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Dear Saint Mary's community,

The important ongoing renovations to campus facilities, part of the College's *Building on Strengths* five-year plan, are designed to better serve the educational and residential needs of our community by providing modern and well-maintained facilities.

Many exciting improvements to our campus are underway. Significant upgrades to residence halls include newly painted rooms, kitchen remodels, state-of-the-art laundry services and new telephone lines. Oliver Hall is being renovated to provide better service and a greater variety of food options. We will invest more than \$35 million in these facility enhancements, which will be completed over the next several years.

These improvements will create some temporary inconveniences for students, staff and faculty. For example, some campus offices will be moved to other locations to free up space for construction activity. Some students will experience temporary interruptions in certain residence hall services. Members of the community can stay abreast of renovation projects on a special page of the College website - www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/campus-renovations/index.html - that will be regularly updated.

In Saint La Salle,

Brother Ronald Gallagher