Lasallian Peer Ministers (LPM's) are undergraduate student leaders inspired by the Catholic, Lasallian heritage of Saint Mary's College. They are expected to engage the campus community in creative opportunities to explore and deepen one's faith and spirituality as well as to explore pressing social justice concerns. Further, LPM's will be providing opportunities for students to foster cooperation and dialogue, as well as to build understanding, through interfaith activities on campus.

Each Lasallian Peer Minister works in an assigned core area (examples include Liturgy, Prayer and Faith Formation, Immersions, Interfaith, Fair Trade and Social Justice Education, and Retreats).

(A full list of the areas will be available at the GaeLEAD recruitment sessions.)

This year Mission and Ministry is proud to participate in a pilot program called GaeLEAD along with Student Involvement and Leadership and Community Life.

GaeLEAD will feature shared recruitment sessions as well as one common application for Campus Activities Board, Lasallian Peer Ministry, and Peer Conduct Council.

If you are interested in applying for a Lasallian Peer Ministry position, please see the following page for information on recruitment sessions.

Please NOTE that the process for applying for this year's positions has changed from past years.

ALL applicants must attend one of the GaeLEAD recruitment sessions listed on the next page in order to apply.
Interested in being a student leader next year?

Apply Now!

Come to a GaeLEAD recruitment session to learn more about:
- Campus Activities Board
- Lasallian Peer Ministry
- Peer Conduct Council

GaeLEAD
Lead • Empower • Advocate • Develop
Student Leadership on Campus

Recruitment Sessions:
- Tuesday, March 3 at 5:00 pm in Delphine Lounge
- Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 pm in FAH 115
- Tuesday, March 10 at 5:00 pm in Delphine Lounge
- Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 pm in FAH 115
- Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00 pm in Delphine Lounge
- Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30 pm in FAH 115
- Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00 pm in Delphine Lounge
- Wednesday, March 25 at 1:30 pm in FAH 130

*Must attend a recruitment session to apply

Application deadline: Wednesday, April 8th
Questions/Concerns: jkf3@stmarys-ca.edu

GaeLEAD
Saint Mary's College of California

CAB
Saint Mary's College of California

PCC
Saint Mary's College of California
Hello, my name is Lynette Sandoval and I am a senior at Saint Mary’s College and will be graduating this May with a Physics degree. Once upon a time, during my freshmen year at SMC I was introduced to Berkeley Food and Housing Program by my friend, Ciera Alvarez. Ciera went to the first Berkeley Food and Housing Project and she loved it loved and told me I had to go and experience it with her. It was one of the most amazing experiences I have had. We were serving about 70 men and we would cook, eat with them, and clean up. This first time changed me, I have done service my whole life thinking I was prepared and that this was no different than any other service experience. This was different, I was serving with people who cared about others and I was serving men who had amazing and interesting stories. They were wonderful and just made me smile the whole time I was there and made me love life. From this moment on, I was hooked. Ciera and I went every time it was offered and still keep going to this day.

I have learned many things in my four years being involved with Berkeley Food and Housing Project. Every Berkeley Food and Housing Project night I went to, my eyes were opened wider and wider. One can never stop learning about people, and we gain a little bit of knowledge each time. Being in front of a person is a different experience, than hearing about it. We have to open ourselves up to let others in and know that we may not understand what they have gone through but we are there to listen and be there for them. Listening is one of the key features to understanding a person and showing them you are trustworthy. The men of Berkeley Food and Housing Project taught me this and do this every time I go. They let us in their home to cook and share a meal with them. They have big hearts and open them up to us and let us know what they are going through, how they got there, their families, their lives, their bachelors/masters degrees, and pretty much anything that they want to share. By them opening up and trusting us, we start to open up and let them and others in as well. It is a combination of helping one another.

They may believe that we are the only one’s helping, but really they give us so much more. It may been for selfish reasons that I went every time: wanting to learn more about the men, to feel welcomed and to gain a sense belonging with those who serve with me but I welcome this selfishness. I challenge everyone to accept this selfishness of wanting to know people and being there for them. It makes you treasure life more and appreciate it. I have learned so much and am grateful for Berkeley Food and Housing Project for providing this experience for me, I would not be who I am today without it.

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**Weekly Hall Mass**

Come and Strengthen your Faith by Celebrating the Eucharist in an informal setting with Father Dave and your friends.

Wednesday nights at 9:30pm in the Student Lounge of Michael E. Ageno Hall, 2nd Floor

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**Watch Movies at Brother Clarence’s Theater**

Showing this Thursday at 9:00pm, “OCTOBER SKY” is the true, inspirational story of Homer Hickman, America’s rocket expert from the mining backwoods of Coalwood, West Virginia.

The films are shown in Brother Clarence’s Theater in the Brothers Residence across from the Founders Dining Room (just off the Chapel courtyard with the fountain). Brother Clarence has many movies available for showing by appointment.

Contact Brother Clarence at 925-285-7573 or cschenk@stmarys-ca.edu for more information about the theater or to request a showing of a film.
**Santiago Community**

The Santiago Community reunited with Fr. Sal Ragusa, SDS in his new ministry at Holy Names University. Yes, that is the same Fr. Sal who ministered for years here at SMC. We celebrated with him at Mass, joined around the table for a meal and stayed for Praise and Worship, an event we are also bringing to SMC on March 25th. March service finds us at the annual De Marillac Academy Gala raising money for student scholarships. Our Santiago Community has worked this Gala for five years, because we realize that these scholarships allow students without financial aid the opportunity to receive a quality education. Community time often finds us at an Ageno West potluck, but this March we are having a kickball game against the Lasallian Community on Sunday afternoon, March 15th. Building community often starts in a room or suite, but we know these relationships can grow across the SMC campus.

**Lasallian Community**

The Lasallian Community has a variety of joyous activities planned for the month of March. On the 15th we will be playing kickball as a combined event with the Santiago Community at the Moraga Commons. We continue our community nights, and on March 17th we’ll be having a Saint Patrick’s Day celebration! This event will hopefully feature some of our community’s musicians as well as the best greens we can pull out of our wardrobes. In addition to these events, we will again be hosting the fifth graders of Saint Martin de Porres, this time at the Exploratorium! The Lasallian Community is getting settled into the semester and getting ready for some memorable moments!

**Blackfeet Nation Montana Immersion**

For Jan Term break, Mission and Ministry teamed up with the Applied Theater Initiative to work in Browning, Montana at the De La Salle Blackfeet School. Nine students and two faculty spent the week on the reservation learning about Native spirituality and Blackfeet (Pikunni) history while getting to know the students through teaching and basketball/kickball (the two most popular sports at the school). Along with the school experience, we spent a significant amount of time reflecting with our group. Through prayer and discussions, we discovered what it meant for us to have faith and work in social justice.

The Applied Theater Cohort held interactive workshops on writing as well bullying. It was amazing to see how engaged the 4th graders were when we offered them the chance to act. They came up with responses to bullies and ways to protect their friends. Most memorable for me was listening to their discussion about what it meant to be a “scaredy cat” and their recognition that they didn’t need to care about the label when they were being the bigger person. Through listening and contemplating spirituality, the Blackfeet Immersion brought us together in ways that I could never have predicted. More than learning the history and meeting people in MMC, the trip succeeded in challenging my expectations and opening my eyes to a different community both at Saint Mary’s and beyond.

- Emily Redfern
DESERT Prayer
at Saint Mary’s College
STOP, REFLECT AND DRAW CLOSE
TO CHRIST DURING LENT.
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7PM - CHAPEL

Feb 25  TAKE NONVIOLENCE TO THE MAINSTREAM
        Presented by Fr. John Dear, Priest/Activist/Speaker

Mar 4  TAIZE MUSIC & PRAYER
        A unique style of simple and elegant melodies of praise.

Mar 11 WHAT IS EVIL?
       Presented by Fr. Gary Thomas, Priest/Exorcist/Speaker

Mar 18 PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
       With Rev. Vickia Brinkley, MMC, St. Giles & Intervarsity

Mar 25 XALT
       Worship, Adoration & the Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAYS
Renew the call to attend Mass on Sundays. Join together to pray, worship and give thanks to God. You are always welcome.
11 AM (Brother’s Mass)
AND
8 PM (Student Mass)

MONDAYS
Reflection is a pathway to connect with Jesus.
Join Br. Camillus for Seven Meditations On the Life of Jesus
7 PM – 8:30 PM
FAH 120
See flyer for details.

For questions
Contact Vince Nims at 631-4814 or vfn1@stmarys-ca.edu
Fair Trade Friday

Thank you to everyone who made our February Fair Trade Friday a success! We sold 200 fair trade roses from Ecuador for Valentine’s Day and lots of chocolate.

Our March Fair Trade Friday will be held on March 13 from 9am-12pm, not the first Friday of the month as usual.

We will be featuring many different chocolates, baking mixes from the Women’s Bean Project, and much more!

Weddings at SMC

You may already know that the Saint Mary’s College Chapel is home to numerous weddings throughout the year, but did you know that is possible to have your marriage vows renewed in this beautiful location as well? Weddings and vow renewals in the Chapel are limited to alumni of the College as well as currently employed full-time faculty and staff, which makes a ceremony in the Chapel even more special.

For more information, contact the Coordinator of Wedding Services, Colleen da Silva, at extension 4569.
“As a vivid example of our Lasallian core principles, the center is filled with boys from very poor families who are offered an opportunity to advance their education while serving out their court mandated stays. As Lasallian volunteers, we joined the boys in daily prayer services and gospel sharing, their classroom activities, their mealtimes, their chores and their play. As we got to know Br. Dan, the staff and the boys, we could see how Bahay Pag-asa is a family, maybe a family with a few more problems than most, but a family filled with peers and adults who are completely committed to the well-being of each other.” - Margaret Brown-Salazar

Margaret, one of our SMC librarians, is describing Bahay Pag-asa (“House of Hope”), a youth correctional facility in Bacolod City, Philippines, where she spent the month of January as a participant in the brand new mission education program, Lasallian Service Internship for Staff and Faculty - LSISF.

LSISF is an opportunity for SMC staff and faculty to travel internationally, live in community, and participate in service alongside students enrolled in the Lasallian Service Internship (LSI) course at a Lasallian ministry during Jan Term. The LSI Jan Term course has been providing students with the opportunity to serve the poor and live out the Lasallian mission since 1985. Additionally, Saint Mary’s has long invited faculty and staff to participate in “mission education” programming in order to deepen understanding and engagement with the global Lasallian mission. This new program seeks to combine these two experiences while creating an opportunity for building community and association between staff, faculty, students, and Lasallians around the world.

Besides Margaret, who traveled with 4 SMC students, two other staff members participated in this experience.

Jennifer Herzog, Director of New Student and Family Programs, traveled with 5 students to Po Thum, Cambodia where the group taught English to the children at the La Salle Educational Center.

Sue Birkenseer, also a librarian, and a group of 5 students worked alongside Brothers and their Lasallian Partners to teach English to young adults at the La Salle English and Computer Center in Yangon, Myanmar.

All three experienced first-hand how the Lasallian mission is lived out in another part of the world, and our SMC community is vastly richer for it.

Margaret, Jen, and Sue shared their experiences and photos during a presentation on Wednesday, March 4 in Dryden Hall.

This mission education opportunity is sponsored by the Office of Mission, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academics, and the Mission and Ministry Center.

SMC Staff and Faculty interested in participating in the LSISF program in January 2016 should contact Carrie Davis, cak6@stmarys-ca.edu, ext. 4982.
Post Graduate Volunteer Programs

Unsure about what you are doing after graduation? Want to live somewhere new? Love social justice?
Think about doing a year of service after you graduate. Many of the programs cover your transportation costs, housing, cost of food, loan deferment, and give a monthly stipend.
There are opportunities abroad and domestic. There are a variety of placements that will give you hands-on experience in many fields including education, social services, law, medicine, campus ministry, and more.
Many Saint Mary's students participate in the Lasallian Volunteers program.

Go to the Catholic Volunteer Network Website to search for programs that will be best for you.
https://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org/search-program

If you would like to know more details about the experience of doing a year of volunteer service, please contact the Mission and Ministry Center at 925-631-4366 and we can connect you with SMC staff or graduate students who have completed a year or more of full time, faith-based service.

Lasallian Volunteers Deadline:
March 17: 3rd Round Application Deadline

Koinonia II Retreat

Want a weekend to get away, to reflect, and to share in faith and community with your fellow students?

Join us for Saint Mary’s Koinonia II Retreat April 10th-12th.
Located at the beautiful Saint Joseph's Camp by the Russian River, this weekend offers a time for students to take a step back from the busyness of college life, and further grow in their relationship with their self, God, and others.

This retreat is open to all undergraduate students! Applications are now available in the Mission & Ministry Center.

The cost of the retreat is $60.

Do not miss this amazing opportunity!

Limited to 40 retreatants!

For more information, contact Philip Goodwin at pdg2@stmarys-ca.edu or Gabbi Carroll at gbc1@stmarys-ca.edu
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De La Salle Week 2015
April 19 - 26

Full Schedule of Events Coming Soon!

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