Church in Clarksville, MD. Msgr. Luca was named a Prelate of Honor, with the title of Monsignor in 1995, and is a member of the Papal Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.
TAKING EDUCATION TO A GLOBAL LEVEL IN CHINA

A group of 17 Mount students spent Easter break traveling to China, applying their studies beyond the classroom and expanding their knowledge of international business.

The trip, led by Michael Barry, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and law, and Karl Einolf, dean of the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business, is the focal point of the academic offering: “China: Global Business and Culture.”

The class traveled to Beijing and Yantai—where they continued their studies of Chinese history, economics, politics, culture, and business—while exploring U.S.-China relations and the Chinese language.

While in Beijing, the group visited historical locations in the capital city, including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Ming Tombs, and the Great Wall.

The group then traveled to Yantai, studying the business and culture of China alongside students from the Shandong Institute of Business and Technology (SDIBT). Students were also able to practice their Chinese by writing letters and producing short videos to send to the students of SDIBT.

Building camaraderie with the SDIBT students was Justin Byram’s, C’16, biggest takeaway from the experience.

“Interacting with the Chinese students was a phenomenal experience,” he explained. “Although there were plenty of cultural and language barriers to overcome, at the end of the day, what mattered was that we were all university students, and we quickly discovered that we had similar interests. We went to the mall, took selfies, and even played some pickup basketball with the students. It didn’t take long to feel like we had known the Chinese students our entire lives. My biggest takeaway from the experience wasn’t how different the Chinese students were from us, but rather how similar we were.”

Barry, who has worked as an economist at the U.S. International Trade Commission, has traveled throughout Asia to conduct research studies and investigate trade disputes between American and Asian firms. This position gave him experience with World Trade Organization issues and free trade agreements, valuable information for someone teaching the intricacies of international business.

Through this trip, Barry hopes the students have gained a similar appreciation for the importance of global education and cultural immersion.

“Scholars have been studying China for centuries, but travel is better,” Barry said. “Seeing China with their own eyes and talking with Chinese citizens offers Mount students a powerful way to make their own discoveries, analysis, and conclusions about a foreign country and what it means for them, for the United States, and for the world.

“Perhaps what we see on television about China is different than what they have seen while spending time in the country,” Barry said. “Hopefully, they made their own opinions about this important place. It’s a beautiful thing to witness as a professor.”

Einolf recognizes how important it is for graduates of the Bolte School of Business to have global awareness and understand today’s global economy.

“China has 1.3 billion people—more than four times the population of the United States—with slightly less land mass,” Einolf explained. “As the Chinese economy grows, there will be many opportunities for future business students to work in China, to do business with Chinese companies, or to sell to Chinese consumers. An experience like this trip lifts the fear of the unknown for these students. They will be able to confidently travel to China again to do business should the opportunity present itself.”

On a practical level, Barry also hopes this experience will benefit students in their future careers.

“China is a powerful economy, one that will play an ever-growing part in Americans’ lives,” he explained. “In my mind, positioning oneself for this future growth is a wise decision.”
Mount students to study at the University of Cambridge

Six Mount St. Mary’s University students earned admission to study at the University of Cambridge this summer as part of a select program for outstanding undergraduates. It is the first time students from the Mount are enrolled in the prestigious Cambridge program.

Mount students attending the eight-week program this summer include Joe Appleton, C’16, Anna Bradley, C’16, Caitlyn Flay, C’16, Molly Gerwig, C’16, Kelsey Kierce, C’16, and Katherine Wu, C’17—joining students from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other prominent colleges and universities throughout the world.

“The Mount provides students with a first-rate liberal arts education,” said David Rehm, Ph.D., university provost. “The students will take courses in a number of areas for which they are well prepared, particularly because their writing skills are strong, their analytical and critical reading skills are strong, and they can communicate beautifully with others.

Living in Cambridge’s Pembroke or King’s Colleges, students enroll in three distinct areas of interest—the Pembroke-King’s Programme, offering courses from a broad range of topics including the arts, social sciences, humanities, business and science; the renowned International Security and Intelligence program; and the Creative Writing program.

“I want them to understand that a Mount St. Mary’s education is just as good as what students are getting at a Harvard, or a Penn, or a Princeton—many of whom send their students to Cambridge,” Rehm said. “The kind of liberal arts training our students receive puts them in a superior position when it comes to a program like this.”

Appleton is enrolled in the International Security and Intelligence program, which is led by Sir Richard Dearlove, former head of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), and current Headmaster of Cambridge’s Pembroke College.

“If you could talk to anyone in the world about important cybersecurity topics, these are the people you would want in the room,” Appleton said. “What makes this opportunity so incredible is that I will be working to create something of substance with the brightest minds in the field.

As an education major, Kierce is most looking forward to being a part of the ongoing tradition of education at Cambridge, founded in 1209 and the world’s second-oldest university, located about an hour north of London, England.

“I love teaching, but I also enjoy learning, and I want to instill that same love of learning in my students,” Kierce said. “To study at a university that has educated students for hundreds of years is thrilling.”

The competitive program hosts some of the most promising students in the world, yet Kierce is confident her classmates will thrive in the program because of their Mount coursework.

“It was a little intimidating when I learned of my acceptance in this program,” Kierce said. “But I realized the class size at Cambridge is about the same as what we experience at the Mount. That one-on-one time with professors is something I really value, so I’m sure I’ll feel really comfortable there.”

“As a teacher, I will interact with students from diverse backgrounds,” she said. “Any experience I can get interacting with people who are different than me will expand my ability to understand perspectives and cultures. Despite our differences, we all have a common thread—we are there to study together.”
On Campus

MOUNT RUGBY TEAMS CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The Mount’s club rugby renaissance continued this spring, with men’s and women’s squads earning runner-up finishes in national championship tournaments.

In April, the men’s rugby team parlayed a dominating 67-14 “Elite Eight” victory over Duke University into the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) Champions Cup “Final Four,” in Glendale, CO. There, the Mount defeated two-time defending national champion, St. John’s College (MN) 55-45, before falling 32-15 to New England College in the championship match.

In May, the Mount women ruggers travelled to West Point, NY, to take part in the NSCRO’s “7s” Championship. After going 3-0 in pool play, the Mount dropped William & Mary, 15-12 in the semifinal, before succumbing to defending champion Wayne State College (NE), 22-17, in the final match.

For her Mount honors project, Gerwig studied the works of English poet John Milton, and is excited to have the opportunity to attend the same institution where Milton, and other notable Cambridge alumni studied, including Isaac Newton and Stephen Hawking. The experience allows Gerwig to complete her double majors of English and history, and she hopes her participation in the program will set her apart as a candidate for the Marshall Scholarship and Fulbright Scholar Program.

“Having our students accepted to this program and watching our students excel, is an opportunity to say to everyone: ‘look how strong a Mount education is, look how broad the opportunities are, and look at what our students can do,’ ” said Rehm. “They are going to shine brilliantly.”
**CONWAY AND COLLINGE RETIRE**

Trudy Conway, Ph.D., university professor of philosophy, and Bill Collinge, Ph.D., university professor of theology and philosophy, are retiring this year after 71 years of combined service to the Mount. Both professors, described as passionate, dedicated, respected and caring, are most revered for their special attention to teaching and their students.

Conway began at the Mount in 1979 upon her return to the United States after teaching at Pahlavi University in Iran. She said her brother first notified her about the opening at the Mount, and for that she will be forever grateful. “I count my blessings for the serendipity of his choice of the Mount! It was the perfect school for me, and I joined a wonderful group of young and talented faculty in the 80s, who set to working passionately on a range of very creative initiatives.”

During her 36 years at the Mount, Conway has served in many roles, including Delaplaine Professor, Kline Professor, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and director of the Honors Program. Conway is most proud of her work in the integrated learning programs for students in the Mount’s sequenced core curriculum and her work in enriching campus life through her efforts in student diversity, and her design contributions for the Honors and Foreign Studies Program.

Conway stated, “I retire with a very deep sense of satisfaction and joy. I taught wonderful students from whom I learned so much, enjoyed the company of great colleagues, formed lasting friendships, and worked on creating some excellent initiatives that have endured.”

Dr. Collinge is most well known for his encyclopedic knowledge and great memory. He came to the Mount in 1980 and worked to establish the theology major in 1982. Along with serving as a philosophy and theology professor, he chaired the theology department and was named the Forker Professor of Theology and Knott Professor of Theology. He also authored the *Historical Dictionary of Catholicism.*

“I have worked in many ways to enhance an integrated liberal arts curriculum, to strengthen the institution’s commitment to faculty scholarship, and to strengthen its Catholic identity,” said Collinge. He says his most rewarding experiences have been both inside and outside of the classroom. “I’ve loved working with Honors students, the intellectual interaction across disciplines which helps describe my time here, and of course, the faculty lunch table.”

Collinge points out there is one question he never had answered during his 50 years attending and serving in higher-education, “I still do not know how to tell whether a correlation is statistically significant.”

In Memorium—Professor George E. Winnes, C’62

George E. Winnes, C’62, of Fairfield, PA, a Mount St. Mary’s alumnus and long-time faculty member, died January 1. He was 75.

Following his graduation, Professor Winnes returned to the Mount in 1963 and taught philosophy until his retirement in 2000—serving as a professor and philosophy department chairman—and participated in numerous department searches and curricula revisions. Following his retirement, he served as an adjunct professor in 2003-04.

His research focus centered on Epicureanism—the philosophy based upon the teachings of the ancient Greek philosopher, Epicurus—as well as natural law ethics. He also performed extensive research in the ethical works of John Finnis, a prominent contemporary natural law philosopher.

Professor Winnes was well known for his engaging teaching style, which drew students into philosophical reflection. His ethics lectures were peppered with humor and commentary on current political and social issues, and his philosophical insight was filled with an engaging humor. In addition to his lifelong study of philosophy, Professor Winnes had a fine taste in music, art and historical furniture.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of George Winnes to the American Diabetes Association.

He was remembered at an on campus memorial Mass on January 15, in the Mount’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.
Mount students traveled to the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City to participate in the United Nations 2015 Global Youth Forum on February 2-3. The focus of the forum was to maximize the engagement of young people in the transition from Millennium Development Goals (2000-15) to Sustainable Development Goals (post-2015). More than 600 young people from around the world gathered to engage in the conversation.

The energy at the forum was high with ideas flowing between youth delegates, the President and Vice Presidents of the U.N. Economic and Social Council who hosted the event, plus Ministers of Youth and youth program directors from Member States, and Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the UN.

“The United Nations estimates there are 1.8 billion young people aged 10-24 in the world today, close to one-quarter of the world’s population,” said Patrice Flynn, Ph.D., the Morrison Professor of International Studies in the Bolte School of Business, who led the Mount team as part of the Morrison global engagement program.

“Youth engagement is not a luxury, but rather a necessity to provide a platform for young people to engage in action and policy making. Youth input in critical to address issues such as education, employment, poverty, health, environment, juvenile justice, leisure, globalization, technology, HIV/AIDS, and armed conflict,” Flynn added.

The Mount delegation included students, Emily Davis (International Studies), Bridgid Flay (Economics), Regina Fleck (International Studies), John-Paul Heil (History, Philosophy, Italian), Phil Noto (Accounting), Brian Quigley (Political Science), and Kevin Rein (Political Science, Business).

The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the Youth Forum with a call for young people to “Challenge your leaders. You have the prerogative as young people. The future is yours.” He focused on a “new agenda with poverty and sustainable development at its core, where gender equality is a practical reality.”

Flynn believes that input from young people is essential in the development process if we are to devise innovative ways to effectively address poverty, sustainability, and gender equality.

“I was thrilled to see our Mount students fully engaged in the conversation with such a prestigious group of diplomats, students, and world leaders. Having a youth lens is imperative to ensure that the Sustainable Development Goals are viable and relevant to young people as they move into adulthood,” Flynn said.

Mount Delegation Participates in U.N. 2015 Global Youth Forum

Codispoti Foundation Makes Gift to the Mount

Anthony Codispoti, C’91, right, presents the Mount’s Executive Vice President, Dan Soller, with a gift from the Codispoti Foundation for the university’s Karate Club and Phoenix Karate-do Association Kyokushinkai International, the club’s accrediting association. The generous gift, awarded through Anthony’s parents and foundation founders, Nicholas and Joyce Codispoti, establishes the Nicholas and Joyce Codispoti Karate Endowment to help karate students in financial need. The gift was presented at the karate organization’s 8th Annual Charity Dinner—which through the years has raised thousands of dollars for the Melanson Foundation, Palisades Center, Special Olympics, International Families in the Ukraine, East Timor Orphanages and Schools, and for Mount St. Mary’s University. The Codispoti Foundation is dedicated to helping those in need and has provided generous gifts throughout the United States.

ROTC Ranger Challenge Team Competition

The Mount teamed up with McDaniel College ROTC cadets and traveled to Fort Pickett, VA, to compete against 39 other Mid-Atlantic Region Brigades teams in the 2014 - Army Ranger Teams Competition. The McDaniel/Mount team won first place in the smaller “Black Division” where it faced off with 19 teams and took third place in the overall competition.

Mount students who competed include: Molly McCracken, C’16; Connor Burne, C’17; Nathan Crankfield, C’15; Daniel Shannon, C’15; and James Larkin, C’18
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RICHARD J. BOLTE, SR.
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Karl W. Einolf, Ph.D., Dean

CBS CORPORATION OFFICERS KEYNOTE
ADRESS FOR ETHICS PLEDGE

Hazel-Ann Mayers gave the keynote speech at this year’s Bolte School of Business Ethics Pledge event. Mayers is the Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation and Chief Compliance Officer for CBS Corporation. Mayers was excited to speak to this year’s senior class business majors about cultivating and maintaining a strong ethical framework.

During the annual Ethics Pledge event senior business majors commit to act ethically in the business world. The pledge provides a strong foundation for students as they move from classroom to career, and holds the students to the high ethical standards embedded in the Bolte School curriculum.

Mayers, a Harvard Law School graduate, believes it is important for graduating seniors to have a strong moral compass and, “as they begin their careers and professional development should constantly be aware that their actions align with their standards.”

PROPOSAL WRITING COURSE OFFERED THIS SUMMER

Does your company compete for federal contracts or grants? The Bolte School is offering a unique proposal writing course this summer designed to help businesses increase their chance for success.

“Proposal Development Beyond the Ordinary,” is a high-energy, interactive course examining four major dimensions of winning new and recompete federal contracts and grants, and proven proposal processes and tools. Students will use leading-edge electronic templates, and learn proposal writing best-practices.

Robert Frey, Ph.D., a leading proposal writing professional, will teach the course. Dr. Frey helped clients win more than $5.2 billion in federal contract awards in the last seven years, including $1.4 billion in 2014 alone.

This eight-week course meets Tuesday evenings, from June 29 through August 18. Classes will be held at the Mount’s Frederick Campus.

To register, students must be accepted into the Mount’s MBA program. For more information contact Terry McCune, assistant director Graduate and Adult Business Programs at mccune@msmary.edu or 301-447-5908.

BIZHACK PROVIDES REAL WORLD TASTE OF TECH INDUSTRY

Yuening Trinh, C’15, didn’t know what to expect when she and fellow Mount business students boarded a van to Baltimore this fall and headed to #BizHack2014—a “hackathon” created to immerse Mount students in the technology startup environment.

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#BizHack2014 took place at Baltimore’s Emerging Technology Centers (ETC) and was sponsored by University Trustee Paul Palmieri, C’86, and his company Palmieri Ventures, as well as ETC and Bay Bank.

After two days of vetting, brainstorming and developing, Mount students presented their fully designed ideas. The three groups developed proposals for apps. Two included services that set up users with potential commuters in share-a-ride scenarios and a third connected outdoor enthusiasts by offering best-rated spots for canoeing, running or hiking.

“This experience allowed us to step away from the classroom and learn first-hand about the business world and how the role of technology is growing more important in everyday business interactions and the way business is run,” said Lauren Brown, C’15.

Trinh and her classmates participated in an extended production session where project managers, software developers, marketers and designers collaborated intensely to create usable software. In practice, these sessions generally go on for hours if not days and often result in the development of a practical, cutting-edge and marketable product.

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Joshua Hochschild, Ph.D., Dean

LIGHTED CORNERS WINS BEST MAGAZINE HONORS
For the first time, the Mount’s annual literary magazine Lighted Corners received a Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). The Crown Awards are reserved for the most distinguished collegiate publications.

Lighted Corners was initially named one of 39 finalists from more than 1,200 entries in categories including newspapers, magazines and yearbooks and digital publications. Only 15 other college magazines were named as finalists.

“This is a rare honor,” said Tom Bligh, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of the creative writing program. “The achievement standard for Crown winners is quite high. The decisions are reached by a panel of judges who evaluate the magazine holistically, whereas Columbia’s Gold Medal, an honor the magazine has earned several times in recent years, is determined by one judge’s detailed evaluation of the publication.”

“As editor, receiving this award shows me that all of the planning and hard work did not go unnoticed,” said Gabrielle Cusato, C’16. “The spring 2014 issue was my first, so I was fortunate to have the guidance of Dr. Bligh as well as the support of the editors and staff members.” Cusato will also edit the spring 2015 issue.

The staff includes students from every class, ensuring continuity for the magazine from year to year, and preparing sophomores and juniors for leadership roles.

“We’ve been fortunate to have so many committed students who take their artistic lives seriously and wish to share their gifts with others,” Bligh said. “Prospective students see the magazine and develop an ambition to see their work published with it. Over the years, several students have told me they decided to enroll at the Mount after touring the campus and picking up a copy of Lighted Corners.”

EXHIBIT EXAMINES GENERATION GAP AND CRAFT-MAKING
Thanks to the Internet, learning to make new crafts is just a website away. Jordan Forrest, C’15, says that accessibility is creating a generation gap as people no longer have to rely on their elders to teach them how to knit, cross-stitch, sew or crochet. Forrest worked with four women on various craft projects, learning each woman’s particular skill. Her exhibit included the finished products, and plaster casts of each woman’s hands. The hands represented the importance of passing the skills from one generation to another—a tradition she says includes much more than the transfer of knowledge. “It was not simply about producing the material, but the time spent together. Each of the works included the experience of sitting and creating something with another person,” she said.

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On Campus

MOUNT CHORALE FEATURED IN HAYDN CONCERT
Choir, orchestra and vocal soloists joined forces in a special performance by the Mount Chorale of Joseph Haydn’s “Mass in Time of War.” Andrew Rosenfeld, Ph.D., associate professor of visual and performing arts, conducted the concert. The performance took place at the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton.

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The Mount’s Center for Catholic School Excellence recently developed a new three-year strategic plan for Immaculata High School in Somerville, New Jersey. The partnership marks the Center’s first assessment project of a secondary school’s strengths and weaknesses.

The Center’s team included Elizabeth Monahan, center director, Stacey Brown-Hobbs, Ph.D., PDS liaison and accreditation coordinator, and Barbara Marinak, Ph.D., Education department chair.

Immaculata High School (IHS) officials contacted the Center in the fall, seeking an independent review in several areas. After several months of assessment, the Mount team wrote a Report of Needs for the school. Then, IHS representatives visited the Mount to collaborate on the first draft of the school’s new strategic plan. It focuses on six important aspects of the high school: mission and Catholic identity, governance, curriculum, technology, marketing and finance. The Mount team visited IHS earlier this year to work with faculty to finalize the plan.

Jean Kline, Immaculata High School principal, described the plan as a “forward-looking, 21st century-centered document that sets a challenging path for Immaculata.”

“The Mount team is very proud of the effective collaboration with Immaculata High School. We look forward to partnering with other Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the future,” Liz Monahan.

The Center for Catholic School Excellence promotes reflection, strategic planning, and inquiry with parish and diocesan leaders. It serves as a resource for professional development and provides consulting services for teachers and administrators in K-12 Catholic schools. The Center also enriches the Mount undergraduate experience through seminars and speakers.

Visit msmary.edu/CCSE to learn more about the services the Center for Catholic School Excellence offers.

Education Students Take Part in Resumania

The School of Education and Human Services and the Mount’s Career Center joined forces this spring for Education Resumania—an event where representatives from Frederick, Montgomery and Carroll County Public Schools helped Education department students fine-tune their resumes. The event gave students a valuable opportunity for feedback and networking before they begin interviewing for jobs.

TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER GIVES DELANEY LECTURE

Charles Ramsey, commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department, inspired an audience of Mount students, faculty as well as local, state and federal law officials as speaker of this year’s Fr. James T. Delaney Lecture. The lecture is sponsored by the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Commissioner Ramsey discussed the importance of predictive policing, and the value of foot patrols, and social media in law enforcement.

Internationally recognized, Ramsey began his career with the Chicago Police Department in 1968. He served as chief of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department from 1998 to 2007, when he joined the Philadelphia department.

“The Delaney Lectures assist students in expanding what they are studying in the classroom with information about the most pressing issues of the day from the persons who are designated as the nation’s problem solvers,” said Joseph Vince, director of Criminal Justice Program. “These lectures allow us to hear from practicing professionals about how they are solving today’s public safety issues and provide valuable insight for students who are pursuing career paths in the criminal justice and intelligence fields.”

FACULTY NEWS

Laura Corbin Frazier, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, and Barbara Martin Palmer, Ph.D., SEHS dean, contributed to the edited volume Exploring the Effectiveness of Online Education in K-12 Environments. Their chapter, “Effective Online Learning Begins with Effective Teacher Preparation,” analyzes four models for professional development for online instruction.

An article written by Barb Marinak, Ph.D., associate professor of education, first published in the journal Young Children (2010) is now part of the book Spotlight on young children: Exploring language and literacy edited by A. Shilliday for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Tim Wolfe, Ph.D., director of the human services program, shared his research on race and the criminal justice system as part of a lecture series sponsored by the Mount’s Center for Student Diversity. The series, “Diversity Matters—Faculty Lecture Series,” features Mount faculty in an open forum on campus.
NMR SPECTROMETRY EXPANDS CAPABILITIES

Q: What’s the size of a mini-fridge, weighs more than one ton, and makes the Mount chemistry faculty smile?
A: The new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (NMR).

Called an “MRI for molecules” the instrument contains a giant magnet that is used to produce images of the chemical compounds. Chemists use the images to identify and compare the structure of various molecules.

Until now, Mount faculty and students requested time on NMR machines at other institutions. Having the machine on campus breaks down a barrier to more in-depth studies as the machine is always available.

“Having this machine greatly expands the types of experiments we can do,” said Chris Bradley, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry. “We are no longer limited in what we do either in teaching or in research.”

Learning to use the machine is a vital skill for students interested in graduate schools or technology careers. The machine will be incorporated into every advanced chemistry course in the coming year, exposing sophomore, junior and senior class students to it. Bradley says there is a long-term goal to include it in the introductory chemistry classes as well.

“Not every school our size has an NMR,” said Dean Jeffrey Simmons, Ph.D. “Having this instrument makes our chemistry program even more distinctive. Our students graduate with a working knowledge of a wide array of instrumentation.”

Raising the funds to meet the six-digit purchase price of this instrument was no simple task. Simmons thanked Dr. Bill Gaver, C’69, and Dr. John A. Bruno Jr., C’62, for helping to raise $43,000 for the machine—nearly one-third its cost. The remainder came from a grant from an anonymous foundation (written by Dr. Bradley) and from the Mount. “This is a classic illustration of the Mount community at work. Faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni all worked in concert to meet this challenge,” he said.

STARGAZING EVENT DRAWS CROWD TO THE GROTTO

The School of Natural Science and Mathematics and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes hosted a unique event in February—an evening of stargazing. More than 50 people braved the cold to look through the Science Department’s telescopes at objects unique to the winter sky, including Comet Lovejoy, Jupiter and its moons, and the Orion Nebula. Astronomy professor Jason Young gave a brief introduction and a lesson in how to use the telescopes. “This was really incredible. Thank you so much for sharing this passion of yours with us. It was really eye opening to learn about and see what can be so overlooked. I really am looking forward to researching and taking more time to enjoy what lights our world,” said one stargazer.

FACULTY NEWS

New faculty members: Garth Patterson, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, specializes in analytical chemistry and development of novel methods for detecting and identifying chemicals. Abigail Kula, Ph.D., assistant professor of Environmental Science, is a plant ecologist who studies how plant communities grow and change over time.

Dr. Caitlin Faas, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, presented her paper “Family Transitions and Success for Adults who Dropped Out of College” at the National Council on Family Relations Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Scott Weiss, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, authored several questions on this year’s Advanced Placement exam in mathematics and computer science.

Matt Rittler, Ph.D., director of the master in biotechnology and management program, was appointed to the Fort Detrick Alliance Board of Directors. Fort Detrick, located in Frederick, MD, houses the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), among other medical partners.

Alumni affiliated with the psychology department are raising funds to establish a scholarship in honor of former professor and department chair Nik Kiernieski. The “Keep the Faith” Nik Kiernieski Memorial Scholarship will benefit future psychology major students. To contribute, please contact Rachel Pease in the Mount’s Development Office at pease@msmary.edu.
DEACONS MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

For the fourth year, Mount St. Mary’s Seminarians participated in the Deacon Pilgrimage, meant for Mount deacons preparing for the priesthood. They typically make a trip to the Holy Land, visiting the sacred sites associated with Christ’s life and public ministry as well as devote five days to a canonical retreat, which is required for ordination to the Priesthood. However, due to hostile political conditions in the Holy Land, an alternate pilgrimage took place to the holy cities of Rome and Assisi.

The pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi allowed the men the opportunity to experience the heart of the universal Church as well as see many of the sites which were particularly important to the earliest Christians. The trip included many visits to churches and the catacombs, where many of the martyrs are buried, as well as an audience with the Holy Father, a high point of the pilgrimage.

The canonical retreat took place in the holy city of Assisi, where St. Francis was born and founded the Franciscan Order. Assisi is a small city with few tourists and was an ideal place to spend time alone with the Lord in preparation for the priesthood. Though, the trip was still very fruitful, the hope is that the pilgrimage will return to the Holy Land next year.

The Deacon Pilgrimage Program is short of to reach its fundraising goal of $175,000 for the 35 men that attended. To support the program, contact Luke Reetz, the director of seminary development at 301-447-5017 or reetz@msmary.edu

SEMINARIAN REFLECTIONS

While in Rome we had the great opportunity to celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter. The homily reminded us that Peter was not chosen for his talent, possessions, or eloquence; rather Jesus simply chose Peter. Peter even failed by denying Christ and speaking against God’s plan; yet Jesus still chose him to be the first pope of the Church. Mysteriously and similarly, Christ calls each one of us to lead his flock even though we are unworthy sinners and will make mistakes.

Being at the “rock” where Jesus founded his church showed and reminded me that Christ can and does take lowly men and raise them up to lead the Church.

—MARK RUHL, DIOCESE OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

It was an awesome pilgrimage and it was my first time on a pilgrimage to Rome. The most exciting moment in the pilgrimage was the opportunity to be a deacon at the Papal mass on the first of January and meet Pope Francis personally. That graceful moment was unforgettable in my life. I also had the opportunity to visit the tomb of St. John Paul II, who is my favorite saint and one of my heroes in my life.

SHANAKA MENDES, DIOCESE OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Thomas J. Kerestus
Seminary Class of 1969
Diocese of Allentown
September 17, 2014
Fr. William Gorman
Seminary Class of 1973
Diocese of Albany
October 23, 2014
Fr. Peter Kovarik
Seminary Class of 1991
Diocese of Rapid City
November 29, 2014
Mr. Chijioke Godwin Ogbuka
S’2010
December 8, 2014
Fr. Milton Hipsley
Seminary Class of 1970
Archdiocese of Baltimore
December 17, 2014
Fr. Thomas A. Yaszcz
Seminary Class of 1975
Diocese of Scranton
January 2, 2015
Fr. Leonard Lang, MD
Seminary Class of 1975
Diocese of Trenton
May they rest in peace.

MOUNT SEMINARIANS GO FORTH ON FALL BREAK TO UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

By Deacon Kevin J. Dansereau, Fourth Theology, Diocese of Arlington

In October, Eric Silva, S’16 (Bridgeport), led a group of 39 Mount seminarians to the University of Pittsburgh during the seminarian fall break in order to invite college students into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. In conjunction with the Pittsburgh Oratory of St. Philip Neri, the seminarians spent time speaking with students at the University of Pittsburgh and nearby Carnegie-Mellon University campuses.

The evangelization trip concluded with a campus event where students were invited to hear about the relevance of faith in our times. Ben Dunkelberger, S’18 (Harrisburg), proclaimed the kerygma, the Greek word for the preaching of the Gospel message, followed by a student testimony and an invitation for all those present to encounter the love of God through a living relationship with Christ in His Church.

Among other things, Silva highlighted the importance of the evangelization trips in providing the seminarians an opportunity to go beyond their “comfort zones” in order to meet their peers living on college campuses and to share the gospel with them through personal witness and dialogue.

Before meeting with students on campus, the Mount seminarians spent a day in prayer at St. Anthony’s Chapel, which holds a vast collection of relics of the saints. Inspired by the saints and after meeting campus leaders, they mapped out their evangelization plans over the next two days. Following Mass and a holy hour the next morning, the seminarians went out in pairs on campus, engaging in candid conversations with students.
NEW STATUES AT THE GROTTO

Two new statues, depicting Our Blessed Mother, erected on the holy grounds of the Grotto this spring.

MADONNA OF THE STREETS

Reverend William Dwight Jones, a long-time visitor of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church since 1990, has a passion for Our Blessed Mother especially the depiction of Mary as Madonna of the Streets.

Pastor Bill has seen the beauty and effect of Madonna of the Streets on many people. Because of this, he has wanted to bring this image of Our Lady to our visitors at the Grotto of Lourdes. Lori Stewart, Grotto director, and Pastor Bill worked together on planning the details of the shrine location and design. The statue’s design was based on a small Madonna of the Streets statue available in St. Bernadette’s Shoppe (gift store located in the Miller Family Visitors Center at the Grotto of Lourdes). The sculptor created the statue out of custom white marble. The five-foot statue will be displayed within a shrine of candles near the beginning of the Corpus Christi Lane going to the Grotto Cave.

The face of Mary on the statue is pleading and expressive. She and her child’s dress suggest hardship, toil and poverty. There is a contrast between Mother and child: while the child is safely cuddled and asleep in the arms of his mother, Our Lady appears to be standing on somebody’s doorstep begging for shelter and food. Many people see a direct and personal challenge, expressed in Mary’s look, to open our hearts to her Son.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Donald and Masako St. Germain have been visitors and dedicated benefactors to the Grotto of Lourdes since 2008. “Mary is my best friend,” shares Masako, “She does many things for me and my family.” Don and Masako wanted to express their thanks to Mother Mary by erecting a statue of Our Lady of Victory in memory of the St. Germain Family.

Pope Pius V, in 1521, declared Mary the Lady of Victory and declared her feast day to be held on October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady’s powerful intercession has always been a belief of the Catholic Church. Next to Christ her Son, she pleads our cause with a mother’s heart and concern with whatever we bring her.

The St. Germain family chose Our Lady of Victory because, as Masako explains, she is “peace for us in this world.” The statue will be located across from the Welcoming Jesus statue and near the Seton Walkway outside of the Miller Family Visitors Center.
STUDENT REFLECTION
OF THE GROTTO

By Aparna Aparna, Student Intern, National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Grotto of Lourdes is a place where I found peace, courage, hope, inspiration, and a sense of belonging. I worked at the Grotto for a semester and during my summer break I decided to work elsewhere on campus.

The decision to work away from the Grotto forever changed the way I think about it. Earlier it was only my workplace, but later that summer it became a place where I would find contentment. As I was not working at the Grotto during the summer, I started to feel there was something missing and therefore I started visiting the Grotto during my lunch breaks.

There came a time when I was feeling very restless and could not figure out why I was feeling that way. Then I was reminded that it was the week before the anniversary my grandmother’s death.

I visited the Grotto on the anniversary of my grandmother’s death and something unusual happened. I was sitting in front of the Grotto when all of a sudden tears started streaming down my face. It started as silent weeping and then turned into heavy sobbing. At that moment I felt really relieved as if all of the burden was being lifted off me.

After that day I felt a strong sense of belonging and protection at the Grotto, even though I am not from a Catholic background. I discovered faith and hope within myself while spending time at the Grotto.

MAY CROWNING
OF OUR LADY

Following a special mass and blessing on May 3, a 12-foot in diameter crown of colorful flowers was placed on the top of the golden 25-foot statue sitting atop the 95-foot campanile at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, above the Mount campus.

Accompanied by a beautiful ceremony, in the month dedicated to recognizing Mary’s model of faith and discipleship, the crowning celebrated the conclusion of the academic year and honored her with prayerful thanks and petition for powerful intercession.

The crown was raised by crane and placed upon the statue’s head by Brock Gregory of Big Hook Cranes and Seminarian Tim Mergen, S’10. Big Hook Crane & Rigging Inc. is owned and operated Steve, Brock and Cecilia (Wivell) Gregory, C’89.
*Celebrating An Enduring Legacy*

Tom and Irene Powell say farewell to the Mount after 12 years of distinguished service to the Mount community.

By Susan J. Burlingame

“*In my 12 years here, what has helped me the most is keeping a focus on the mission of the Mount and helping everyone from alumni to staff think about that mission and the solemn responsibility we have to carry on the great tradition of Mount St. Mary’s.*” — Thomas H. Powell

“The President can lead, but it takes an entire community to make things happen.”

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That mission, Powell was always quick to remind, is encapsulated in the four pillars on which the Mount was founded: faith, discovery, leadership, and community.

“Those words defined my presidency, and I thought about and acted on them every single day.”

After serving 12 years as president of Mount St. Mary’s University, Thomas Powell stepped down on March 9, taking with him memories, friends, and a feeling of pride for all he was able to accomplish (surrounded, he said, by talented, devoted people). He placed those accomplishments into five categories: Catholic identity, academic excellence, student life, finance, and marketing.

The Mount’s Catholic identity is what makes the Mount distinct, Powell said. “I was interested in making sure the Mount was a place where students could confront their faith and grow spiritually as human beings—that we joyfully share the truth of the gospels while also being joyful and invitational in our approach to Catholicism.”

Powell put his commitment to action by creating a President’ Council and a cabinet level position for Catholic identity, enhancing campus ministry, increasing service activities through the Office of Social Justice, making significant improvements to the Grotto and cemetery, and helping the Seminary grow and prosper.

“The University and the Seminary have never worked more closely than they have under Tom Powell—probably in the last 50 years,” said Msgr. Steven Rohlf, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary since 2004. “He was always there to support me and give good guidance, and he earned the respect of both the seminarians and the faculty. Because of Tom, the activities of the Seminary are integrated into the University more than ever before, and the Seminary is in a solid financial position. He is a man of deep faith and deep conviction. He is an inspirational leader and an electrified figure who passes his energy onto others.”

“An explosion of activities related to academics” characterized the last dozen years, Powell said, citing new undergraduate and graduate programs and a doubling in size of the Frederick campus as well as a major push to improve academic facilities. Powell was also at the helm when the Mount changed its designation from college to university and subsequently reorganized its academic programs into a College of Liberal Arts and three schools.

“The President can lead, but it takes an entire community to make things happen,” Powell added, lauding the faculty, board members, and others whose work resulted in both an improved academic structure and the Veritas Program, the Mount’s revitalized common curriculum.

Josh Hochschild, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said Powell has done a great deal for the Mount, citing Veritas as one of his most meaningful and important legacies. “After building buildings and beautifying the campus, he knew it was time to look at the main product of the university—education—and decided to place the core curriculum front and center. He joined with the faculty in making an even greater commitment

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to integrating the liberal arts across the university. We’re now in our third year of Veritas, and there’s been a lot of positive feedback from students and faculty. It also helps parents appreciate what sets the Mount apart.”

Hochschild described Powell as being “clearly personally fond of Mount St. Mary’s. He really identified with the university, and it wasn’t just a job for him. It’s not common for students to feel like they know, or even recognize, a college president. The Mount is unique in being that kind of place. Tom went out of his way to make sure students did know him.”

Among Powell’s proudest accomplishments are those he made related to student life, which ranged from an overhaul of the resident assistant program to important building projects—including Bicentennial Hall and the $24 million Terrace residence halls renovation. He also inspired changes to the student activities program, enhancing Outdoor Adventure, intramural sports, and club sports.

“We wanted to make sure students’ out-of-class experiences were part of the overall learning experience,” Powell said. “With an amazing team at my side, we were able to put some distinctive programs in place that made a real difference for students while also honoring the mission of the Mount,” Powell said.

Student Government Association President Katie Price, C’15, credits Powell with having a contagious love for the Mount—one the students feel as soon as they meet him, she said. A self-professed quiet person, Price said Powell was instrumental in helping her develop her leadership style and in giving her power and confidence when it came to bringing ideas and initiatives to life.

“He always encouraged me to believe in my ideas and to work hard to make them happen,” added Price. “And he always made sure students were recognized for their accomplishments—which meant a lot to me because I’m not always comfortable with attention. I will miss how engaged he was—his open forums, the way he was always interested in students’ lives, the way he listened, the way he attended our events, and the way he welcomed students into his home.”

Early in her freshman year, Alanna Dixon, C’15, president of the Black Student Union, was invited by Dr. Powell to a leadership brunch. He was apparently impressed with the thank-you letter Dixon had written for her scholarship and asked her to read it aloud to the board and faculty members assembled.

“I knew right away that Dr. Powell believed in me,” Dixon said. “He encouraged me to ‘go for it’ and make the most of my experience at the Mount.” As a result, Dixon got involved in a variety of leadership and cultural activities during her Mount career and says she developed her leadership style based on her observations of Powell.

“I saw how he interacted with students—how he was always ready to lend a hand. I saw how he made changes on campus to welcome more minority students and to open a space where students from diverse backgrounds felt comfortable. Dr. Powell made it his job not just to support minority students, but to understand us. He talked to us, attended cultural events, invited us to his house.”
Dixon says more than anything, she will miss the small talk, having met with him about once a week for the past four years. “He is and will always be my friend.”

Finances and marketing were the two other categories Powell includes among his accomplishments. He oversaw the successful $61 million Generations fundraising campaign and was instrumental in increasing the endowment from $28 million to $52 million. Wanting to give the Mount more of a national presence, Powell’s team redesigned the university website and made greater use of social media to promote the Mount. “We still have a ways to go, but the reputation of the Mount is certainly growing.”

Other significant campus accomplishments during Powell’s tenure include two strategic plans, two vision statements, several sustainability initiatives on campus, and an 18-month celebration of the Mount’s Bicentennial in 2008.

Elizabeth Monahan, director of the Center for Catholic School Excellence and an administrator and faculty member in the School of Education and Human Services, served as director of the Bicentennial Celebration.

“President Powell had the foresight to put a Bicentennial Commission together years before the bicentennial in 2008,” Monahan said. “He didn’t want the bicentennial to be just a celebration. He wanted it to be a platform for moving the university forward.”

The bicentennial included academic symposia, a presidential lecture series, which continues today, athletics and music events, regional alumni gatherings, and a historic timeline and video.

“President Powell really wanted people to understand the history of the Mount and how everyone is part of the fabric of the campus, whether they worked here, taught here, or learned here,” added Monahan. “It was important to him.”

Twelve years since Powell first took office, the Mount is more beautiful, more secure in its role as a Catholic liberal arts institution, and more meaningful an experience for Mount students—from any religious tradition or background.

“I love the Mount,” Powell stated. “I loved it from the first time Irene and I visited campus. Being the president has afforded me opportunities I wouldn’t have had—like meeting the Pope and making lasting connections with alumni. I’ve met thousands of students and watched them graduate and go on to meaningful careers and wonderful lives.”

“Sure, there are more things I wish I had been able to do,” he added, “but I feel really blessed. We built up not only the physical campus but also made important progress in academics and student life. We made this institution a more joyfully Catholic university without making excuses for our Catholicism.”
“Tom has thrown his heart into the Mount community,” said Irene Powell, who endeared herself to the Mount community by working with Mount parents and the Mount Family Association. “He has given it his all. He is an extremely skilled, thoughtful, purposeful leader who I’ve seen do so much for this university. Though I know he says his proudest accomplishments have to do with student life, I believe it’s so much more. Tom has been in the business of telling the story of the Mount—a story he truly loves and is proud to have been a part of.”

“Tom Powell doesn’t have a legacy ... he is a legend,” stated John Coyne, C’74, chair of the Mount’s Board of Trustees. “I have been fortunate to work with many gifted leaders in my professional career, and Tom stands tall among them. If we could carve a Mount Rushmore with DuBois and Brute, Tom would be on our beloved Mountain. I have been incredibly grateful to work with him as he has helped guide his succession and provide the board and our new president with his thoughtfulness and experience. His willingness to continue to provide guidance as we move forward is indicative of his character and love for my alma mater.”

What’s next for Tom Powell?

A mere few weeks after stepping down at the Mount, Powell was appointed president of St. John’s Catholic Prep, a coeducational high school of around 255 students in nearby Buckeystown. He’ll assume his new position on August 1.

In the meantime, Powell, at age 61, will be spending time with his wife and their four newly adopted children from East Timor. A new adventure, for sure, but a challenge this man of abundant energy is certainly up for.

What does Powell hope people will remember about him and his legacy?

“Honestly, I hope people will remember having fun! It’s been a fun 12 years, and I will miss the people most of all. Mount St. Mary’s has been a real blessing in my life.”
Described by many as a man of boundless energy, former Mount president Tom Powell will need all of it and more as he embarks on what many would call an unusual new adventure. Until recently the parents of three grown children, Powell and his wife, Irene, have adopted four children from the little island nation of East Timor in Maritime Southeast Asia. And they couldn’t be happier.

“In many respects, we are following in the footsteps of our daughter, Cate,” explained Irene. “In 2007, she and her husband visited the orphanage and came back with the notion of adopting.”

Cate adopted Deta and later Imelda, and when Tom and Irene visited the orphanage where their granddaughters were raised, “we fell in love with the kids,” said Tom. “We found ourselves saying we can adopt as well.”

“We both know that we are very child oriented,” added Irene. “In fact, the most fulfilling part of our lives has been the children. Even before we had our own children, we were renting our friends’ kids.”

After a process taking nearly four years to complete, the Powells finally were able to bring their children home and make them full citizens of the United States—a particularly moving ceremony, Tom said.

Describing the children as full of life and “little sponges” as they soak up a new language and new knowledge in school, Irene gave a little synopsis of each child’s personality.

Joni, the youngest, is in third grade. “He’s a builder and a doer,” said Irene. “He invents things and is a bundle of energy. Maria, in seventh grade, has the most infectious, contagious laugh you’ve ever heard. She is just joyous. She loves to dance and is athletic. The next is Nico, also in seventh grade. Nico is a very clever child with a broad range of skills and interests. He’s an artist, an athlete, and a very good singer. In fact, they’re all very good singers!”

The oldest of the children is Angelina, in ninth grade. “She is an observer who watches what everyone else does,” Irene said. “Being the older one makes it more difficult for her to pick up a new language, so she makes sure she has it right before she says something. Angelina is a real thinker who has proven herself to be just that—absorbing more academically than we thought.”

“We happen to like raising kids and having kids in our life,” added Tom. “It’s been a joy to watch them respond eagerly to love and to having undivided adult attention. Our other kids have rallied around them and are very much a part of the new kids’ lives.”

“It’s a great retirement plan,” joked Irene. “I know exactly what I’m doing tomorrow and the next day and the day after that. These children are expanding our hearts, and we are all looking forward to having Tom around.”

By Susan J. Burlingame
Simon P. Newman was appointed the 25th President of Mount St. Mary’s University in December. The announcement was made during an on-campus Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. He began his duties as President on March 10.

The appointment concluded a six-month national search process conducted by a committee comprised of members of the University Board of Trustees, as well as individuals representing the Mount community. The search was led by Francis W. Daily, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a 1968 graduate of the Mount.

“The committee entered this process with a clear understanding of the board’s requirements for our next leader. We focused on those candidates with experience in fund raising, strategic planning and fiscal leadership, strong communication skills, and a deep Catholic faith,” said Daily. “I commend my colleagues for the time they gave in searching for our next president.”

Born in the United Kingdom, Mr. Newman, 51, holds a BA degree (with honors) and an MA degree in natural sciences from Cambridge University, in Cambridge, England. Founded in 1209, Cambridge is the second-oldest university in the English-speaking world and the world’s third-oldest university. He also earned an MBA from Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business, in Palo Alto, California.

“Simon brings a strong background in business, finance, and leadership to our campus,” said John E. Coyne, III, C’77, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “He has many strengths: his collaborative management style, vision, progressive leadership, experience as a successful entrepreneur, and passion for our mission—all remind us of the skills of our founder, Fr. John Dubois.

“He is a devout Catholic—involving in his parish serving as a religious education teacher, and for many years as an instructor working with youth held in detention. Simon’s energy and accomplishment, and notably his firm commitment to the Mount’s strong Catholic liberal arts tradition, will serve the University well as we enter a most competitive and critical decade in higher education,” Coyne added.
“I am honored to help continue the Mount’s rich legacy and to further lead the University on its quest for greatness,” said Mr. Newman. “President Powell elevated the University’s academic profile as a leading Catholic liberal arts University. I inherited a very solid foundation for future growth and development, and am enjoying working with the Mount community.”

Mr. Newman has almost 30 years of experience working as an executive with a strong background in private equity, strategy consulting, and operations. He is currently a Managing Director of the private equity fund JP Capital Partners, as well as President and CEO of Cornerstone Management Group, founded in 1997.

During his career he has started or co-founded four different businesses, completed more than $33 billion in transactions, and raised more than $3 billion in equity funding for ventures and bids he originated. He has led several business turnarounds and delivered more than $200 million in profit improvements.

He started his career in consulting working with Bain & Co and LEK Consulting where he managed the media and entertainment practice working with clients such as Warner Bros., Disney, and Universal Studios. He has also worked at Canal + International, Liberty Media and the investment bank, Wasserstein & Perella.

An avid sportsman, Mr. Newman and his wife, Michelle, have two children: Chantel (six) and Sienna (three).

**Hitting the Ground Running**

**Strategic Review. Improving Operations and Performance Are Key Early Goals**

Editor’s Note: President Newman sat down for an interview with Nicholas Schreiber and Ryan Golden, members of the student-led newspaper, *The Mountain Echo*, on March 24, Here is a portion of that interview.

After more than 30 years of experience working as an executive with a strong background in private equity, strategy consulting and operations, President Newman is ushering in a new era for the university.

A major discussion point touched upon in the interview was the state of academic buildings on campus, namely the Knott Academic Center and the Coad Science Hall. President Newman stressed the need to invest more into the school’s academic infrastructure.

“It won’t be ridiculously expensive to improve them,” Newman said on the topic of investing in the Mount’s academic facilities. “We’ll focus on improving the air conditioning and heating systems, the quality of the furniture, as well as introducing classroom technologies enhancing the teaching and learning environment in all facilities on campus. In addition there are plans already to provide additional faculty office space and develop more meeting rooms for students to work together collaboratively.

“We want to make the student learning environment the best that it can be. I want to build the classroom of tomorrow,” he said.

President Newman has initiated a comprehensive strategic review of the entire university, and embarked on an array of initiatives looking to improve every aspect of the university’s operations and performance. High on his list of priorities is a goal to increase the academic profile of the university.

He says he has no current plans to make changes to the school’s athletics department, simply stating that he wants to continue to support a winning tradition. “Whatever we do, I want winning teams. People are attracted to a winning team.”

President Newman has expressed interest in continuing to appeal to the needs of local citizens, particularly in Emmitsburg and Frederick. The president also stated he wants to increase marketing efforts, focusing on showcasing the distinct and interesting aspects of the Mount to a wider audience.

“Our Catholic identity is best exemplified by what people do, not what they say or write. We do some amazing things here and we need to get the word out there to make people aware of the Mount,” he said.

Though he has outlined various strategies to make the Mount more competitive, he is also interested to hear student input, particularly for issues surrounding residence life and academics.

“I can’t do it all. I need our students, and our alumni and the community at large, to come forward with practical, workable solutions.”

He hopes to introduce a culture of continuous improvement in all areas of the university’s operations and is interested in developing additional student life programs and employment opportunities for graduates.

“It’s no accident that people who are engaged in the community do well academically and get great jobs,” President Newman said. “Many of our students involved with social groups and organizations have the leadership skills to do well anywhere. The top quality students at the Mount are just as good as students in other prestigious universities: they’re smart, thoughtful, well rounded, and they can articulate themselves very well.”
The Mount St. Mary’s University athletic department continued its “Battle for the Books” program this year. Students at 21 elementary schools near campus received ticket vouchers to every Mount St. Mary’s men’s and women’s home basketball game this season. The school with the highest percentage of participation received the top prize of $1,000, with the second-place school receiving the next prize of $500. Each voucher was good for the admittance of the student and one guest.

As a reward for finishing with the highest participation rate in the “Battle for the Books, 2nd Edition,” Sabillasville Elementary was crowned the winner for the second consecutive year, earning $1,000 toward the school library. Emmitsburg Elementary will also be awarded $500 toward the school library for finishing as the runner-up in the competition for the second year in a row.

Sabillasville students finished with a 78.76 percent participation rate, while Emmitsburg finished second at 62.83 percent.

Other participating schools included Glade, Lewistown, Liberty, Monocacy, Mother Seton, Myersville, New Midway/Woodsboro, North Frederick, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. John’s, St. Joseph’s, Thurmont Elementary, Thurmont Primary, Walkersville, Waverley, Whittier, Wolfsville and Yellow Springs.

This fall, the Mount St. Mary’s Cross Country and Track and Field teams participated in the Soles 4 Souls shoe drive. The response was spectacular as the program collected more than 300 pairs of shoes from students and many different offices across campus. Once collected and packaged, the shoes were donated to the Soles 4 Souls Foundation. The foundation’s mission is to provide people in need of shoes with the right footwear. Most often, the people benefited were receiving their first pair of shoes.

The Mount St. Mary’s University baseball team dedicated their 2015 season to Autism Awareness. Throughout the season, the Mount raised funds to benefit the Arc of Frederick County. The Mountaineers accepted donations at all home games, wore an Autism Awareness pin on their hats, and wore Autism Awareness t-shirts for pregame warm-ups.

On May 2, during a four-game home series versus Northeast Conference opponent Wagner, Mount St. Mary’s presented a check to the Arc of Frederick County. The Arc of Frederick County assists persons with developmental disabilities and their families to obtain the services they need and want in order to become as independent as possible and to enjoy quality of life within our community.
1995 BASKETBALL TEAMS CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mount St. Mary’s men’s and women’s basketball teams celebrated the 20th Anniversary of its NCAA teams at halftime of the team’s games on Feb. 28. The 1995 men’s team won the Northeast Conference championship and was the first Mount men’s team to advance to the NCAA Division I Tournament. The 1995 women’s team also won the NEC championship, marking the only time in Mount history that both basketball teams advanced to the NCAAs in the same season. The Mount also recognized members of the 1993 and 1994 NEC women’s basketball championship squads.

ALL-NEC WINNERS

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Jordan Fine, C’18, All-Rookie Team

CROSS COUNTRY
Kristen Galligan, C’15, All-NEC
Tommy Gruschow, C’15, All-NEC

WOMEN’S SWIMMING
Haley Fournier, C’15, 3rd Team All-NEC, 1650 Free
Erin Regan, C’15, 2nd Team All-NEC, 100 Fly and 200 Fly

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Sara Gardner, C’18, 2nd Team All-NEC, 60m hurdles
Josh Poole, C’17, 2nd Team All-NEC, 500m dash
Men’s Distance Medley Relay (Sean Fritz, C’15, Brendan Courtney, C’16, Chris Eltringham, C’16, Jesse Langton, C’15) 2nd Team All-NEC

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Gregory Graves, C’16, 3rd Team All-NEC
Byron Ashe, C’17, 3rd Team All-NEC; 2nd Team NABC All-District
Junior Robinson, C’18, All-Rookie Team

Byron Ashe, C’17

Spring 2015
MOUNT UP!
“Hi, my name is Julie and I am calling from Mount St. Mary’s University…”

Each and every semester, you may hear your phone ring, see Mount St. Mary’s on the caller ID and have the opportunity to speak with one of 45 student phonathon callers. Since the spring of 1978, when Dean Sprague, C’57, Office of College and Alumni Relations, challenged Phil McGlade, C’70, then Director of Annual Giving, to start a phonathon, Mount students have reached out to alumni asking them to share memories and provide financial support.

“I enjoy working at the phonathon because I get to hear fun stories that our alumni have about their time here.”
-Charlotte Barry, C’15

For 10 weeks each semester, 15 students take over a campus conference room and diligently contact alumni from each class. Student callers representing every area of campus—honors students, rugby players, artists, pre-law, communications, SGA, Division I athletes all come together each night to reach out to Mount alumni and parents asking for their participation and investment in the Mount.

“My favorite part about phonathon is hearing from alumni that they still keep in contact with their friends from the Mount. It truly gives me hope that I have made life-long friendships with my Mount friends.”
-Mike Webb, C’17

Student callers take their job very seriously. They gain valuable experiences that will help them be successful outside of the Mount. In addition to learning how to speak to others and clearly articulate the University’s benefits, writing thank you notes and follow-up correspondence provides an opportunity to improve writing skills and penmanship.

“Phonathon has been one of the best jobs I’ve ever worked because of its amazing workplace attitude as well as its ability to teach me better communication skills I will forever be able to use in life.”
-Vincent A. Rapposelli, C’ 17

Experience as a phonathon caller can lead to great things. Jamion Christian, C’04, head men’s basketball coach, credits his phonathon experience for some of his success.

“I loved it! It taught me how to use my voice on the phone and to create a conversation. In my time as an assistant coach, I earned a reputation for being a great recruiter; that all started from my days working the phonathon. I was a college student cold calling and asking adults to give money to the place we love. Although we both loved the Mount, some weren’t initially willing to give so I learned ways to create a conversation to develop ‘the ask.’ In recruiting, we do the same thing. We initiate thousands of conversations a year. I learned how to do this talking with our alums as a phonathon caller. I also got a glimpse of the passion people felt for the Mount. It was that passion that led me to believe that we could turn our basketball program around so quickly and we’ve done just that.”

The dedication of our student callers makes an impact. Alumni who give to the University through phonathon (and other means) help to ensure we remain near the top in alumni giving when compared to other universities in the northeast.

Were you a phonathon caller? Email us today at annualfund@msmary.edu and share your story!
The Mount is a very special place for different reasons that can be difficult to put into words. Planned giving is often an answer to this. Would you like to honor a loved one, a relative, a teacher, a roommate, an inspirational person in your life? Would you like to honor them in an appropriate manner? How would you like them to be remembered? Do you want to create a legacy for yourself?

If the answer to any of these items is yes, let’s discuss it further. What do you and your family have in mind? What types of resources are available? How can this be structured to provide maximum tax benefits to you and your family? As the economy rebounds does it make sense to limit capital gains through charitable giving?

Figuring it out and talking it out … is creating a Planned Gift.

Mount St. Mary’s University can help you turn gifts of cash, real estate, stock and almost any asset into a positive tax savings, a potential income stream now or in retirement, and an investment helping the next generation of Mounties have the same positive experience that you did. You have many resources in this journey. Your financial planner, your tax consultant, your attorney, and your planned gift officer from the Mount can work together to recommend what is in your best interest and best fulfills your goals. Doing so will enroll you in the Mount St. Mary’s University 1808 Legacy Society.

If you’d like to explore the possibilities, we would like to give you the detailed information you will need. Please contact Pat McAuliffe at 301.447.5435 or McAuliffe@msmary.edu

Athletics Benefactors
‘Mount Up’ for Big Projects

This spring marks the completion of two major capital projects for the Mount St. Mary’s Athletics Department. Significant donations made to the Mount Club from alumni and friends have spearheaded transformational upgrades to the varsity weight room, as well as the installation of a video display board in Knott Arena.

The new weight room will serve as the training facility for all intercollegiate programs, as student-athletes now have the opportunity to utilize equipment to improve their strength and conditioning. The project renovations include new flooring and glass doors, complete power racks and platforms, free weights equipment, a sound system, TV monitor for scheduling and Mount Athletics branding.

The addition of a video board makes the Mount only the second school in the Northeast Conference to add a video display in an on-campus indoor facility. Mount St. Mary’s partnered with Daktronics, the leading scoreboard company in the nation, to build the video board, which features instant replays, fan-cams and live in-game action.

"On behalf of the Athletics Department, I would like to sincerely thank our Mount family and friends for their generous support," said Director of Athletics, Lynne Robinson. "Your kindness has transformed the weight room into an area where our student-athletes will be able to train with pride in a state-of-the-art facility. Additionally, this video board will be a significant upgrade to the fan experience in the arena for basketball games, commencement, and all athletic and university events."
Greetings Mount Alumni!

This time of year, as we watch our Mountain Home bloom with color, we look forward to the opportunities the spring season brings.

On March 10th Mount St. Mary’s University welcomed our 25th President, Mr. Simon Newman. President Newman has “hit the ground running” and is excited to be at the Mount and continue to move the University forward. I know he is looking forward to meeting as many of you as he can in his first year as president. You can follow him on Twitter @PresidentMSMU.

I want to offer my personal congratulations to the 2015 Hall of Fame Class; Kim Keene Christensen, C’04, Lacrosse and Stephan Ricker, C’00, Lacrosse, and this year’s Fr. John “Spike” Cogan honorees Agnus McGlade Berenato, C’80 and Mr. Don Briggs, S’05. We were thrilled to induct each of these stellar alumni into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The National Alumni Association election took place from April 1st through May 1st. Thank you to the 18 loyal alumni who agreed to run for office. You will see the election results in the following pages. Please join me in congratulating our newly elected National Alumni Association Officers and Council.

The NAA has begun a strategic planning process to assess the association and align our goals with the University. Jerry Dowd, C’90, and Susan Janowiak, C’81, have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs. If you would like to be involved in the strategic planning process, please let me know.

I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Carl Fives Alumni Scholarship will be awarded to six undergraduate and two seminarians; the total amount being awarded is $31,500. The scholarship is funded through the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament during Reunion Weekend and the generosity of our alumni. This year’s awardees will be announced during Reunion Weekend.

Reunion 2015–June 5, 6, and 7 is just around the corner. Housing is available on campus (but going quickly) and there are activities on campus all weekend. Friday night is the Golden Mountaineer Mass and Alumni Banquet where John McKee and Dr. Robert Diegelmann both of the Class of 1965 will be honored with the National Alumni Association Simon Bruté Medal.

On Sunday morning after mass, all are welcome to the NAA Meeting in the Mount Café. It is a great opportunity to review the weekend and prepare for next year.

I hope to see you sometime this summer! Until then, here’s To the Mount!

Ellen Callahan, C’81
President
National Alumni Association

ALUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John F. O’Neill, C’52, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C., delivered the prestigious keynote lecture at the 40th national annual meeting of the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) to an audience of 2,000 colleagues in Palm Springs, CA in 2014. His presentation, “Pediatric Ophthalmology from the Beginning: the Legacy of Doctors Costenbader and Parks,” addressed the Washington based history of this specialty. The “Costenbader Lecture” is the annual commemorative presentation that is the highlight of the conference, attracting attendees from all over the world and is named for the pioneer and founder of the specialty of pediatric ophthalmology.

In addition to his clinical practice, throughout his career, Dr. O’Neill has been active in teaching, research and has authored numerous scientific publications. He has been honored by the American Academy of Ophthalmology and AAPOS as well as the Prevention of Blindness Society. He has also been honored by the International Eye Foundation and awarded the “Promotion of Peace and Vision Award” for his leadership and participation in international service in the Bahamas Islands, Haiti, Eritrea and other countries.

After 50 years in ophthalmology, Dr. O’Neill retired from active clinical practice in 2013. He continues as Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and also continues to provide vision care for many of the children in Washington’s inner city through a program he established in a mobile clinic van under the auspices of Georgetown’s Department of Pediatrics. He serves the Mount as Class Agent.

Dr. O’Neill and his wife, Patricia Aiken, an attorney, travel frequently and spend relaxing time at their winter home in Naples, FL. They enjoy their blended family of six children, spouses and nine grandchildren.

1963

Bob Grela, C’63, hosted an annual Christmas lunch and dinner in New York City with alumni Michael Sperendi, C’63, and Richard Costello, C’63.

1981

On December 13, 2014, Jim Forsythe, C’81, and Pat McAuliffe, C’81, attended the annual Army-Navy football game at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD. Jim’s son, Henry Forsythe, was one of 1,300 plebes attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Jim, Pat and Lou Ann Armstrong took a selfie during the tailgate party hosted by Jim and his wife, Sue Zika Forsythe.

On January 3, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, VA, hosted its annual employees Epiphany party. Several members of the Mount community were in attendance including, Rev. Bob Wagner, S’09; Peggy Nolan Tripp, C’85; Most Rev. Loverde, Paul H’09; Daniel Curtin, C’64; Rev. Thomas Ferguson, S’94; and Pat McAuliffe, C’81.
Head Coach, John J. Ford, III, C’84, led the St. Theresa’s Boys Basketball team to the Pennsylvania State Championship title, held in Greensburg, PA. They defeated teams from Allentown, Greensburg and Pittsburgh posting a 16-0 record for the season. The team is the first in school history to bring home a state championship title. Members of the team included Logan Shettle, C’18, and John’s son, John Ford IV.

Serving as VP of Operations for JTB Communications, Elizabeth Malia Calhoun, C’87, had an exciting year with the addition of Thursday Night Football on CBS to her docket. Elizabeth traveled with boss James Brown, host of Thursday Night Football, throughout the NFL season. The duo secured Thursday Night Football with CBS for the NFL fall 2015 season.

The Washington County Republican Central Committee announced in February it will submit William J. Wivell, MBA’91 to Gov. Larry Hogan for nomination to fill the vacant Maryland House of Delegates seat.

Kevin Koffenberger, C’97, accepted a job as Controller at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH in July 2014. The family, including wife Danielle and 3-year old son Vincent relocated to Intervale, NH.

Kevin Nicholas, C’04, is currently a Vice President of Institutional Sales at Goldman Sachs & Co. Since graduating from the Mount, Kevin has held various roles in the fixed income sales and trading divisions of several NY-based investment banks. He is an active member of the Robin Hood Foundation, the Central Park Conservancy and City Harvest. Kevin and his wife, Emily, currently live in New York City and were expecting their first child in March 2015.

Since earning her B.A. in communications in 2011, Emma Haley, C’11, has traveled around the country and world serving as an event director for Red Frog events. Her job has taken her to Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Honduras, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland, Mexico, Canada and Chile!

Joshua Madden, C’11, is currently enrolled in the doctorate program for theology at Ave Maria University. He completed his MA in Theology in the spring of 2014 and was one of three candidates chosen out of applicants across the country to study in Ave Maria’s vigorous four-year Ph.D. program.

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On July 24, 2014, Gerald Hacker, C’06, received his license as a Certified Public Accountant from the Texas State Board of Accountancy.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JIMMY MUDGETT, C’09

“Something else was with me that day”, said Jimmy Mudgett, C’09 as he recalls being struck by a car on August 6, 2014 while training for an Ironman Triathlon. The former Mount pitcher felt a competitive void in his life after leaving the Mount in 2009 and ending his long and successful baseball career. Head Coach, Scott Thomson remembered Jimmy as “one of those players you wish you had every year. I have been here for 18 years and I can’t say enough about his character and what he brought to the team. He was a great team captain, leading on and off the field and was just a super person to be around”. Like many former collegiate athletes, Jimmy “wanted something to do to stay in shape after college and triathlons did it”. An Ironman Triathlon is known by many as one of the toughest endurance races on earth. The long distance race includes a 2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and finishing with a full marathon, 26.2 miles.

Jimmy left his house on August 6 for a training ride, planning on traveling into Westminster and then back home. “It was a beautiful August day and I was on a straight, flat road. I had gone about 20 miles when I was hit.” The driver told 9-11 dispatches he had just struck someone on a bicycle while going between 55-60 m.p.h. “I remember waking up and I knew my back was broken. Those first 30 seconds were probably the loneliest 30 seconds I had in my life. My legs were underneath my body and I didn’t want to move. I didn’t know if I was in the road or if I was going to die or get hit by another car” said Mudgett. He was taken to Meritus Health in Hagerstown, where doctors performed an MRI revealing his fractured spine stating this type of injury almost always results in paralysis. However, they were able to performed emergency surgery to repair a compression fracture near the base of his spine. Mudgett’s girlfriend, Ashley Scarcella, said she was awed and inspired by her boyfriend’s attitude ever since the accident. She knew what kind of athlete he was growing up, and perhaps his strength and conditioning saved him from further harm when he was struck.

Mudgett had another avenue of strength in his recovery, and it came in waves. His Facebook harm when he was struck.

Jimmy is making a full recovery and planning on competing in a triathlon this September.
MOUNT TRIP TO COSTA RICA

Celebrating 20 years of the Costa Rica Summer Program which includes “Proyecto Elizabeth” in Memory of Elizabeth DiNunzio and a trip to Panamá City

In 2016, the Mount will celebrate 20 years of our summer Costa Rica program. As part of this celebration, a reunion trip is being planned. Any student who studied with the Mount Costa Rica Program is invited to apply. Family and friends will also be welcome. With the addition of the Panamá City stops for the academic groups in summer 2015, there will also be a Panamá Canal and city tour.

Mount St. Mary’s will reserve 20 seats with COPA Airline. Anyone buying their own airfare, must remember our stopover in Panamá.

Dates: July 13-July 24, 2016

Cost: $2,520 per person, single occupancy
  $1,705 per person, double occupancy
  $1,540 per person, triple occupancy*
  Children under 12: $750**
  Price does not include international airfare, estimated, $650-750.
  *Keep in mind that hotels will have two queen beds per room.
  **Children must share a double with 2 adults or a triple room with three adults.

Schedule of payments:
• June-July 2015, non-refundable deposit of $275
• October 15, 2015, First payment: $1,000
• April 15, 2016, Balance

NOTE: with 30 adult participants price will be $75 less, with 40 participants $100 less.

For more information and application:
Dr. Diana Rodríguez-Lozano at lozano@msmary.edu

COSTA RICA TRAVEL ITINERARY

Wed., July 13  Arrival in San José / Overnight at Marriott Costa Rica
  Transfer to hotel if flying with the group

Thurs., July 14  9:00 a.m. La Paz Waterfall Park lunch included
  Depart for Volcan Arenal
  Night at hotel in Volcán Arenal Paraíso (superior rooms)

Fri., July 15  Free day. Morning: optional canopy tour
  3:00 Tabacón Hot Springs, dinner included

Sat., July 16  9:00 a.m. departure for Manuel Antonio Rainforest/Beach
  Overnight at Hotel San Bada at the entrance of the park/beach

Sun., July 17  Overnight at Marriott Los Sueños

Mon., July 18  Overnight at Marriott Los Sueños

Tues., July 19  Departure for all inclusive* Doubletree by Hilton Puntarenas

Wed., July 20  Doubletree by Hilton Puntarenas

Thurs., July 21  Return to San José
  6:00 Dinner and show at Ram Luna
  Overnight at Courtyard by Marriott Airport

Fri., July 22  Departure for Panamá

Sat., July 23  Canal Tour/Panamá City Tour with lunch included
  7:00 Dinner and show at Las Tinajas

Sun., July 24  Return to U.S.

Daily breakfasts included. No meals are included except lunch at La Paz Waterfall and Panamá City tour and dinners at Tabacón, Ram Luna and Las Tinajas. *All meals/drinks for the two days at Doubletree by Hilton Puntarenas, an all-inclusive resort.
Carol Coughlin-Burnor, C’00, and Brian Burnor
Mary Burnon and Molly Burnor
December 26, 2014

Julia Andersen Power, C’01, and Edmund Power
James Anderson Power
February 9, 2015
James is pictured with his brother, Graham Anderson Power (5).

Julie Jeffery Bauer, C’03, and DeWitt Bauer, C’03
Avery Elizabeth Bauer
December 8, 2014, 1:19 p.m.

Erin Rossetti, C’03, and Phil Rossetti, C’03
Pierce Stewart Rossetti
June 28, 2014
Pierce joins his big brother, Grant (5).

Andrea Consalvo Reed, C’04, and Brad Reed
Austin Vincent Reed
June 2, 2014

Jackie Germano Albaugh, C’06, and Colin Albaugh, C’04
Isabella Grace and Jack Colin
November 4, 2014

Gerald Hacker, C’06, and Laura Hacker
Joshua Harrison Hacker and Rachel Elayna Hacker
November 25, 2014

Anna Andersen Lewis, C’07, and Bradford Rayfield Lewis III, C’06
Bradford Rayfield Lewis, IV
August 28, 2014

Megan Zoumaya Madden, C’11, and Joshua Madden, C’11
Augustine John Madden
September 15, 2014
Augustine was 9 lbs., 4 oz. and has one sister, Felicity Perpetua Madden (2)

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Henry Roesser, Jr., C’66, and Linda Diaconis
January 7, 2014
St. Mary's Chapel, The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
The couple was married by Rev. Brian Nolan, S’01.

Jillian Cardinale, C’09, and Mike Stanziola
November 15, 2014
St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Harrisburg, PA
Members of the bridal party included Katie Fives, C’09, and Justin Elyard, MBA’07.

Brian Arndts, C’11, and Tricia Walmsley, C’11
September 27, 2014
The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary’s University
Alumni members of the bridal party were Joshua Rich, C’12, and Ashley Farinholt, C’11.
Mounties at the reception included Olivia Harper, C’14; Jed and Kristin Crook, C’11; Matt Himes, C’11; Hannah Dell, C’11; Sarah Klunk, C’11; Matt Christ, C’10; and Kristen Portalea, C’11.

David Castellanos, C’13, and Patricia Yam, C’14
December 20, 2014
The Villa, Beltsville, MD
Alumni in attendance pictured: Alex Brooks, C’13; Drew Hull, C’13; David Castellanos, C’13; Matt Blake, C’13; Scott Varga, C’13; Taylor Place, C’13; Carly Landini, C’13; Caroline Tucker, C’14; Nicole Helmick, C’14; Patricia Yam, C’14; Erin Regan, C’15; Emily Dargay, C’14; Erica Shiles, C’14; Jessica Gardner, C’14; and Shari Bannis, C’15.

Kevin Downs, C’13, and Corey Eustace, C’13
October 4, 2014
The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary’s University
The couple was married by Fr. Thomas Haan, S’13, who served as the Men’s Lacrosse team chaplain while Kevin played defense for the team.

Mark Lawrence Ryba II, C’14, and Kelsey Watkins, C’14
January 2, 2015
Damascus United Methodist Church
Eight of the ten members of the wedding party are current Mount students or alumni. Pictured: Joy Ryba, Meghan McNair, C’14; Mary Kate Sternik, C’14; John Naylor, C’15; Kyle Ott, C’15; Ryan Watkins, C’18; Kathryn Zagrobelny, C’14; Kelsey Watkins Ryba, C’14; Mark Lawrence Ryba, C’14; Samantha Mason, C’14; Sean Reilly Wood, Daniel Valentim-Morales, and Alison Prowonche, C’15.
2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

The Mount St. Mary’s University National Alumni Association welcomed four individuals into the Athletic Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony on January 24, 2015. This year’s class of inductees include: Kim Keene Christensen, C’04, Lacrosse and Stephan Ricker, C’00, Lacrosse; Mayor Don Briggs, S’05, and Agnus McGlade Berenato, C’80, both received the Fr. John “Spike” Cogan Award for exemplary support and contributions to Mount Athletics.

2015 Winter Homecoming

The Mount celebrated Winter Homecoming on January 24, 2015. Students, alumni and members of the Mount packed Knott Arena to watch the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams face St. Francis, PA. Between games, hundreds of people gathered in the field house for a social hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations.

CHAPTER CONTACTS

One of the National Alumni Association’s greatest assets is our chapter network. Our chapters keep alumni connected to the social, intellectual, and spiritual life of the Mount. Whether you are a recent graduate or celebrating your 50th reunion, our chapters provide an opportunity to reconnect with your classmates, relive your favorite Mount memories, and stay up to date on the exciting changes happening at the Mount. If you are interested in joining a chapter, contact your local chapter representative:

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Annual Catholic Clash!
The Baltimore Chapter hosted a pre-game social at the Mount Washington Tavern on December 6 for the Annual Catholic Clash. The event gathered more than 60 Mounties from the Baltimore area for drinks, snacks and fun! The group traveled to the game after the social and cheered on the Mount to a 74-65 victory over the Greyhounds.

BOSTON CHAPTER

Chapter Social & Game Watch
Organized by Christian Stone, C’02, and Rebecca Lynch, C’14, the Boston Chapter hosted a social and game watch at Game On near Fenway Park on December 2.

Pictured: Rebecca Lynch, C’14; Joan Lanigan, C’10; Tom Ambrose, C’03; Christian Stone, C’02; Gene LaCroce, C’82; Katie Rosario, C’09; and Richard Bowers, C’82.

DELWARE CHAPTER

Happy Hour with a Purpose
The Delaware Chapter hosted their annual Happy Hour with a Purpose on December 12. Alumni from the Mount & St. Joe’s gathered with friends and family for a happy hour and canned food drive at Iron Hill Brewery in Wilmington, DE. Donations were sent to Holy Rosary Church in Claymont, DE.

Pictured: Charlie Robinson, C’62, and wife Nanette Robinson, John Burns, C’81; Ed Lynch, C’62; and wife Aline Lynch, Jennifer Lougheed, C’10; Marie Graney, C’08.

DENVER CHAPTER

The Mount’s newest Alumni Chapter hosted a kickoff social on December 2 at Blake Street Tavern in downtown Denver. Initiated and organized by Anne Costigan, C’10, the social drew more than 15 alumni from the Mount & St. Joe’s along with friends and family.

Pictured: Andy Drance, C’64; Samantha Maticka, C’12; Anne Costigan, C’10; Dan Rogers, C’96; Peter Maher, C’87; Andy Wassmann, C’09; Tim Gerweig, C’86; Greg O’Brien, C’86.

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A PRAYERFUL FAREWELL
By Irene Q. Powell

Time is not constant. Some hours, while in the moment, can seem like an eternity—during a child’s temper tantrum or illness, for instance. As parents we all know that some of life’s events seem to be experienced in slow motion. Yet four years in the life of a Mount student can be as swift as a darting hummingbird trailing behind the sound of beating wings.

Nervous and eager, anxious and excited first year students arrive every year, and four years later, at Commencement, I marveled at the inner growth and maturity that is clearly visible, even on the outside! They have sprouted wings. I do take pride in knowing that our wonderful university faculty, and superbly supportive staff have played a significant role in that transformation—academically, spiritually and socially, but I also know that parents are always at the core of the success of their child, now a young adult … and a college graduate.

While building up the Mount Family Association these past 12 years, it has been an honor and privilege to come to know the Mount’s extended family, the community of parents. We share a common goal, a part of our campus mission: to raise “men and women who cultivate a mature spiritual life, who live by high intellectual and moral standards, who respect the dignity of other persons, who see and seek to resolve the problems facing humanity, and who commit themselves to live as responsible citizens.” May I add, “and to be happy”?

Mount St. Mary’s University distinguished itself in the wider realm of university parent relations by providing a spiritual weekly link in the form of a Prayer Memo. Mount parents not only want information, but they want the opportunity to be involved in a meaningful way. As a Catholic university with a venerable, 207 year long history, I know that parents and students alike have chosen the Mount because of our Catholic ideals. Prayer is what binds us together. It lifts and supports us all.

Our Mount families are as varied and individual as fingerprints … as varied as those of our alumni, many of whom we are blessed to call friends! When I reflect upon the journey of the past 12 years with Mount families so many inspirational moments immediately come to the forefront that they can only be characterized and enumerated in a general fashion. I recall the tragic deaths of students, whom we will never forget. I recall the valiant struggles with devastating illnesses of students and family members alike. I recall the worried, tearful concerns parents have shared and our efforts to respond appropriately. I recall the many proud successes and kind words of appreciation.

As we navigate this transitional time in our lives, I have joked that we are preparing to move from a semi-independent living situation—where we enjoyed a huge support network most especially from Physical Plant, Dining Services and Information Technology—to independent living. What? We have to mow our grass?

In a sense we, too, graduated with the Class of 2015.

So, as my husband and I move on to the next chapter in our lives (dubbed Parenthood Part II), please know the Mount community is forever in our hearts and prayers. In return, we humbly ask for your continued prayers.

The time we spent here is deeply cherished and will forever bind us to our mountain home.

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John and Belinda Lowry Jaffee owe a lifetime of love and happiness to their experiences while students at the Mount.

“When I arrived at the Mount, the ‘male bastion’ was intact on campus, later, it was announced that St. Joseph’s College was closing and women would soon join us,” John says. “To say I was not thrilled was an understatement, but I made many friendships with the ‘new’ students and among them was Belinda.

“We were never more than friends at the Mount, but a comment by a professor (‘you two would make a perfect couple’) held more truth than I knew at the time,” John says. We were married in the fall of 1976 at the Grotto, and have traveled life’s path together for almost 40 years. To say Belinda has had an impact on my life is an understatement, because she is my life!”

John was self-employed after graduation from the Mount and then went on to spend 30 years in the insurance industry. Currently, he is Vice President at Safety 1st Financial Consulting, while Belinda worked as a social worker for more than 30 years with the Maryland Department of Social Services and in the health field.

The Jaffee’s are faithful and generous supporters of the Mount and recently provided a bequest in their will—joining the Mount’s 1808 Legacy Society and allowing them to maintain financial security while benefiting their alma mater.

“I know the University will prosper for generations to come, and we have provided support as a small way to ensure the Mount’s future and that Mount students can have the same experience we were so privileged to have,” John says.

An estate gift to Mount St. Mary’s is easy to arrange, will not alter your current lifestyle in any way, and can be easily modified to address your changing needs. You are invited to join the Jaffee’s in caring for the Mount now and in the future. To learn more about the 1808 Legacy Society, contact Patrick F. McAuliffe, Jr., C’81, MBA’84, Director of Gift Planning at 301-447-5435 or mcauliffe@msmary.edu

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**Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees**

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

Game: 7:05 p.m.

Garden Terrace Party: 5:30 p.m.

Tickets include a pass to the Garden Terrace before the game.

Features a picnic dinner featuring ballpark fare, beer and soft drinks.

- Lower Level: $51 per ticket
  - Section 80, Rows 16 - 20
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  - Section 318, Rows 13 - 20
- Garden Terrace Pass Only: $25

You MUST have a game ticket to attend the garden terrace party.

Bring the entire family for a fun night at Camden Yards!

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**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

The election for the National Alumni Association Officers and Council is complete. Thank you to all alumni who agreed to run in this year’s election.

The results of the 2015 election are as follows:

**Officers**

- Ellen Callahan, C'81, President
- George Gelles, C'64, Executive Vice President
- Jerry Dowd, C'90, Vice President
- Fr. Jason Worley, S'99, Vice President

**Council**

- Dick Hart, C'65
- Rob Herb, C'78
- Susan Janowiak, C'81
- Fr. Doug Kenney, C'95, S'99
- Larry Orendorff, C'65
- Elizabeth Plant, C'07
- Rob Weed, C'93

Congratulations to all returning and newly elected members of the National Alumni Association Council.

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