

## **RIVIER'S NEW PRESIDENT: SISTER PAULA MARIE BULEY, IHM** (Announcement, May 19, 2011)

**Jamison G. Hoff**  
**Chair, The Board of Trustees**



Dear Rivier College Colleagues and Friends:

On behalf of the Rivier College Corporation and the Board of Trustees, it gives me great pleasure to announce that **Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM** has been named the new President of Rivier College. Unanimously elected following a national search, Sister Paula Marie is an inspirational leader with enormous energy, vision, talent, experience, and faith. In addition to superb communication, management, motivational, and organization skills, Sr. Paula Marie is noted for her particular abilities to move people and programs to new levels of excellence. During a recent visit to our campus, she consistently inspired and energized people, leaving colleagues motivated to reach even higher and further in their efforts for Rivier.

A member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA, Sister Paula Marie brings to Rivier more than twenty-five years of experience in higher education administration. Formerly Executive Vice President of Administration at Seton Hall University, Sister Paula has served in senior roles at Anna Maria College, Mount St. Mary University and Immaculata University. She holds advanced degrees: an Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A.L.S. in Catholic Studies from Georgetown University, and an MBA from Villanova University. Sister Paula's professional service has included extensive accreditation experiences, and the implementation of comprehensive master plans and program which support teaching and learning excellence. As an educator and leader she has a deep appreciation of the history, vision, and mission of Rivier College to "Transform hearts and minds to serve the world." This mission resonates deeply with the mission of Catholic higher education, the value of the liberal arts, and the community of service engendered by programs of professional study. Sister Paula's research interests include issues of organizational governance and leadership in higher education.

Sr. Paula Marie will begin her presidency in service to the Rivier community on August 1, 2011. When notified of her election, she shared that, "I am deeply honored by the opportunity to join the Rivier College community. I look forward to collaborating with trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the College in the development and implementation of an aspirational strategic plan." Our College enjoys such a convivial spirit of fellowship and support that I know you will each join me in welcoming Sr. Paula Marie to her new leadership role at Rivier.

The process that identified Sr. Paula Marie began in October 2010, and was conducted by a search committee of eleven people. For many months, your search committee invested significant time and talent on behalf of Rivier, and with profound gratitude, I wish to thank each of them for the tremendous service they have given the College. Presidential Search Committee members were:

1. Dr. Jamison G. Hoff, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Search Committee Chair
2. Sister Suzanne Bourret '72, Chair, Rivier College Corporation; and Provincial Superior, Manchester Province, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
3. Mr. Leon P. Brassard '97 (Hon.), Trustee of the College and Treasurer of the Board
4. Mr. John J. Dagianis, MD, Trustee of the College, Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
5. Professor Timothy J. Doherty, Rivier Faculty, Department of English, elected by Faculty
6. Sister Marie Henault '71, Vice Chair, Rivier College Corporation; Assistant Provincial Superior, Manchester Province, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
7. The Honorable Joseph N. Laplante, US District Court Judge and Trustee of the College
8. Sister Therese Larochelle '71, '75, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, elected by Sisters
9. Mr. Richard K. Perrine, Director of Facilities Management, elected by Staff
10. Ms Linda Lemery Robinson '69, '79, '94 (Hon.) Rivier Alumna and Trustee of the College
11. Mr. Samuel A. Tamposi, Jr., Trustee of the College and Chair, Tamposi Scholarship Committee.

In addition, I want to thank each Sister, student, staff member, faculty, trustee, and friend who participated personally in this important choice of new leadership for Rivier. Many of you contributed your ideas and priorities in the campus-wide conversation last fall which created the Leadership Profile used by the search committee in its consideration of candidates. Many of you participated in the small-group sessions during campus visits of finalist candidates and took the time and interest to share your advice afterward. I am convinced that our comprehensive work together as one community resulted in the excellent, exciting outcome, and that Sr. Paula Marie Buley will be an outstanding President of Rivier College.

Sincerely,

Jamison G. Hoff  
Chair of the Board of Trustees