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Mount combats the skyrocketing cost of textbooks

The Mount is aggressively recruiting adult- undergraduate and transfer students with a new free book policy. The offer also includes new financial aid packages for transfer students along with the textbook offer to help offset the cost of tuition.

"We realize this is a bold, but necessary move to help our students with the rising cost of today's textbooks," says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. [Learn more about the initiative.](#)



[Feast of All Souls](#)



Four New Schools + Four New Deans

The beginning of the new academic year also signals new changes at the Mount with the reorganization into new schools. Each of the new deans is a familiar face at the Mount and brings years of academic and leadership experience and refined expertise. [Learn more.](#)



Alum Returns to Direct Pre-Law Program

Ed Egan, C'77, earned his Law Degree from Catholic

University in 1980. His professional experiences include being an accomplished attorney, business owner, insurance and surety expert and community leader. [Read more about the Pre-Law Program.](#)



New Director of Center for Professional and Continuing Studies

Joe Lebherz has been named Director of the Mount's Center for Professional and Continuing Studies. Have friends who need to finish their bachelor's degree? [Tell them about the Info Session for Working Adults on Nov. 5.](#)



Attack of the Ladybugs

Students swatted. Faculty ducked and covered. Dr. David Bushman, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, put on his entomologist hat. The local media came out to see just how many ladybugs were swarming the Mount campus. Alumni reminisced on Facebook about similar invasions during their time here. [See what had everyone talking this October.](#)



Students Attend UN Seminar

Just a week after the spring semester ended, three Mount students joined fifty other college students from around the country at the Holy See Mission to the United Nations in New York City to participate in a five day seminar on Catholic Social Teaching. [Jed Crook, Katherine McDonagh, and Elizabeth Walsh share their experiences.](#)



Men's Basketball Preview

[Check out the stats and schedules. The Mount takes on rival Loyola on Saturday, Nov. 21 at home. Come cheer them on.](#) Go Mount!



Invitation to come visit the Mount

It's common wisdom in the Mount Admissions Office that once prospective

students step foot on the Mount campus, they are hooked. [To that end, a new admissions video was developed for the Mount website and admissions events around the country.](#) Once prospective students view the video, they'll just have to come to the Mount and check us out!

Throwdown with Fr. Leo

The Mount's very own Fr. Leo took on Bobby Flay in a battle of the grills! Fr. Leo triumphed with the tastiest fajitas. What gave him the edge? [Find out.](#)

The Mount, Fr. Leo and Msgr. Swetland will also be on CBS Sunday Morning on Sunday, November 22. More details will be posted on the Mount website.



Think Snow

Even though it's pumpkin season, we're hard at work on the Mount's E-Christmas Card. Send us your favorite Mount winter/Christmas photographs and we'll include some of them and post them on our Facebook page. Email communications@msmary.edu



Proyecto Elizabeth

Elizabeth DiNunzio died last May, just days before graduating from the Mount. Professor Diana Rodriguez-Lozano and Elizabeth's roommates and friends have organized this trip in Elizabeth's memory. The group will build sidewalks at a school in Tortuguero and will visit the Volcán Arenal, Elizabeth's favorite excursion.

Deadline to apply is December 15. For an application, itinerary and details on transportation, contact Dr. Rodríguez-Lozano at lozano@msmary.edu.

LaVang Shrine

The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes recently hosted the 26th Annual Pilgrimage of the Vietnamese Catholic Community of the Mid Atlantic States. Nineteen Vietnamese communities came together for a day of prayer in gratitude to The Blessed Mother. [Read more about the LaVang Shrine.](#)



Save the Date

Thursday, November 5

"Caritas in Veritate": Philosophical Foundations and Future Prospects

John Rist, professor emeritus of Philosophy and Classics, University of Toronto, and currently Visiting Professor at the Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum in Rome.
Knott Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16

2nd Annual Symposium on Socially Responsible Investing

Steve Lydenberg, chief investment officer, Domini Social Investments, and Dave Stangis, vice president, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, Campbell's Soup Company
Knott Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2

Graduate Open House

Center for Professional and Continuing Studies, Frederick, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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