

July 11, 2012

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213½ N Limestone
Lexington, KY
40507

Dear AASHE STARS Program Officers:

Re: Saint Mary's University STARS

Saint Mary's University is proud to enclose the STARS submission to AASHE. I am pleased to affirm that the submission to the STARS program is accurate, complete and representative of our commitment to sustainability.

Sustainability organically emerged onto the Saint Mary's campus through grass-root initiatives and has since been indoctrinated into the governance structure of the University. With multi-stakeholder involvement in the development of the living strategy, Saint Mary's has championed a number of sustainability related projects including but not limited to: two research based green roofs, a fully functional three story living wall housed in a new building built to LEED Silver standards, a major energy conservation project, a wide spread recycling program, an annual Sustainability Events Week, and the conversion to natural gas.

The STARS process has provided Saint Mary's University with an opportunity to inventory and understand our strengths and areas of opportunity for program development. Saint Mary's thanks AASHE for providing this opportunity to assess our University, set a baseline and benchmark our initiatives.

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Colin Dodds
President

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Enclosure