



St. Mary's Ryken
A College Preparatory Catholic High School

September 10, 2018

Dear Member of the St. Mary's Ryken Community,

Every day is a great day to be a Knight! Every day we see our St. Mary's Ryken community grow and prosper. School is off to an excellent start, construction progress is seen daily on the Donnie Williams Center, and plans for the new SMR Innovation Lab/STEM facilities will soon become reality. We know that 2018 – 2019 is going to be a time of tremendous accomplishment.

It is also a time of transition. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I write this letter to share the news that Mary Joy Hurlburt will culminate her leadership as President at St. Mary's Ryken at the end of this school year.

Since 2005, the SMR community has been blessed with Mary Joy's vision, insight and wisdom. As a teacher, department chair, Dean of Academics, Principal and President, Mary Joy has exemplified the Xaverian values of humility, trust, zeal, compassion and simplicity. Guided by her leadership, our school has enjoyed enormous success and our students have been profoundly impacted.

Mary Joy often says "Everyone, through their uniqueness, brings something special to our school and makes it a better place." She has called out the graced potential of our students for many years and generously shared her own many gifts and talents. We are tremendously grateful for Mary Joy's exemplary commitment and dedication.

Recognizing the magnitude of the task to find the next President of St. Mary's Ryken High School, the Board of Directors has engaged Catholic School Management (CSM), a division of Christian Brothers Services, to facilitate a national search. CSM staff will be on campus later in September to initiate the search process.

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A Search Committee is being formed, and will comprise of representatives of the Board, Xaverian leadership, alumni, parents, and friends of St. Mary's Ryken. I am pleased to announce that the Search Committee will be chaired by Dr. Keith Crowley, a member of the Board and Principal at St. John's Preparatory School, a Xaverian Brothers Sponsored school in Danvers, MA. The St. Mary's Ryken Board of Directors will appoint a new President who will take office on July 1, 2019.

Members of the Search Committee will be posted on the St. Mary's Ryken webpage within the next week.

We will provide periodic updates to the school community throughout the search process. In addition, there will be a page on the St. Mary's Ryken website that will contain information about the search and will serve as a means for anyone in the school community to ask questions and offer input to the Search Committee. That page will be active within a few days.

Thank you for your support of St. Mary's Ryken. Please keep this effort and all members of the SMR family in your prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Burke', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Mr. James M. Burke 'SMR 86
Chair
Board of Directors

