FAREWELL ADDRESS OF FACULTY CONGRESS CHAIRPERSON- Dr.  Lowell Gustafson
First of all, congratulations to John VonEuw and all of the Student Government officers and representatives on their successful year. And many c C Congratulations to Dr.  Susan Mackey-Kallis for a decade of leadership and service in the University Senate. Susan exemplifies the values of community and participation that this body pursues. I am also particularly anxious to thank all of the faculty members of the Faculty Congress and other important committees that participate in university governance.   It is their skills and insights, and their willingness to expend consistently their time and effort, that so enhances the conditions that affect our professional lives together.

I would very much like to express my own appreciation to all of you for the opportunity that I too have enjoyed here to participate in the life of this community as together we have sought to strengthen and develop and enrich our relationships in ways that value the dignity of each one of us and the good for all of us. It has been my honor to be a member of the University Senate due to my being chair of the Faculty Congress. I am especially pleased now by the outstanding faculty who will be serving as officers and members of the Faculty Congress in the next two years. The Faculty Congress is in the good hands that assure continued successes. The Faculty Congress gives faculty from each of our colleges at Villanova University the opportunity to discuss our mutual concerns. The Adjunct Faculty Committee has continued to work effectively in the Faculty Congress. We were pleased to have welcomed the Full Time, non Tenure Track Faculty Association into the Faculty Congress this year. With a grant announced by Fr.  Peter and working with Dr.  Johannes, we were pleased to have established new teaching awards for the adjunct and full time faculty. We have worked with the Academic Policy Committee, the Committee on Faculty, and the VPAA regarding revisions of the Faculty Handbook and establishing a new events policy. The details of these and other efforts are recorded in the minutes on our website: http://www3. villanova. edu/facultycongress/ . The faculty seeks to affirm its distinct role in the university while we foster the relationships that we value throughout the community. This Senate provides an important setting in which we can engage in dialogue with our friends who are administrators, students, staff, and alumni and alumnae. It is here where all these groups seek to coordinate their views. It is here - in our Congress, Senate, and other Governments – where we seek to govern ourselves and live in liberty - as free people committed to each other. I look forward to the accomplishments of the next sessions of the University Senate. Thank you.

or rising oil prices, or global warming or world food crises have to do with us on this lovely spring day? Here at Villanova, where students, understandable at this time of year are focused on job interviews, on internships on finals, where faculty are focused on grading, on writing letter of recommendation, on preparing summer research plans, where administrators and staff are already deep into the planning for the next academic year.   Isn’t it just more pictures of starving children in Africa? We’ve had our consciousness raised before.   Villanova is particularly good at consciousness raising and service to the poor and those less fortunate than every one of us sitting in this room right now.