Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Sisters, and Friends of Felician College,

The Felician Board of Trustees is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Anne Prisco as the College’s fifth president.

She will take office on July 1, 2012, succeeding President Sister Theresa Mary Martin, whose innovative vision and steadfast guidance were the hallmarks of her unprecedented 28-year tenure.

Dr. Prisco brings to Felician more than 30 years of experience in higher education, where she has served in a number of roles including administrator, faculty member, consultant, and policy researcher.

As Vice President for Enrollment Management at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, a role she assumed in 2006, Dr. Prisco was responsible for the coordination, policy development, and implementation of enrollment planning and management. This included strategic planning of the student life cycle from recruitment through graduation. She also collaborated on academic policies and services, leading the university's internationalization efforts, and worked closely with the academic leadership and across the institution on enrollment and retention initiatives. Dr. Prisco also taught in the School of Education’s doctoral program and the Department of Economics.

Before accepting the position at Loyola Marymount, Dr. Prisco was Vice Provost at Hunter College of the City University of New York, with responsibility for a myriad of areas that supported student success and promoted the academic mission of that urban institution. She also worked with Lehman College, CUNY, a majority-minority institution. As Associate Provost, she led a portfolio of departments focused on enrollment and academic programs and services. Dr. Prisco was an educational advocate in the Bronx, working to support a number of high school outreach programs as well as grant projects.

Dr. Prisco earned her bachelor's degree in family and consumer science at the University of Arizona, where she graduated summa cum laude and was named Outstanding Senior of the College of Agriculture. She earned an MBA in finance from Fordham University, and her M.Phil. and Ph.D. in an interdisciplinary program in economics and education from Columbia University.

Her research and scholarly interests are in the areas of education and human capital, including educational access, financing and leadership. She has presented at numerous conferences and held several faculty appointments, including St. John's University, New York, where she taught courses in economics and management. Her interest in international education is reflected in her research policy work with New York University's Alliance for International Higher Education Policy Studies and her dissertation, "Trends in Wage Inequality in Italy during the 1990s: Why a
University Degree Now Matters,” an empirical study that examined educational access and socioeconomic disparities.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the search committee for their outstanding work and boundless dedication: Dr. George Abaunza, Philosophy, Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences; Sister Mary Felicia Brodowski, Trustee; Dr. Beth Castiglia, Dean, School of Business; Marc Chalfin, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dennis Daniels, Trustee and Regent; Hon. Anthony J. Sciuto, Esq., Trustee; Sister Nancy Jamroz, Provincial Councilor; Steve Lo Iacono, Trustee and Regent; James Lubawski, Trustee; and Dr. Charles Rooney, Senior Executive Vice President.

I also want to give my heartfelt appreciation to the Felician College community for sharing their thoughts, ideas and concerns during our many meetings and two public forums.

This process, which has taken many months of hard, focused work, has led us to an individual whose quality, skills and deep understanding of the Felician/Franciscan Mission will lead the College to further prominence and distinction.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Prisco to Felician College.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Aquinas Szott
Chair, Presidential Search Committee
Chair, Board of Trustees