

DIVINE MERCY UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTE FOR THE
PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES &
SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

TWENTY-THIRD GRADUATION MASS &
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2024
ELEVEN THIRTY IN THE MORNING

SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The University Seal is the official emblem of Divine Mercy University. It appears on official documents, and most notably, on the diplomas issued to graduates of the University.

The outer ring contains the motto of the University: Fides – Ratio – Actio, which identifies the central mission of harmoniously bringing together faith, reason, and action within the academic-vocational pursuits of the University. The underlying theme of the crest is the integration of faith, the science of psychology, and the practice of counseling. The symbol of the Christian cross, shown in gold, represents the presence of God and the unifying nature that guides the academic institution. The Greek letter for the discipline of psychology, 'Psi', with the addition of the flame, represents the flourishing of the human person. It is symbolized by the color blue-green, signifying the virtue of hope. The discipline of counseling is represented by the tripartite flame, which represents the growth of the person through understanding, development, and healing. The color burgundy, which unifies the crest, symbolizes the redemption of Christ as restoration of the person and moving toward a living witness in the world of His Divine Mercy.

The Processional Mace is the ornamental staff carried at the lead of the Academic Procession. During University ceremonial processions, it is carried by the University Marshal, and symbolizes the power, authority, and dignity of the mission of the University.

The Vatican Flag is representative of the life of the University rooted in and fully informed by the history and tradition of the Catholic Church.

The American Flag is representative of our country.

The University Flag is representative of Divine Mercy University as a Catholic academic institution of higher learning.

Academic Regalia - The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th century, when the ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The master's robe has sleeves that are oblong and closed at the ends, with slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with velvet facing on the front and at the neck, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The hood is the most distinctive feature, which through color and design indicates the wearer's degree and institution. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and with the velvet/outside color designating the degree awarded. The colors represented on the DMU hoods include the school colors of Red, Gold and Teal. Hoods also vary in length. The master's slightly shorter than the doctorate, and the doctorate version is decorated with broader color panels. The Presidential Robe is distinguished by four velvet chevrons on each sleeve, and his academic hood bears the colors of the University of which he is President.

2024 GRADUATION MASS & COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

WELCOME GRADUATES AND FAMILIES!

Today marks the end of a chapter in the life of many of our graduates, that follows years of hard work and dedication to academic success. On behalf of the entire Divine Mercy University community, congratulations to our graduates on your wonderful achievements!

It is gratifying to witness your commitment to gaining an education that can transform lives while spreading the gospel and love of God. Each one of your stories and your journeys are unique, and all of us at DMU have been privileged to share in the mission that unites us all. As we celebrate our Twenty-Third Commencement, you will join the ranks of many alumni before you who continue to fulfill their call to provide hope and healing to others. I would also like to honor and congratulate the families, spouses, and friends who have supported these graduating students. We understand the sacrifices you have made to reach this point. Please know that we appreciate the role you have played in helping our graduates along the way. Congratulations to you and thank you for your support!

A special thank you to our graduates for helping make Divine Mercy University a better place to live, to learn, and to flourish. As you continue in your next chapter of life, know that you and your success are in our constant prayers and we are always ready to support you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Charles Sikorsky, L.C.".

Fr. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., J.D., J.C.L.
President, Divine Mercy University

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Principal Celebrant & Homilist

Most Reverend Gregory W. Gordon
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, NV

Concelebrants

Reverend Charles Sikorsky, L.C., DMU University President
Reverend Walter Schu, L.C., Chaplain, SOC Faculty
Reverend John Pietropaoli, L.C., Chaplain, SDC Faculty
Reverend James Shea, University of Mary, President
Reverend Thomas Elie Azzi, M.S. Candidate
Reverend Mauricio Pineda, M.S. Candidate
Reverend Genero Garza, M.S. Candidate
Reverend Etienne Huard, O.S.B., M.S. Candidate
Reverend Thomas O'Donald, M.S. Candidate
Reverend Seejo Thandiackal, M.S. Candidate

Concelebrant Friends and Supporters

Reverend Robert Presutti, L.C.
Reverend Peter Hopkins, L.C.
Reverend Daniel Pajerski, L.C.
Reverend John Sweeney, L.C.
Reverend John Lager, O.F.M., Focus National Chaplain
Reverend Michael Higgins, T.O.R.
Reverend Jonathan McElhone, T.O.R.

And other welcomed concelebrants

Deacon Paul C. Konold, Master of Ceremonies
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Altar servers: St. Theresa Catholic Church

Organist: Garrett Boyer Psy.D. Class of 2020
Cantor: Laura Cusumano Psy.D. Class of 2017

Academic Procession

Pomp and Circumstance

Elgar

Processional Hymn

Let Us Go to the Altar of God

G. Boyer

Sung first by cantor, then by all

Musical notation for the hymn 'Let Us Go to the Altar of God' by G. Boyer. It consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let us go to the al-tar of God the source of al-l our joy with glad-ness in our

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hearts. Let us lift the cu-p of praise and call on the name of the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

Introductory Rite

Penitential Act

Kyrie

Hurd

Musical notation for the Kyrie. It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chri-ste e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Sung by cantor
Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Kyrie eleison.
R. Kyrie eleison

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christi eleison
R. Christe eleison

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Kyrie eleison

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen

Opening Prayer

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

First Reading

Acts 18:23-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Melanie Williams
Psy.D. Candidate

After staying in Antioch some time, Paul left and traveled in orderly sequence through the Galatian country and Phrygia, bringing strength to all the disciples.

A Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, an eloquent speaker, arrived in Ephesus. He was an authority on the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord and, with ardent spirit, spoke and taught accurately about Jesus, although he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the Way of God more accurately. And when he wanted to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. After his arrival he gave great assistance to those who had come to believe through grace. He vigorously refuted the Jews in public, establishing from the Scriptures that the Christ is Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
G. Boyer



R. (8a) God is king of all the earth.
All you peoples, clap your hands;
shout to God with cries of gladness.
For the LORD, the Most High, the
awesome, is the great king over all the
earth.

The princes of the peoples are gathered
together with the people of the God of
Abraham.
For God's are the guardians of the earth;
he is supreme.

R. God is king of all the earth.

R. God is king of all the earth.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God is king of all the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I came from the Father and have come into the world;
now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

John 16:23b-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John

Reverend John Lager, O.F.M.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.
Until now you have not asked anything in my name;
ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.
"I have told you this in figures of speech.
The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures
but I will tell you clearly about the Father.
On that day you will ask in my name,
and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you.
For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me
and have come to believe that I came from God.
I came from the Father and have come into the world.
Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord
R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Most Reverend Gregory W. Gordon

Petition readers: Emily Braun, M.S. Candidate, Randall Vette, Psy.D. Candidate,
Mary Peach, M.S. Candidate, Gina Pellelela, S.D.C Candidate

Gift bearers: Joseph Nelson, M.S. Candidate, Conrad Sigona, S.D.C. Candidate,
Jacqueline Niks, M.S. Candidate, Dustin Greenwald, M.S. Candidate

Offertory Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness
Slane

Lord of al-l hope-ful-ne-ss Lord of all joy, who-se trust ev - er child-like no
Lord of al-l ea - ger-ne-ss Lord of all faith, who-se strong hands were skiled at the
Lord of al-l kind-li - ne-ss Lord of all grace, yo - ur hands swift to wel - come your
Lord of al-l gen - tle-ne-ss Lord of all calm, who-se voice is con - tent-ment whose

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cares could de - stroy, be there a - t ou-r wak-ing and give us ,we pray, your bliss in our
plane and the lathe, be there a - t ou-r lab - ors and give us ,we pray, your strength in our
arms to em - brace, be there a - t ou-r hom-ing and give us, we pray, your love in our
pre-sence is balm, be there a - t ou-r sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your peace in our

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hear - ts Lord at the break of the day.
hear - ts Lord at the noon of the day.
hear - ts Lord at the eve of the day.
hear - ts Lord at the end of the day.

Sanctus

Mass XVIII

Sanc - tu - s, Sanc - tu - s, Sanc - tus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.

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Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Be - ne - di ctus

qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, Ho - sa - na in ex - cel - si - s.

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

We pro-claim your death O Lord, and pro-fess your res-ur - rec - ion un - til you co-me a - gain.

Great Amen

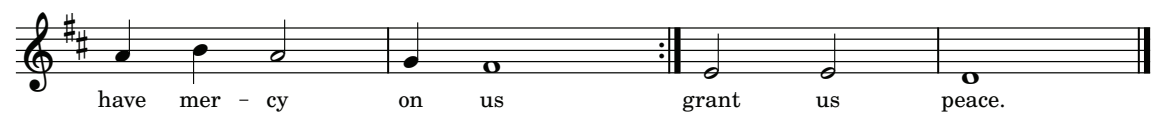
A - men - A - men A - men.

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus DeiIsele



Lamb - of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,



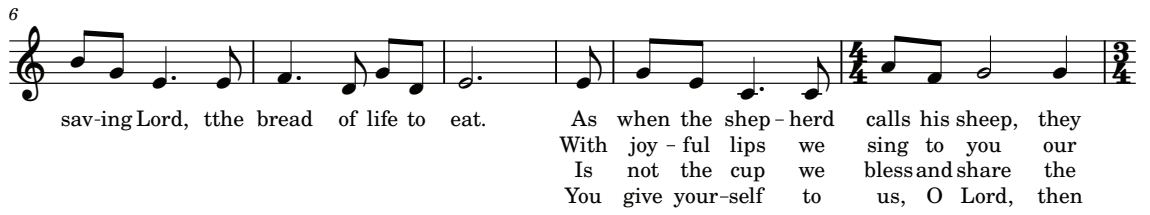
have mer - cy on us grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

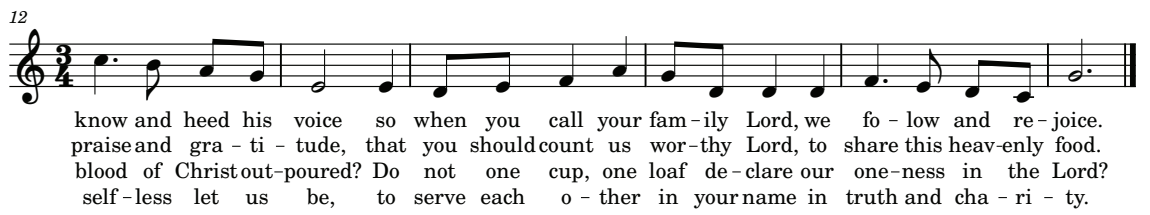
Gift of Finest Wheat
Kreutz



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat come give to us O -



sav-ing Lord, tthe bread of life to eat. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they With joy-ful lips we sing to you our Is not the cup we bless and share the You give your-self to us, O Lord, then



know and heed his voice so when you call your fam-ily Lord, we fo-low and re-joice. praise and gra-ti-tude, that you should count us wor-thy Lord, to share this heav-enly food. blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf de-clare our one-ness in the Lord? self-less let us be, to serve each o-ther in your name in truth and cha-ri-ty.

Communion Procession:
Sung first by cantor, then by all

I Saw Water
Adapted from Schubert

Musical notation for the first line of the Communion Procession. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are: I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the tem - ple;

Musical notation for the second line of the Communion Procession. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God
Nun Danket

Musical notation for the first line of the Recessional Hymn. The melody is in B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The lyrics are: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es, who
O may this gra - cious God through all our life be near us, with
All prasie and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en, the

Musical notation for the second line of the Recessional Hymn. The melody is in B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The lyrics are: won-droust things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es; Who from our moth-er's arms, hath
ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us; Pre-serve us in her grace, and
Son and Spi - rit blest, who reigns in high-est Heav-en; E - ter-nal tri-une God, whom

Musical notation for the third line of the Recessional Hymn. The melody is in B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The lyrics are: bles - sed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
guide - us in dis - tress and free us from all sin, till Heav-en we poss - ess.
ear - th and Heav'n a - dore: for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er more.

Please be seated.
The Commencement Exercises will begin
shortly.

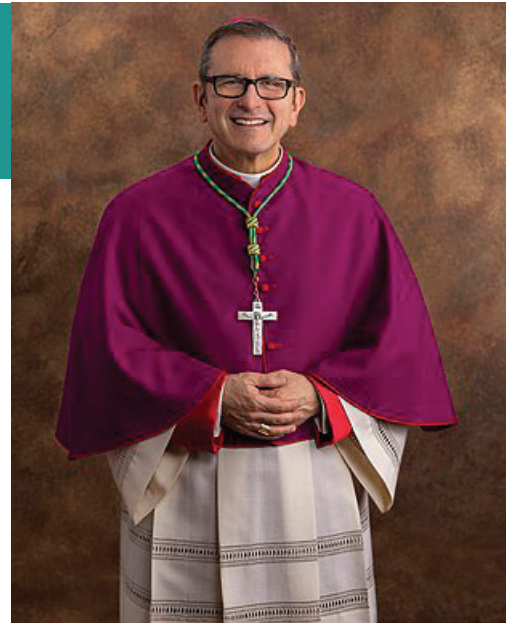
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Special thanks to the Parish of St Theresa and the Pastor; Reverend James C. Hudgins, and the Parish staff for all of their assistance. Thank you for providing this beautiful place of worship for our DMU family!

HONORED GUEST & PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
MOST REVEREND GREGORY GORDON
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF ARCHDIOCESE OF
LAS VEGAS

The Most Reverend Gregory Gordon was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel Walsh on January 16, 1988 for the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas. In 1995, Rev. Gordon was incardinated into the new Diocese of Las Vegas when it was split from the Diocese of Reno by Pope John Paul II.

In 2007, Rev. Gordon moved to Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the Apostolic Nunciature. He returned to Las Vegas in 2014 where he served as a pastor and in administrative posts for the diocese. On May 28, 2021, Pope Francis named Bishop Gordon as the first auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas and the titular bishop of Nova Petra. In 2023, Pope Francis elevated Las Vegas to the status of a metropolitan archdiocese.



2024 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS,
HONORIS CAUSA

MONSIGNOR JAMES SHEA
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Monsignor James Shea became the sixth president of the University of Mary in 2009. During his tenure at the University of Mary, he has spearheaded groundbreaking initiatives, including a new campus for the university in Rome, an unprecedented collaborative agreement with Arizona State

University and Year-Round Campus – a new way of conceiving higher education to elevate student achievement and reduce debt — and the university’s overarching campaign for growth — Vision 2030. Monsignor Shea grew up on a dairy farm in Hazelton, North Dakota, and has studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., the Vatican’s North American College, the University of Chicago, and Harvard.



2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

JAMES HERNANDEZ, PSYD
PSYD ALUMNI, CLASS OF 2016

Dr. Hernandez graduated from the Institute for Psychological Sciences with a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) in 2016. He completed his post-doc at Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, Nebraska. Subsequently, he moved to Covington, Louisiana and started a private practice. The

community needs, and the needs of new therapists seeking an integrated approach to therapy, led him to open a group practice - Sacred Space Psychotherapy. He currently has three therapists working with him and plans on taking a new intern in May.

Dr. Hernandez is married with five children. When he is not at work, he enjoys being with his family and coaching his children's sports teams. He may also be seen on a pickleball court or soccer field from time to time.

2024 FACULTY RECOGNITION

PHILIP SCROFANI, PH.D., APBB
PROFESSOR, INSTITUTE FOR THE
PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Philip Scrofani has been a full time professor at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences for over 20 years. During his tenure, he has shared his extensive expertise in clinical psychology, cognitive-behavioral therapy, group therapy and research review with many students in training and demonstrated excellence in his support of the mission of the University in his leadership. He has been Board Certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology since 1990. His research with the Catholic Christian Meta-model of the Person has helped to deepen the understanding of the human person and his mentorship has formed many clinicians. Congratulations on your retirement!



COMMENCEMENT

Welcome and Call to Order

Stephen Grundman, Ph.D. | *Commencement Marshal | IPS Professor*

Invocation and Opening Remarks

Rev. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., J.D., J.C.L. | *University President*

Faculty Recognition

Rev. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., J.D., J.C.L. | *University President*

Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipient

Thomas Cunningham | *DMU Chairman, Board of Directors*

Conferral of Honorary Degree Recipient

Rev. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., JD, JCL | *University President*

Commencement Address

Msgr. James Shea | *President, University of Mary*

Presentation of Spiritual Direction Certificates and Degree Candidates

Jessie Tappel, LPC | *Associate Program Director, MS in Counseling Program*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Conferral of Degrees, Presiding

Rev. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., J.D., J.C.L. | *University President*

Master of Science in Counseling

Harvey Payne, Psy.D. | *Vice President, Academic Affairs*

Master of Science in Psychology

Julia Klausli, Ph.D. | *Program Director, MS in Psychology*

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychological Sciences

Julia Klausli, Ph.D. | *Program Director, MS in Psychology*

Master of Psychology

Lisa Klewicki, Ph.D. | *Dean, IPS and Program Director, Psy.D.*

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Chair

Presentation of Alumni Award

Stephen Grundman, Ph.D. | *Commencement Marshal*

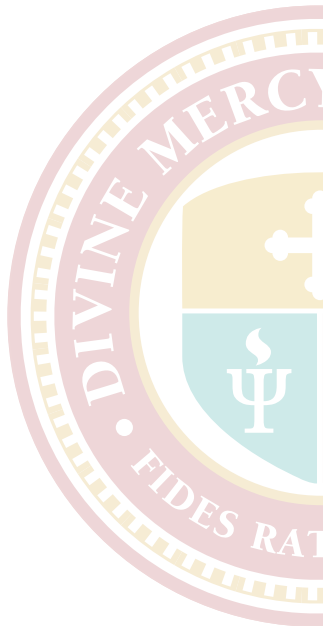
Alumni Address

James Hernandez, Psy.D. | *Psy.D. Alumni, Class of 2016*

President's Service Award and Closing Remarks

Rev. Charles Sikorsky, L.C., J.D., J.C.L. | *University President*

Blessing of the Graduates



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Maria Brackett, M.A.
Program Director

Divine Mercy University is pleased to award certificates of completion to our Spiritual Direction Certificate graduates. The Spiritual Direction Certificate is designed to provide the knowledge, skills, and supervision for future spiritual directors. The program seeks to respond to the ongoing need for the followers of Jesus Christ to assist one another on their path of becoming, each day, more faithful disciples of the Lord. Graduates of this certificate program will be prepared to:

- 1. Exhibit a vibrant spiritual director identity with the requisite foundational knowledge and skills.
- 2. Enter the directee’s life with compassion and respect.
- 3. Develop a Christ-centered and person-centered approach to spiritual direction.
- 4. Employ basic social and behavioral skills and a habit of solid theological reasoning to promote deep spiritual flourishing.
- 5. Embody a vision of the flourishing person that inspires them, as spiritual directors, and their directees to have courage to trust, hope and love.

Note: Certificates are awarded upon successful completion of all requirements.
Participants include May 2023, August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, December 2023, March 2024, August 2024, September 2024 candidates.
b Certificate granted May, 2023
g Certificate granted August, 2023
w Certificate granted September, 2023
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d Certificate granted December, 2023
h Certificate granted March, 2024
z Certificate granted August, 2024
* Certificate granted September, 2024
o In absentia

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Adjunct Faculty

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Adjunct Faculty

Christina McShane, Psy.D.
Adjunct Faculty

María Muñoz, M.A., M.S., LAPC
Adjunct Faculty

Fr. John Pietropaoli, L.C., S.T.L.
Adjunct Faculty

Jennifer Ristine, M.A.
Adjunct Faculty

Mallory Wines, Ph.D.
Adjunct Faculty

Anne C. Wysoski, M.S., LCPC, LAC
Adjunct Faculty

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Gretchen Bel ^{h°} Hometown: Metairie, LA	Elaine Gagne ^{g°} Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO	Fr. Andrew Mkinkar Berinyuy ^{p°} Hometown: Bronx, NY	Ignacio Taboada ^{z°} Hometown: Atlanta, GA
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Kimberly Currington ^{h°} Hometown: Evansburg, Alberta, Canada	Jennifer Lindner ^{h°} Hometown: Malvern, PA	Jean Schmitz ^{g°} Hometown: Sauk Rapids, MN	

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN COUNSELING, CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Fredericka Vyvlecka, Ph.D.
Program Director

Jessie Tappel, M.S., LPC
Associate Program Director

Divine Mercy University is pleased to confer degrees to our graduates of the M.S. in Counseling degree program. The students enrolled in the M.S. in Counseling program gain professional competency while developing an integrative understanding of the human person in application to the counseling profession. Students acquire the necessary counseling knowledge, skills, and dispositions to engage in communities as effective community leaders and advocates.

Graduates of the M.S. in Counseling program will be prepared to:

- Exhibit a vibrant professional counselor identity with the foundational knowledge and skills of the profession,
- Enter the client’s life narrative with compassion and respect,
- Develop person-centered, comprehensive case conceptualization for effective treatment planning,
- Employ basic social and behavioral sciences, a habit of evidential reasoning, and the multiple roles of professional counseling to promote human flourishing, and
- Embody a vision of the flourishing person, that inspires them, as professional counselors, and their clients to have courage to trust, hope, and love.

Note: Degrees are awarded upon successful completion of all degree requirements. Listing of student names is not an official acknowledgement of degree completion. Participants include October 2023, December 2023, March 2024, May 2024, and September 2024 degree candidates.

- i Degree conferred October, 2023
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- h Degree conferred March, 2024
- * Degree conferred September, 2024
- o In absentia

M.S. IN COUNSELING PROGRAM FACULTY

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Program Director| Assistant Professor

Jessie Tappel, M.S., LPC
Associate Program Director|Clinical Faculty

Stephen Sharp, Ph.D.
Dean of the Global Campus| Associate Professor

Cathy Warn, M.A., LMFT-S, LPC-S
AssociateDirectorofTraining&Internship|Associate Professor

Benjamin Keyes, Ph.D., Ed.D.
DirectorforCenterforTraumaandResiliencyStudies |Professor

Kathie Erwin, Ed.D., NCC, NCGC
Professor

Mark Gerig, Ph.D.
Professor

Craig S. Titus, S.Th.D., Ph.D.
Professor

Gabriel Dy-Liacco, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Leah Herod, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Matthew McWhorter, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Tiffany Gunnells, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Camille Humes, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor

Amanda Salgado, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Mallory Wines, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

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Stephen Gitonga, Ph.D.
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ANCHORING OUR UNIVERSITY IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Here at Divine Mercy University our community life is centered upon the sacraments. By prioritizing our faith, we pray for God's strengthening grace to pursue holiness in our work and studies. We have priests who offer daily Mass and hear confessions for our students, faculty, and staff. Our new chapel will be located by the main entrance on the first floor of the building, open to all who seek a quiet space for prayer and reflection throughout the day.



St. Dymphna lived in Ireland in the seventh century and was the daughter of a pagan king. Dymphna's Christian mother died when she was just 14, and this loss put her father into such distress that he became mentally unstable. When he decided to replace his wife by marrying his daughter, Dymphna refused and fled to the city of Gheel in Belgium. Her father found her soon after, and in his anger he beheaded Dymphna and left her body in Gheel where she was buried. Gheel became a place of pilgrimage for the mentally ill, and many miraculous healings have occurred through her intercession. As a result, St. Dymphna was canonized in 1247, and named the patroness of those suffering from mental and nervous disorders, as well as victims of incest.



Our Chapel will also honor other saints and important intercessors: St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Faustina, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Mark Ji, St. Benedict Joseph Labre, and St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents Ss. Louis & Zelig Martin.

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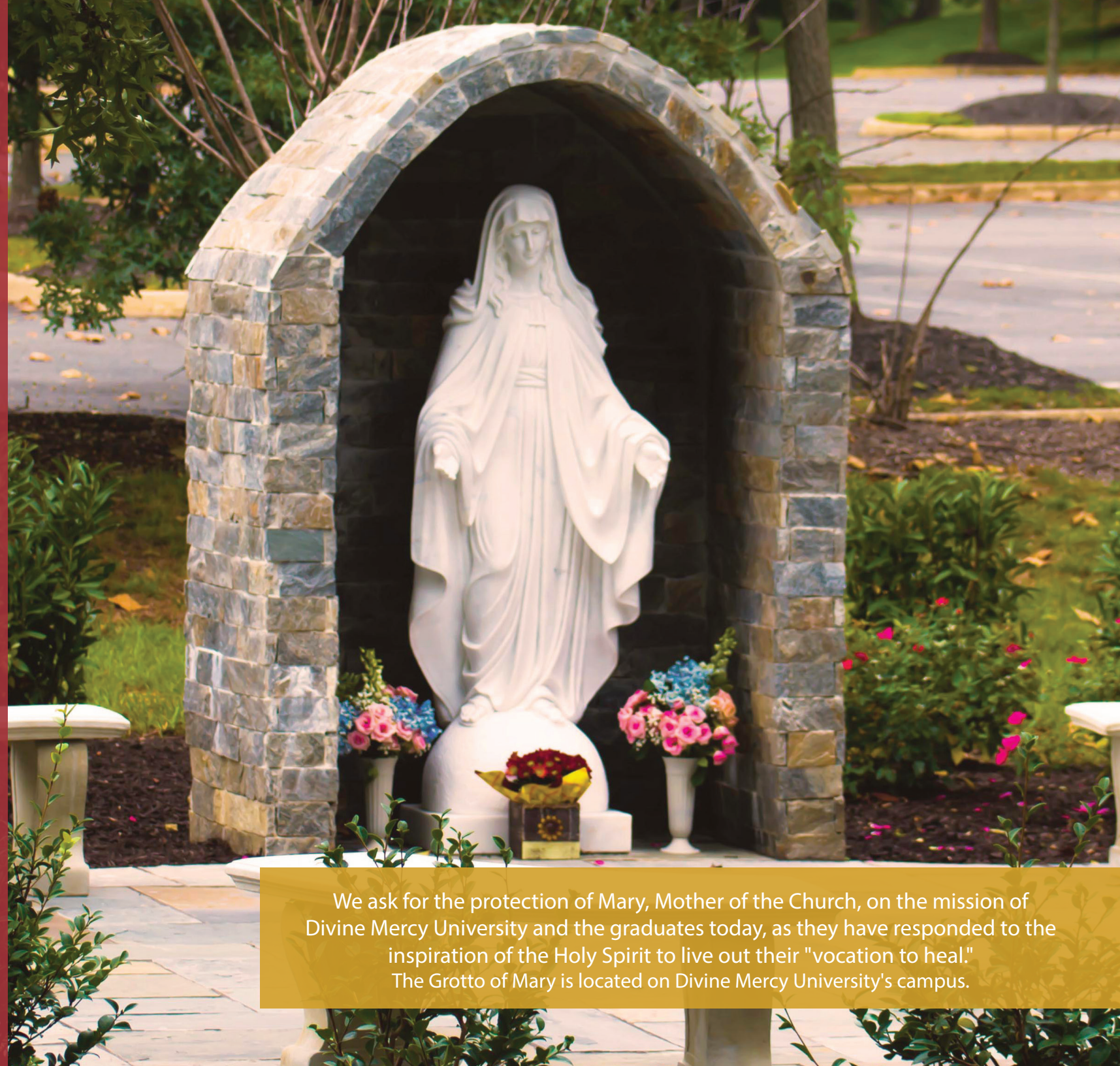
You are present in our midst today with your love and your power. You look with joy on each person, created out of love and called to love. So, we thank you for the gift of each one of our graduating students on this memorable day.

As they step forward to continue following the pathway of life, wherever it may lead, we ask you to pour out your blessing upon them. May they undertake the mission of healing with their gaze ever fixed on the merciful face of your wounded and risen Son. May they in turn, glimpse the face of Jesus in the countenance of each person you bring them to encounter.

Draw all of our graduates to seek you, recognize you, and radiate your love to each of their brothers and sisters, as they lead them to a place of healing and wholeness. May they be instruments of your divine mercy, binding the wounds of a frail and fallen humanity.

We ask all of these blessings through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.



We ask for the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, on the mission of Divine Mercy University and the graduates today, as they have responded to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to live out their "vocation to heal." The Grotto of Mary is located on Divine Mercy University's campus.

