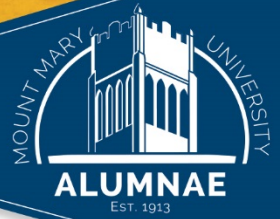


# CLASS LETTER 2018



## Dear Class of 1961,

Greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2018 to all of you.

The Alumnae Office has asked the Class Delegates to write a class letter this year even if it is not our anniversary year. We are currently Mount Mary grads for 57 years. Amazing! My efforts as a Class Delegate include attending the Class Delegate/Board Meetings, volunteering at the Starving Artists Show in September, and most recently, enjoying the Alumnae Christmas Luncheon at Cafe Grace in the Mayfair Collection. I would encourage other local alums to join us next December. Mary Beth Gryga Flierl, who is joining me as a Class Delegate, and I enjoyed meeting the new Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr, who is friendly and outgoing. I think she will be a tremendous asset to our alma mater.

### CLASS NOTES

In each of our communications, we would like to share news from our classmates. We will highlight personal accomplishments, weddings, birth announcements and more. Please submit any class notes at [mtmary.edu/alumnae](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae) or by mail to the Alumnae Office.

### IN MEMORIAM

Here, we will celebrate the lives of our classmates and remember them. These classmates will be listed in each **Mount Mary Magazine** and on the **In Memoriam** tab on the website: [magazine.mtmary.edu](http://magazine.mtmary.edu).

It is sad to announce the passing of our classmates. Margie Paulin Last passed away on December 2, 2017. Condolences can be sent to her son at 24513 Parlance Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748. Maureen McGovern Porth Koch passed away on January 18, 2018.

### STAYING IN TOUCH

We would like you to continue to receive invitations, e-communications, magazines and more from the university. The best way to do this is to make sure that your contact information is up to date.

You can update your info with a quick call to the Alumnae Office at **(414) 930-3034** or by emailing [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu).

## GETTING TOGETHER

The Office of Alumnae Relations and the Alumnae Association have collaborated to create a fun and festive time for us to reunite each fall, going beyond reunions every 5 years. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In 2017, the university hosted a shopping night in Wauwatosa, brought in a Beatles cover band for a dance party and made us laugh with local celebrity John McGivern. These are the kinds of events we can all look forward to every year. **All we need is YOU!**

Save the date for Alumnae Weekend and Reunion: Oct. 5-7, 2018.



## MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2018

- Mount Mary Week Celebration | Feb. 19-23 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 21
- Association Breakfast, Class Delegate Gathering & Networking | Saturday, Feb. 24 • 9-11 a.m.
- CREO Art & Design Show Opening | Friday, April 27
- CREO Fashion Show | Friday, May 11
- Mount Mary Awards Night | Thursday, June 7
- Association Breakfast & Volunteer Appreciation | Saturday, June 16
- Starving Artists' Show (Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser) | Sunday, Sept. 9 • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Alumnae Weekend and Reunion | Friday-Sunday Oct. 5-7
- Alumnae Christmas Luncheon | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 4 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 11

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL SUMMER AND HOLIDAY EVENTS IN 2018!

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

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



I'm happy to be a part of your class communication this year. As I was introduced to the various activities hosted by the University and the Alumnae Association, I realized the tremendous impact that our alums make, collectively through their generous support and volunteerism. This year, I was able to roll up my sleeves and help set up the 2017 Starving Artists' Show, danced the night away at Alumnae Reunion Weekend and celebrated the holidays with many of you at alumnae Christmas events. If you haven't been active with Mount Mary in a while, I encourage you to consider coming back to campus for a gathering or sharing your stories with us. Our alumnae keep our traditions alive and thriving, paving the way for future Mount Mary alums (our current students) to uphold what you hold dear.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*

Christine

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & ANNUAL CLASS GIVING

As you know, Mount Mary is a life-changing opportunity for a student, as well as a wonderful education, an exciting experience and a place to build lifelong friendships. Wouldn't you want to share your good fortune with a young woman just beginning her journey?

Scholarships are an important component to the viability of an education today. Today's tuition is \$28,370 and without a scholarship, many young women could not afford an education. Her opportunities to learn, grow and experience a lifelong career would be but a dream. Your support can make all the difference to one or more students. Give what you are able. *Together, we have a great impact!*

### There are many ways to give:

- Single gift (cash, check and credit card)
- True Blue Monthly Giving
- Securities (ex. appreciated stock)
- Gifts in kind
- Shop online with Amazon Smile (select Mount Mary University)
- Matching gift through your or your spouse's employer
- Life insurance or retirement fund (name Mount Mary University as beneficiary)

If you have any questions about setting up your giving plan, contact [mmu-dev@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-dev@mtmary.edu).

I hope you enjoyed hearing about updates at Mount Mary. Please consider attending the upcoming Alumnae Association Breakfast and Class Delegate Gathering on Saturday, February 24 from 9-11 a.m. All alumnae are welcome. Be sure to register!

*Sincerely,*

Carol Steiner Pluta and Mary Beth Gryga Flierl '61  
Class Delegates

### Mount Mary, Here's to You!

Mount Mary, here's to you. We are your daughters loyal and true.  
We pledge you our song and devotion life long.  
We cheer and revere just you, Mount Mary.  
Years may pass away, with you our hearts will always stay.  
Our Mount Mary name will ever be the same,  
We'll love you as we do today.

