



## MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY

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*“There is ongoing news coverage and public discussion relating to Mount St. Mary’s continuing adherence to the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are receiving expressions of concern along with an upwelling of support from students, parents, alumnae and the community. In recognition of the broad range of opinions and interest regarding this matter, we are providing information for public consideration.*

*While an employee may choose to share information in regards to personnel matters, Mount St. Mary’s policy is not to publicly discuss these matters out of the respect for the privacy of all of our faculty members, just as we respect and safeguard our students’ privacy. Our mission, though, is a matter of public record.*

*Mount St. Mary Academy was incorporated in 1851 to ensure that students in Arkansas could receive an excellent education along with a solid Catholic foundation. As a Catholic school, we adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church and are committed to the vision that has guided us for more than 160 years.*

*Sometimes adherence to the Church’s teachings may be difficult, challenging and/or unpopular. We recognize that some may disagree with our actions, and we respect their right to do so. We also value the continuing support and understanding shown by the Diocese of Little Rock and the many others who recognize that, as a Catholic school, our actions must be aligned with what we believe and teach.*

*Our primary concern is the well-being of our students. Their parents have entrusted us to provide an excellent education and build a strong foundation for our students, and we remain focused on that mission.”*

– Karen Flake, President/CEO  
Mount St. Mary Academy

