The Campus Vision establishes the blueprint for how Saint Mary’s College will physically grow and evolve over the coming years. What does the College community value in the campus? What should the character of the campus look and feel like? And how can the campus fully support the academic mission of the College?
“It is what draws students here – the beauty and quiet leads to emotional, intellectual and moral stability.”

- Saint Mary’s College Brother
The Campus Vision provides the foundation for how the College views and will utilize the various natural, physical and human elements that comprise the campus. Guided by this vision, the remainder of the Campus Master Plan articulates a range of creative and realistic strategies, concepts and improvements necessary to make the campus more sustainable and beautiful while better serving the needs of the College community.

This Campus Vision chapter includes the following sections:

- **Vision Direction**: Highlights the extensive College strategic planning process that was conducted in late 2014 through early 2015, and articulates the look, feel and function of the desired future campus.

- **Goals and Key Strategies**: Identifies clear objectives for achieving the vision.
Chapter Two: Campus Vision

Strategic Plan

In 2015 the College’s President presented a Strategic Plan that defines a compelling vision for the future intellectual vibrancy, financial strength and stability of Saint Mary’s College. It purposefully integrates institution-wide priorities and aspirations while responding to critical student, faculty, and staff needs; master planning and infrastructure improvements; and the stewardship of financial resources essential to a sustainable and competitive future. The Strategic Plan emphasizes a foundation in the liberal arts in ways such as foregrounding the importance of critical inquiry, investigating essential questions of humanity, and promoting an examined life while recognizing the need to demonstrate the practical value of a Saint Mary’s education. It strives to ensure that as the College evolves and diversifies it will preserve the core, distinguishing characteristics of a personalized, thriving Saint Mary’s community.

The Strategic Plan presents a five-year roadmap that will further realize Saint Mary’s “Distinctive Excellence” through six overarching goals:

1. Raising the Academic Profile and Distinction
2. Supporting the Student Lifestyle
3. Expanding Responsibility for Lasallian Higher Education
4. Prioritizing our Facilities and Footprint
5. Getting the Message Out
6. Ensuring Saint Mary’s Financial Stability

Strategic Plan Vision

Saint Mary’s College of California will be the leading Catholic comprehensive university in the western United States – known for its academic excellence, foundation in the liberal arts, ethical leadership for a just society and the common good, integrative and collaborative learning, and distinctive transformative education for students.
Campus Vision

Building upon the Strategic Plan, the Campus Vision (shown on the following page) provides specific focus on how the College’s overall mission and values are translated into the physical layout, design and form of the main campus in Moraga. The vision expresses what makes the campus special today and defines the College community’s desires for what the campus should become in the near future.
CAMPUS VISION

Saint Mary’s College of California is anchored by a beautiful, walkable and sustainable campus nestled in the Moraga foothills. The Chapel is a focal point of the campus and represents the College’s Catholic heritage. Intimate gathering spaces, plazas and arcades foster interaction among Brothers, students, faculty and staff. Attractive, aesthetically unified buildings, residences, and recreation facilities meet the needs of the College community.

Academic buildings, including offices, classrooms and laboratories are contemporary, technologically enhanced, and flexible to inspire discovery, creativity, reflection, and collaboration.

Combined, the Campus’s buildings, spaces and places reflect the College’s Catholic, Lasallian and liberal arts foundation, and support the dynamic and challenging academic programs that make Saint Mary’s College of California the West’s leading Catholic university.
Goals and Key Strategies

The following are specific goals necessary to fully implement the Campus Vision.

**GOAL A: IMPROVE EXISTING BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Strategy A.1:** Upgrade buildings and systems to support academic programs while maintaining the architectural heritage and intimate feel of the main campus.

**Strategy A.2:** Provide sufficient faculty office space to enable high quality and frequent student-faculty interaction.

**Strategy A.3:** Build a Library and Learning Commons that inspires discovery, reflection and collaborative learning.

**GOAL B: ENHANCE COMMUNITY VIBRANCY, SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**Strategy B.1:** Improve student-centered amenities, support 24/7 on-campus activity and strengthen the social aspects of College living.

**Strategy B.2:** Meet the growing student demand for campus residency.

**Strategy B.3:** Expand the College’s commitment to environmental sustainability and community health through operations and design.

**Strategy B.4:** Increase mobility choices by enhanced connections to regional transit, and improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.
GOAL C: SUSTAIN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION AND HISTORY

Strategy C: Reflect the core values and mission of the College in the physical campus, ensuring that the Chapel remains the physical and symbolic heart of the campus.

GOAL D: BUILD AND MAINTAIN A COHESIVE AND HUMAN-SCALED CAMPUS

Strategy D: Build and maintain an intimate and welcoming community feel, achieved through easily navigable, compact and walkable spaces that support a rich, collaborative learning environment designed to further College values, where historic architecture, sacred spaces and special places are preserved.

GOAL E: USE THE CAMPUS AS A COMMUNICATIONS TOOL

Strategy E: Leverage the campus as a valuable part of the Saint Mary’s brand, where Brothers, faculty, students, staff and visitors can enjoy the campus setting and be a part of a vibrant academic community.

GOAL F: DESIGN THE CAMPUS TO SUPPORT REVENUE GENERATION AND CONSERVATION

Strategy F: Use the campus as a partner in, and prominent backdrop for, revenue generation and fostering connections to current and future visitors and donors.