

# **Saint Mary's University Pension Plan**

## **Notice to Members of the former Pension Plan for Support Staff of Saint Mary's University**

As a member of the former Pension Plan for Support Staff of Saint Mary's University ("Support Staff Plan"), you received notice last year of the merger of the Support Staff Plan into the former Pension Plan for Faculty and Administrative Staff of Saint Mary's University. The merged pension plan is now known as the Saint Mary's University Pension Plan ("Plan").

Part of the merger process involves a transfer of account balances held by members of the former Support Staff Plan to the merged Plan. The Pension Committee of the Saint Mary's University Pension Plan is pleased to inform you that the Superintendent of Pensions has recently formally consented to the transfer of these account balances.

These transfers will take place on **June 24, 2008**. This notice outlines implications of the account transfers for Plan members. **Contribution rates, individual assets, and benefit terms and conditions will not change as a result of this account consolidation.**

### **"Blackout" Period**

For 24 hours you will be unable to make any changes to your investment options or process other transactions affecting your account choices on-line. This blackout period will take place from approximately 9 p.m. on June 24<sup>th</sup> until 9 p.m. on June 25<sup>th</sup>. During this period, you will be able to view your account on-line but transactions can be processed by contacting the Sun Life Customer Care Centre at 1-866-733-8612. Customer Care Centre representatives are available every business day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Atlantic Time.

### **Personal Rate of Return Information**

Your Personal Rate of Return ("PROR"), which is shown on your quarterly statement, relates to historical information on past investment returns. Once the transfer of your account is completed, the PROR for your account under the former Support Staff Plan will be retained and carried forward for your future investments and experience in the Plan.

If you have any questions about the transfer of accounts or about your pension benefits generally, please contact Janine Rose at 420-5044. You can also access pension plan information through the Saint Mary's Human Resources website at [www.smu.ca/administration/hr/pension.html](http://www.smu.ca/administration/hr/pension.html).

Detailed information about the Plan and your account is available through the Sun Life Plan Member website. To access it, sign in to [www.sunlife.ca/member](http://www.sunlife.ca/member) with your Access ID and Password. You can also contact Sun Life's Customer Care Centre at 1-866-733-8612. Customer Care Centre representatives are available every business day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Atlantic Time.