### Mount Saint Mary College

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#### **OUR MISSION**

#### **Preamble**

Mount Saint Mary College is an institution of higher education guided by the Catholic and Dominican traditions of academic rigor, pursuit of truth, social justice, leadership and service.

This distinctive approach provides the philosophy for our commitment to educating the whole person and to cultivating intellectual achievement, religious and spiritual growth, and the development of moral character.

Consistent with these principles, Mount Saint Mary College endeavors to graduate students who

- are inquisitive and value the free exchange of ideas in pursuit of truth
- are analytical in their approach to problem solving
- are motivated toward self-improvement
- have developed an aesthetic sense
- possess effective leadership and communication skills
- respect the value and ethics of the Catholic and Dominican traditions
- embrace civic responsibility and community service

The deepening of Mount Saint Mary College's commitment to these principles will involve the leadership efforts of the entire college community, within a culture of academic excellence.

#### Mission

As reflected in its motto "Doce Me Veritatem" (Teach Me the Truth) Mount Saint Mary College, founded by the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, is an independent, coeducational institution committed to providing students with a liberal arts education to prepare them for lives of leadership and service. Through a variety of majors and professional programs students are also prepared for career entry or graduate and professional studies.

Consistent with Judeo-Christian values and the Dominican tradition of education that values the inherent worth of the individual, the mission of Mount Saint Mary College is to create an environment which fosters close student-faculty interaction that enables students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners. Mount Saint Mary College strives to provide a stimulating environment that promotes the intellectual and personal growth of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education students.

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### STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

Advancing a Legacy of Excellence, Leadership and Service

2009-2014

# Mount Saint Mary College **OUR VISION**

Mount Saint Mary College will be a preeminent college for the liberal arts, sciences and pre-professional programs in the Northeast, recognized for its excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship and community. In 2014, the college will serve some 3,000 undergraduate, professional and graduate students, with around one third of its students living on campus. The college will be a vibrant community celebrating in all its activities the values and traditions expressed in its mission.



### Mount Saint Mary College 2009-2014 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

## FOCUS AREA 1 Fulfill the College's Mission and Vision

**GOAL 1:** Promote Mount Saint Mary College as a preeminent college for the liberal arts, sciences and pre- professional programs in the Northeast by cultivating the college's mission and values in the curriculum and co-curricular programs.

**GOAL 2:** Create a holistic academic and co-curricular environment by developing a strong living and learning program which integrates intellectual, aesthetic, and spiritual life.

# FOCUS AREA 2 Achieve Academic Excellence

**GOAL 1:** Improve the quality of instruction both inside and outside the classroom.

**GOAL 2:** Improve the quality of the curriculum.

**GOAL 3:** Improve the quality of students admitted to and retained by the college.

#### **FOCUS AREA 3**

### Ensure Continuous Improvement through Assessment and Planning

**GOAL 1:** Create and maintain a culture of assessment and accountability in the academic areas and student life.

**GOAL 2:** Create and maintain a culture of assessment and accountability in administrative areas.

**GOAL 3:** Enhance strategic planning by integrating assessment, planning and budgeting systems.

# FOCUS AREA 4 Ensure Institutional Stability and Growth

**GOAL 1:** Develop and maintain appropriate levels and quality of resources.

**GOAL 2:** Enhance institutional effectiveness and efficiency through optimization of the college's human, financial, technological and facilities resources.