

## **Executive Vice President Susan M. Donovan, Ph.D., to leave Loyola to be president of Bellarmine University**

Dear Members of the Loyola Community:

I am delighted to share that Executive Vice President Susan M. Donovan, Ph.D., has accepted an offer to serve as the next president of Bellarmine University, a Catholic liberal arts institution in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Donovan will continue to serve in her role at Loyola through the completion of the spring semester before becoming president of Bellarmine on July 1.

When I say I am delighted, I must convey that I am also, of course, extraordinarily sorry to see Dr. Donovan leave Loyola after her 32 years of service. The breadth and depth of the impact of her many contributions to Loyola University Maryland are impossible to capture. Before Dr. Donovan was appointed Loyola's executive vice president in 2011, she served as the chief student development officer since 1988. In her current role, Susan touches almost every part of the University's operations, providing executive leadership for the divisions of advancement, enrollment management and communications, and student development, while overseeing the Center for Community Service and Justice, campus ministry, public safety, career services, external affairs, intercollegiate athletics, mission integration, the York Road Initiative, and the Green and Grey Society alumni network.

Through her servant leadership, Dr. Donovan has, indeed, left her mark on Loyola, setting a gold standard for the service and care the University provides to students, deepening Loyola's commitment to service in and beyond Baltimore, and inspiring our community to engage more fully in essential conversations around racial justice and equity.

I have always had absolute confidence in Dr. Donovan and her abilities and sound judgment, and she has demonstrated her outstanding leadership and her ongoing commitment to our community over the years. During my sabbatical leave in fall 2015, Dr. Donovan served as acting president, handling every challenge with her trademark insight and grace.

Worth noting is that it was at Loyola that Dr. Donovan met her husband, Bill Donovan, Ph.D., associate professor of history. Many of us have had the pleasure of watching their twin daughters, Meghan and Caitlin, grow up over the years.

Throughout her decades at Loyola, Dr. Donovan has consistently served our Loyola University Maryland community with exceptional leadership and a true understanding of *cura personalis*, caring for each individual—and with particular attention to the needs of our students.

I will update the Loyola community regarding my plans for the executive vice president vacancy at a later date. Today, please join me in thanking Dr. Donovan, congratulating her, and wishing her well on this wonderful new chapter in her life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Brian F. Linnane, S.J.  
President