



# CLASS LETTER 2019

## Dear Class of 1960,

This is certainly an exciting time to be part of the Mount Mary family. With the many changes we have witnessed over the years, it is encouraging to know that our alma mater remains amongst the leaders in women's education. As alums, we have welcomed many outstanding presidents who have led us to new heights in women's higher education. They have always supported the traditions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and its founders. The urban education programs are totally embedded in the curriculum and integrated into all aspects of learning. Another significant component is the University's leadership model that works to develop the full potential of women as transformative leaders in the global community. The characteristics of a Mount Mary leader are integrity, confidence, perseverance, initiative and social commitment just to mention a few.

By now many of you have met our new President, Dr. Christine Pharr, who continues to be impressed with our alumnae volunteers. As she recently stated: "I encourage you to consider coming back to campus for a gathering and sharing your stories with us. Our alumnae keep our traditions alive and thriving, paving the way for future Mount Mary alums to uphold what you hold dear."

I am so grateful for the success of the Starving Artists' Show, which has lasted for the past 50 years. This is our big year! As the class of 1960, I can proudly say that we made it happen. It was Laura Empey Neseemann, who lived in San Antonio and shared some of the civic events with me. When she mentioned the "Starving Artist Show" an immediate spark crossed my mind. I was events chair for the Milwaukee Chapter in search of a "new fundraiser." I immediately called S. Mary Jacqueline, (the Alumnae Director at the time) to discuss the possibility of an MMC Starving Artists' Show. Permission was granted for discussion at our MC board meeting. The idea was enthusiastically accepted. Marlene Herman Rappl contacted the Milwaukee Art Museum for a list of artists. Mary Windler Benson contacted the people who were running an art show at Mayfair Mall. Edie Bumbolo Garwood (MC President) recruited her attorney husband to write a letter to the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce for information. I contacted the Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel personally to get a head start in advertising. With great publicity from the two major papers, all the suburban papers followed. The rest is history. The enthusiasm of our Milwaukee alums has remained vibrant and constant. To say the least, the amount of money that SAS generates year after year is quite impressive and serves many needs of the University.

I ask that you consider a gift of any size to help this generation of Mount Mary University students, our future leaders, to grow stronger in their faith in our Lord, develop confidence to dream fearlessly, and change others' lives wherever they go.

## STAYING CONNECTED

Do you know what exciting things are happening at Mount Mary? When the next alum event is? If you would like to continue to receive news, invitations, e-communications, and more from Mount Mary, please update your contact info with the Office of Alumnae Relation by calling (414) 930-3025 or emailing [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu).

By keeping your contact info current, you stay informed about our classmates through class letters and the Mount Mary Magazine. In each magazine, we celebrate and remember the lives of our classmates and their families in the [In Memoriam](#) listing, and we learn about their professional and personal accomplishments, weddings, births and more in [Class Notes](#). Please submit any class notes or in-memoriam notices at [mtmary.edu/alumnae/update](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae/update).

Another great way to stay connected is by liking the Alumnae Association Facebook. Here, you will find the most up-to-date information, event reminders and news from your fellow alums.

## GETTING TOGETHER

Alumnae Weekend and Reunion is a fun, festive time for us to reconnect with old friends and come back to Mount Mary. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In the past few years, there have been class programs, lunches, entertainment, presentations and so much more. What would you like to see at this year's Alumnae Weekend and Reunion? Let's talk with our classmates and brainstorm some ideas to send to the Office of Alumnae Relations.

**More information about Alumnae Weekend and Reunion will be available in summer.**

### MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2019

- [Mount Mary Week Celebration](#) | Feb.18-22 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 20
- [Women's Leadership Institute: Voices of Leadership featuring Jessica Shortall](#) | Mar. 21
- [CREO Fashion Show](#) | Friday, May 10
- [50th Starving Artists' Show \(Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser\)](#) | Sunday, Sept. 8
- [Alumnae Weekend and Reunion](#) | The Weekend of October 5
- [Alumnae Christmas Luncheon](#) | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 3 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 10

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN 2019!

For full event descriptions and registration, visit [mtmary.edu/alumnae/events](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae/events).

## Personal Message from Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr

These days when I think of generosity, I often think of our alums. Whether you graduated 5 years ago or 50 years ago, I'm continuously inspired by your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Some of you have volunteered tirelessly for decades. I see you at the Starving Artists' Show or making popcorn for students. I know some classes have set up endowments for student scholarships, and individuals make donations to all sorts of things including the unrestricted fund, which allows Mount Mary to use the funds where they're needed most. You might be interested to know that during the last fiscal year, alums donated nearly \$1.7 million, largely for student scholarships. And I know you pray for us because I can feel it and see it in the transformation of lives happening on campus.

What I want to tell you is that whether you give \$50 a year or an estate gift, whether you have volunteered for years or only once, whether you share your expertise with us, recruit for us or pray for

us...whatever you give... we are extremely grateful. You are paying it forward to the next generation of women who are now attending Mount Mary as they seek to find their way, their calling, and their vocation in life.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*

Christine

## ANNUAL CLASS GIVING & MOUNT MARY GIVING DAY

Mount Mary shaped us into the people we are today. It was the place where we built lifelong friendships and gained knowledge and learned lessons that have sustained throughout our lives. I want to ensure that the future remains bright and full of potential for today's students. Will you join me in making a gift to Mount Mary this year?

The best time to give is during Mount Mary's 2nd annual **Giving Day on February 20** from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity. **All gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the federal Title III Grant** that Mount Mary received in fall 2018. It doesn't matter whether you give \$10 or \$1,000 because every gift makes a difference in continuing the Mount Mary tradition.

Throughout the day, there will be special challenges that unlock additional money including the opportunity to make a gift in honor of your favorite program and a virtual scavenger of Mount Mary. Let's show the love and ensure that all students have opportunities to discover their passions and become world changers. Visit [app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove](http://app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove) to learn more.

**If you have any questions about giving to Mount Mary, please call 414-930-3034 or email [mmu-dev@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-dev@mtmary.edu).**

I hope you enjoyed reading about news and updates from our class and Mount Mary. Wishing you and your family a blessed, joyous, and healthy new year.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Schumy Johnston  
Class Delegate

