



Dear Mount Alumni,

It's our turn ... and it's our time!

The Sisters of Charity most certainly embraced that "carpe diem" moment in the years following World War II, when the Mount leveraged its growing enrollment and recognized the need to open a new campus (as told in this issue's feature story, "The Legacy Grows"). Now, we stand at the precipice of another milestone that will define Mount St. Joseph University's legacy for decades to come.

As I shared last spring and continue to discuss with supporters and advisors of the Mount, Transformation 2025—our new strategic vision—will embrace, augment, and amplify the Mount's rigorous, holistic approach to continually improving our teaching capacity and effectiveness, and preparing students to meet the future as they devise creative, impactful solutions that serve communities. This new vision embraces critical dimensions for enhancements as we strive to provide students the learning experiences that produce their desired outcomes—jobs, graduate school placements, and enriched lives.

In the months ahead, as this vision evolves into a strategic plan, we will share more details regarding Transformation 2025, including ways all of you can get involved. Even the most enterprising and well-defined goals require the support of our dedicated Mount community. I am confident you will be pleased with the transformative roadmap we have begun to lay out for the many years ahead.

As we move closer to the University's centennial celebration in 2020, we begin to recognize and appreciate more intensely the boundless wisdom, intelligence, and commitment of our Sisters of Charity. Perhaps no one exemplified these qualities better than the incredible Sister Jean Patrice Harrington, SC, '53, who graces this issue's cover. An unforgettable influence to all who knew her, she inspired students, faculty, parents, alumni, the Cincinnati community, and beyond. Indeed, I was humbled by her presence when she attended my inauguration and—like the entire Mount community—I mourned her passing this past summer. To earn even a fraction of the success she earned while serving as Mount president would make me most fortunate.

To recount Sister Jean's innumerable contributions and the lives she touched would be an impossible endeavor. I encourage you to share your memories with *Mount News*, at msj.edu/SisterJeanPatrice, for a future issue. For now, we can all take comfort knowing that we are blessed to have her as a guiding light that will forever define Mount St. Joseph University. Moreover, I think she would be pleased to know that we embrace fully the notion that it's our turn and it's our time, to move the Mount to the next level of excellence—to meet the challenges of the next 100 years and beyond!

Best regards,

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