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M. Therese Antone, RSM, President

The mission of Salve Regina encourages the community to “seek wisdom and promote universal justice.” Emanating from the goals of the founding Sisters of Mercy, the University mission calls us to move from fact to knowledge toward wisdom, and to inspire others to strive with determination to “work for a world that is harmonious, just and merciful.” The education we provide must, therefore, extend far beyond the earning of a degree; beyond the abundance of facts or a wealth of information. It must incorporate lasting values and address the heart and soul as well as the mind.

It is a distinct honor and privilege to express my gratitude to the faculty of Salve Regina for continuing the rich heritage on which the University was founded. Their efforts to embrace mercy and weave its spirit into the curriculum contribute significantly to promoting the enduring vision of our founders. The 60th Anniversary Faculty Symposium, *Mercy Illuminates*, was the result of faculty discussions, over the course of several years, on the virtue of mercy. It is just one example of how the faculty demonstrates the importance of making the University mission a vibrant living document that guides an education grounded in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy. I give special thanks to the members of the faculty who made presentations at the symposium and contributed to this publication.

On behalf of the University community, I also wish to thank Sister Leona Misto, Vice President for Mission Integration. Working behind the scenes, she has generously and creatively encouraged and facilitated the building of community and mission awareness. Through her efforts, faculty, staff and students continue to gain a deeper appreciation for the goals set forth by the founding Sisters of Mercy.

As we progress on the path toward wisdom and the realization of justice, may we with courage, creativity and hope continue to be bearers of the torch of learning fueled by the spirit and virtue of mercy. ❧