OMAHA, Neb. – In response to the ongoing national conversation regarding costs and results of student participation in higher education, College of Saint Mary has taken two immediate steps in an effort to provide college-bound students and their family’s clear, easily accessible and understandable information regarding college expenses and outcomes.

In February 2013, the College of Saint Mary board of directors approved a one price tuition, with no additional fees charged for any reason to provide as affordable an educational experience as possible. This new tuition strategy begins for the Fall 2013 semester. The one price was developed to assist families in their financial planning regarding their educational commitment.

Additionally, College of Saint Mary supports the concept of a Federal College Scorecard, which the government recently unveiled, in order to provide transparency and comparative information to prospective students and their parents of the individual institutions. While the recently posted scorecard attempts to address these issues, there are limitations in that only students who are attending college for the first time are reflected in some of this data. CSM, like many other colleges and universities across the nation, serves a large number of transfer and non-traditional students, who are very successful but are not reflected in the Federal College Scorecard. In addition, much of the data on the Federal College Scorecard does not explicitly state the time period over which the data was collected.

To provide a more accurate and timely reflection of the students College of Saint Mary serves, CSM assembled its own CSM College Scorecard, posted on the CSM website along with the Federal Scorecard information.
College of Saint Mary, founded in Omaha in 1923, is the region's only Catholic college for women. With approximately 1,000 students, CSM is dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership. For more information on CSM, visit CSM.edu.

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