SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Saint Mary's Community Members,

Retirement of Professor Carole Swain

It is with great appreciation for all of her service and commitment to Saint Mary's that I share that Vice President for Mission, Dr. Carole Swain, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2018, upon completing 30 years of service to Saint Mary's College.

As the inaugural Vice President for Mission, Carole invited Saint Mary's faculty, staff and students into a deeper understanding and commitment to the liberal arts, Catholic and Lasallian traditions through various initiatives, programs and events. The Mission and Ministry Center's relevance and impact are evidence of Carole's commitment to serving our diverse student body. The Chaplain for Athletics was created to connect our student athletes and staff with the core of our Lasallian Catholic mission.

A talented teacher/scholar and academic administrator, Professor Swain directed the College's elementary education department; Lasallian Studies Masters; Lasallian Educator Fellowship; and was co-founder of Teachers for Tomorrow Program. Carole served as Dean of Mission and Faculty Development, while chairing the Academic Senate. The Alumni Association honored her with the Spirit of Faith Award and the College named her 1997 Professor of the Year.

Carole's service to the broader Lasallian community at the International, Regional and District levels established an ongoing and valuable presence of SMC in the Lasallian world. She was recognized recently with the Brother John Johnson 2016 Faith Award.

In her retirement, she will continue to promote a vital SMC community as she oversees the Cristo Rey De La Salle/Saint Mary's Corporate Partnership program and launches a Saint Mary's College Retirement Staff/Faculty Association.

There will be an opportunity to honor her transition at a reception on Wednesday, May 2nd from 3:30-5:30 in the Siena Hall garden. Please SAVE the DATE.

Appointment of Professor Frances Sweeney

After consultation with the Brother Visitor of the San Francisco/New Orleans District, and with the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I have appointed Dr. Frances M. Sweeney to succeed Carole as Vice President for Mission.

Frances brings more than twenty years of experience to the position. As a valued professor and faculty leader with a wealth of academic, residential, and student life service, she has served as an academic dean and then vice provost for the College. And, as a graduate of both the undergraduate college and a graduate program at Saint Mary's, she has long been a passionate advocate for our liberal arts, Lasallian and Catholic traditions.

Frances has also been instrumental in advancing our institutional effectiveness and undergraduate core programs, always with an aim to integrate institutional values and Lasallian charism in the work on behalf of all staff, faculty, and especially students.
Please join me in welcoming Frances to this new opportunity, and in expressing our deepest appreciation to Carole Swain for her exemplary leadership in service to Saint Mary's faith-inspired academic mission.

Sincerely,

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