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## Office of the President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit our updated STARS Report for your review and confirmation. Building on the considerable effort of Saint Mary's College Sustainability Committee and many contributing faculty, staff, and students, I can affirm that the information contained in this report is an accurate reflection of our efforts and accomplishments. Significant progress has been made with the tracking of our data with the new hire of a Sustainability Coordinator and invigorated efforts at campus engagement in our sustainability priorities.

As I shared with our first submission to STARS, Saint Mary's sees sustainability as deeply connected to its Lasallian mission, which encourages our faculty, staff, and students to actively engage in improving the human condition across all its facets. While we are proud of our accomplishments in resource sustainability, the success resulting from our unique programs that address sustainability in the lives of the worldwide community is of particular significance for our college.

We thank AASHE and their partners for creating STARS, and providing a transparent process that allows us to learn from others. The STARS reporting tool has provided us a valuable way to evaluate and benchmark our efforts to date, while prioritizing future efforts for continued improvement.

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Sincerely,

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President