

COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 19, 2012

Dear Alumnae/i, Students, Faculty, Friends, Parents, and Staff of the College:

It is not possible to describe the immense grief that the parents, family, friends, and neighbors of Newtown now endure or the feelings we all share. The Biblical Slaughter of the Innocents again teaches us about what is sacred and the obligations to which we are all called, but that calling does not remove pain or suffering from this life.

At the College, we mourn. And we, like schools everywhere, do what we must do: we reexamine policies, plan safety exercises, and pray for the children and families who suffer most acutely.

I know our alumnae/i and friends will join us in remembering our children and the power of love this Christmas as we celebrate the Light that is beyond understanding and can banish the darkness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Flynn, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Charles L. Flynn, Jr.