



Loyola Marymount University
Center for Religion
& Spirituality

Graduation Ceremony

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
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Established as the Center for Pastoral Studies in 1977, the LMU Center for Religion and Spirituality is one of the University's interdisciplinary centers and an embodiment of its commitment to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, neighboring dioceses, and communities of faith throughout the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The purpose of the Center is to provide educational opportunities for adult learners that strengthen their religious and spiritual formation as ministers, educators, and leaders committed to the service of faith and the promotion of justice in their own communities.

Order of Ceremony

Veni Sacte Spiritus - Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Members of the LMU Chorale, John Flaherty, Director

Welcome

John T. Sebastian, Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Loyola Marymount University

Reflection

Christopher Key Chapple, Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology & Director of Graduate Yoga Studies, LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts

Announcement of the Graduates

Robert A. Hurteau, Director

Awarding of Certificates

John T. Sebastian and the Faculty of the LMU Center for Religion and Spirituality

Yoga Philosophy
Yoga Therapy Rx
Advanced Yoga Therapy Rx
Clinical Yoga Therapy Rx
Yoga Therapy Practicum

Recognitions of Professional Eligibility

Robert Hurteau *and* Felicia Tomasko

200 hour RYS Eligibility
300 hour RYS Eligibility
C-IAYT Eligibility

Closing Remarks

Robert A. Hurteau

Gayatri Mantra

Christopher Key Chapple

GRADUATES

Certificate in Yoga Philosophy

Jodie Ford
Lindsey R. Giebel
Sam Gould

Daniel H. Johnson
Cindy Medof

Certificate in Yoga Therapy Rx

Hope K. Farmby
John Paul Gauer
Laura Liu
Jennifer Lunney
Alethia Paredes

Laura A. Paulsell
Lynda Robinson
Heather C. Romanowski
Lauren A. Spearman

Advanced Yoga Therapy Rx

Teresa Bartko
Kimberly F. Hamilton
Mary Grace Kaplowitz

Brooke H. Kissinger
Mamta Malhotra
Lynda Robinson

Clinical Yoga Therapy Rx

Silvie Grote
Ruth C. Ricks

Yoga Therapy Practicum

Karen Apostolina
Samantha R. Blaustein
Bianca T. Cueva
Ashly Fox
Francesca M. Gold
Huma Gruaz
Jennifer Ginter
Rui Han
Lydia Leos
Marcella Linn
Shanchoy K. Mahajan
Kimberly Millard

Mika Nishimura Diana
M. Ordorica Amber M.
Page
Nikka N. Pamerter
Theresia J. Portoghese
Paula E. Russell
Leslie L. Salmon
Gurleen Sarai
Joyce F. Shuman
April I. Tucker
RA Vincent
Tara M. Walker-Munroe

GRADUATES

Recognition of 200 Hour RYS Yoga Alliance Eligibility

Jeri Oliver

Tsz Ching Wong

Jessica Torrey

Robert Zalenski

Recognition of 300 Hour RYS Yoga Alliance Eligibility

Norma Bauchman

Laura Liu

Chachi Maria Escobar

Recognition of C-IAYT Eligibility

Nikka Pamenter

Ra Vincent

Theresia Portoghese

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Certificate of Completion

A certificate of completion is a recognition by Loyola Marymount University that a student has satisfactorily demonstrated potential for professional achievement in a specialized field of study. Affixed with the seal of the university, diplomas are presented to students who have completed all course requirements.

The Jesuits

The Christogram IHS is a monogram symbolizing Jesus Christ and it is a universal symbol for the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). IHS stands for the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. The Jesuit tradition is grounded in the belief that God can be found in all things, and the Jesuits live by the Ignatian motto *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (everything for the greater glory of God). For nearly 500 years, the Jesuits have educated millions of students, drawing a worldwide reputation for a commitment to intellectual rigor and the pursuit of social justice.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary

The pierced heart portrays the suffering of Mary, Mother of Jesus. It represents the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (R.S.H.M.), the Marymount tradition. The R.S.H.M. ministry is marked by a commitment to justice and to those whose dignity is threatened. The R.S.H.M. and the Congregation of St. Joseph of Orange (C.S.J.) share a tradition at LMU grounded in the fine, performing, and literary arts; the pursuit of intellectual excellence, and a commitment to social justice.

Spirit Mark

The LMU spirit mark is inspired by the Jesuit seal, an emblem representing the Society of Jesus for more than 500 years. The classic sunburst around the perimeter of the Jesuit seal is simplified and conflated into our lion mascot tradition.

Los Angeles

The angel icon depicts the City of Angels and the Los Angeles Archdiocese. LMU traces its roots back to St. Vincent's College, founded in 1865 as Southern California's first higher education institution. In 1911, the Jesuits accepted an invitation to take over the college. Loyola University and Marymount College merged into Loyola Marymount University in 1973.



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