

MARYMOUNT NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT A Christmas Greeting From the President

Dear Faculty and Staff:

Lois and I would like to wish you and your family joy and peace this holiday season.

I want to thank you for your ongoing commitment and support, which help make Marymount University a great place to learn, live, and work. I hope that you will enjoy the many holiday activities around campus in the days ahead.

May the New Year bring you and yours abundant blessings.



James E. Bundschuh
President

FYI Holiday Happenings

Celebrate the season with the Marymount community! Here are some activities and opportunities to do so:

Penance Service

Three priests will be available tonight, Monday, December 1, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during a Penance Service in the Chapel at 9 p.m.

Nativity Display

Nearly 20 Nativity scenes from the U.S. and other countries are on display in the Reinsch Library and the Barry Art Gallery through the end of the semester. Featured countries this year include Angola, Estonia, Trinidad, Tobago, Venezuela, and the Philippines. The crèches, from the collection of James and Emilia Govan, represent just a fraction of the more than 400 scenes Mr. Govan and his late wife collected over many years of travel. Mr. Govan's book, *Art of the Crèche: Nativities from Around the World*, will be part of the exhibit.

Librarian Margaret Margeton, a fellow parishioner with Mr. Govan at St. Ann in Arlington, arranged for the display.

Holiday Bazaar

The Office of Student Activities will sponsor a holiday bazaar on Thursday, December 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lee Center Atrium. Featured items will include handmade fused jewelry; decorated silk clothing; handmade scarves; knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, and blankets; wooden puzzles; leather goods; and decorated wreaths and Christmas trees.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Concert

Marymount's Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 5, at 7 p.m. in front of the Lodge. It will be followed by "A Joyful Christmas Concert" in the Lee Center, featuring the Gerry Gillespie Band, Blue Harmony, and the Randolph Elementary School choir.

Shops at Main

Support the Marymount Angels' Endowed Scholarship Fund by getting some holiday shopping done at this unique event, Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door of the Main House. Inside, you'll find many luxurious gifts, including custom ceramics, holiday and home accessories, specialty foods, and designer men's and women's fashions.

Candlelight Mass and Dinner

Marymount's annual Candlelight Mass is a special and beautiful way to celebrate the season. It will take place on Sunday, December 7, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Before Mass, faculty and staff are invited to dine with students in the

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Dining Hall. Dinner is free for all MU employees showing an ID card. Guests are \$4; children eat for free.

Faculty/Staff Christmas Party

“A Joyful Christmas Reception and Dinner,” the annual Christmas party for Marymount faculty and staff, will be held on Friday, December 19, in the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Faculty and staff celebrating milestone years of employment will be recognized at the party.

There will also be the annual drawing for prizes awarded to donors to the Campus Fund. To be eligible, be sure you’ve made your gift to the Campus Fund by December 17. Up for grabs this year: on-campus parking for one month (three will be awarded), tickets to a Washington Wizards game, and restaurant gift cards. You can make your gift securely online by clicking on the “Support Marymount” button on the home page of the University Web site. Or make your check payable to Marymount University, designating it for the Campus Fund, and sending it to the Office of Development, Rowley Hall. If you have questions about making a gift, contact **Natalie Allgeier** at ext. 6893 or natalie.allgeier@marymount.edu.

New this year – drawings for gift baskets valued at \$250 each, designed by the offices of each vice president at the University! All employees in attendance are eligible to win one of these great gift baskets!

Christmas Card Drive

Campus Ministry is collecting religious Christmas cards and money for stamps to donate to the Diocesan prison ministry so that individuals in prison will be able to send home prayers this holiday. Donations are being accepted through December 5 at the Campus Ministry office in the Lodge.

Mass Schedule Changes

As the semester draws to a close, please note the following changes to the Chapel Mass schedule:

- December 1 – Last 5:15 Mass until January 26
- December 7 – Last 7 p.m. Mass until January 11
- December 14 – Last 11 a.m. Mass until January 4
- December 19 – Last 7:30 a.m. Mass until January 5
- December 23 – Last noon Mass until January 5

MU to Conduct Inventory

Marymount will conduct an inventory of all University buildings and their contents to establish a baseline inventory and confirm insurance values. The inventory will take place Monday, January 5, through Friday, January 16.

This asset inventory will be conducted by an outside appraisal firm, American Appraisal, and supervised by Marymount Campus Security and Physical Plant.

The inventory will include all assets with an individual asset value greater than \$750, in accordance with Marymount’s accounting policy. Each asset will be given a bar coded tag as a permanent record of the inventory.

Please place all University assets, such as laptop computers, in visible locations within your locked office for inventory purposes. Furniture, equipment, and computer items with values less than \$750 per item will be noted, but not tagged.

Personal assets of employees must be listed on a colored sheet of paper to be posted on each office’s front door by December 22, in order not to be inventoried as a Marymount asset. If you do not wish to list your personal assets, please remove all of your personal items from your office BEFORE the holiday break.

Additional details will be sent to employees via campus mail. Questions about the inventory should be directed to **Peggy Axelrod**, director, Budget and Risk Management, ext. 1498, no later than Monday, December 22.

PEOPLE Welcome

Kathrine Gathro, receptionist, Admissions Office (ext. 1501, kathrine.gathro@marymount.edu)

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Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Eymard Gallagher, RSHM**, president of Marymount from 1993 through 2001. Under her leadership, the University undertook the capital campaign to construct the Rose Benté Lee Center, established its Center for Ethical Concerns and Distinguished Visiting Professor Colloquium, and celebrated its golden anniversary. A memorial Mass for Sister Gallagher will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 2, at noon in the Chapel.

EVENTS

Dec. 3 — Women’s and men’s basketball vs. Gallaudet, Verizon Sports Arena. Women’s game, 6 p.m.; men’s game, 8 p.m.

Dec. 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Chapel Mass schedule: 7:30 a.m., noon, 9:30 p.m.