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The STARS Steering Committee The Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 213 1/2 North Limestone Boulevard Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear members of the STARS Steering Committee:

Saint Joseph's College is committed to advancing and strengthening sustainability on campus and in our community. Reflecting this concerted effort, the College is pleased to submit its second STARS report. STARS has provided us a tool to benchmark our performance and acknowledge campus efforts to increase the presence of sustainability throughout campus.

It is with great satisfaction that I endorse the accuracy of the College's second STARS Report for official submittal to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Steering Committee. The College community has worked hard to compile data that reflects the many areas of sustainability efforts and accomplishments across campus.

Our community has made strides through the engagement of students, faculty, staff, and senior leadership to further integrate sustainability into institutional priorities and activities across campus life. Moving forward, the College has room for even more improvements and thus I encourage and support all campus stakeholders to actively participate in raising awareness and driving innovation for sustainability. The STARS framework has and will continue to serve as a way to capture our growing sustainability program.

I am pleased to submit Saint Joseph's College's STARS report as a testament to the College's longstanding commitment to environmental, social, and economic justice. We look forward to future submittals and increasing our rating as our campus sustainability initiative evolves.

Sincerely,

Jim Dlugds, President Saint Joseph's College