Dear members of the Saint Mary’s College staff,

As we embark on a new academic year and I begin my second year here as your President, I want to relate some of what I have learned so far about our remarkable College and the amazing people who make it that way. In most academic institutions, including Saint Mary’s College, the focus is most often on the students and the faculty, as is natural. However, I know that the backbone of the institution, the people that make it all work, the personnel who are the true face of the mission and character of the place, is comprised of the dedicated and hard-working staff. That is my experience of all of you.

It is through your daily activities and far-ranging interactions with people both on and off campus, that the quality, heart, and excellence of Saint Mary’s is expressed and enlivened. Your on-going efforts reinforce the Lasallian mission, and the results are measurable. As an institution, Saint Mary’s College stands out as a special place, a “college that changes lives,” and you the staff are an integral element of the whole.

I thank you for everything you do for Saint Mary’s. I take this opportunity to welcome you to the beginning of what promises to be a landmark new year in the life of the College. Our new Strategic Plan is in the process of being crafted with vital input from all constituent groups. When completed, we will have a road map to lead us as a whole community into the future. I also wish to acknowledge the members of the Staff Council who continue to work with creativity and diligence on behalf of all of you.

It is a joy to be part of the Gael community with you,

President James A. Donahue
Staff Council is...

4 standing committees:

- **Bylaws & Elections**
  
  We draft, propose, and update the by-laws and operating procedures of the Council while conducting the annual election of members.

- **Communications & Outreach**
  
  We explore, recommend, and facilitate initiatives to raise campus-wide awareness of matters related to the Council.

- **Compensation & Benefits**
  
  We explore, analyze, and evaluate proposals related to salary and benefits, in consultation with the Human Resources Department and Vice President for Finance.

- **Development & Climate**
  
  We are responsive to the concerns or needs expressed by members of the Council and their constituents, and recommend actions to address those concerns.

16 elected staff members:

- Janet Amador
- Tracey Donaldson
- Joan Iva C. Fawcett
- Audrey Freeman
- Mike Jung
- Scott Logan
- Patrick Lorenzo
- Sara Mumolo
- Rita Pearson
- Latifa Popal
- Suzie Swift
- Mark Tapiarene
- Janet Thys
- Irene Umipig
- Carole Wolf
- Elise Wong

Check out our new website!

Interested in staff issues? You’ve come to the right place. From professional development to compensation and benefits, we’ve got our hands in just about everything.

http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/staff-council