



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

September 10, 2018

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

Words fail to express my tremendous appreciation for the gift of St. Mary's Ryken in my life these past 33 years and the last 13 as President. The decision to retire did not come easy, for I love our school and the exuberant experience of being in our school is so much more than "work". To be part of the SMR community, to be a member of this inspiring family of faith – students, parents, alumni, staff – is one of the greatest blessings in my life.

I am so proud of our students and their accomplishments. It has been a privilege to accompany them on this vital journey toward adulthood. I am honored to work with our faculty – second to none – as they enable these young men and women to determine not only where they will go next, but more importantly, who they will be.

The culture, the feeling in our school, the enduring Xaverian charism and values, the care and guidance our teachers give our students, all speaks to a place where we truly do, each day, fall in love with the service of God. You see why it is hard to leave...

I conclude this final year with full confidence in our faculty, staff, Board and community to keep everything here at St. Mary Ryken High School moving to the next level of excellence. We are poised for ongoing success, and I know that with the commitment and dedication of so many we will continue to inspire a future for our St. Mary's Ryken.

Our theme this year is simplicity, so suffice it to say I thank you so very much, and look forward to a wonderful year as I bring to close my graced partnership with all of you at SMR.

With enormous gratitude,

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President and CEO
A Knight Forever!

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