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**TO THE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION, STUDENTS,
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
FROM FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY:
GREETINGS AND PEACE IN THE LORD**

As the president of one of the youngest Jesuit universities in the United States, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the entire St. Mary's University community on the occasion of your Bicentennial celebration.

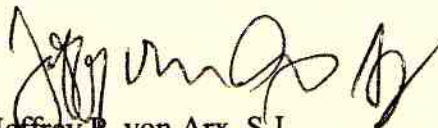
The Book of Proverbs warns us that "charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting," but that true permanence rests upon "a fear of the Lord."

The fact that Mount St. Mary's University has prospered through civil and world wars, financial depressions, natural disasters, and a myriad of other lesser challenges shows that it is an institution whose permanence rests on a clear vision of its mission and a true sense of its identity.

At Fairfield we are especially grateful for the number of fine priests now serving the people of the Bridgeport Diocese who received their education at Mount St. Mary's University.

We also deeply respect your commitment to the Catholic values of education and the way in which you are living out the vision of Father John Dubois.

May God continue to bless the good work being done at Mount St. Mary's University for at least another two hundred years.



Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J.
President

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