

**ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

TO: Class of 2008 (August 2007, December 2007, and May 2008 Graduates)
FROM: Office of the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Copies of this schedule are available at www.stmarytx.edu/law/Graduation2008

March 26, 2008 (Wed.) **DELIVERY OF GRADUATION INVITATIONS & REORDERS –
Atrium, Law Administration**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Delivery of orders placed in November 2007; reorders taken today will be ready early April.
You can also contact The Graduation Center directly (210-829-7393).

April 14, 2008 (Mon.) **FIESTA FAREWELL – Law School Plaza**

11:45 a.m. - Come celebrate the almost-end of law school at the fiesta celebration immediately preceding the class photo. All graduates, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited.

April 14, 2008 (Mon.) **LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH –
In Front of the Law Faculty Building**

12:30 p.m. - Includes the 2008 LAW graduates and faculty ONLY. Please dress in business attire. Orders for the pictures will be taken on-site at a cost of \$20.00 each. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

May 6 and 7, 2008 (Tue. and Wed.) **DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATION APPAREL – Atrium**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days - These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by The Graduation Center representatives at the school. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE THE GRADUATION APPAREL. To make other arrangements, contact The Graduation Center at 210-829-7393.

May 9, 2008 (Fri.) **UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE MASS – Bill Greehey Arena**

6:30 p.m. - Assemble for the academic procession in cap and gown (hoods are to be left at home) in Auxiliary Gym of the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center.

7:00 p.m. - University Baccalaureate Mass begins. Persons of all faiths are cordially invited. Graduates and their family and friends are invited to the Reception following the Mass.

May 16, 2008 (Fri.) **GRADUATION REHEARSAL – Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center**

3:00 p.m. - **It is very important that you attend this rehearsal**, which will last less than one hour. Your graduation apparel is to be left at home.

May 16, 2008 (Fri.) **PRE-GRADUATION RECEPTION – Hotel Valencia Riverwalk**

7:00 p.m. - Graduates and their family and friends are invited to attend the reception celebrating graduation on the evening before Commencement at the Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, 150 East Houston Street, 78205.

May 17, 2008 (Sat.) **GRADUATION CEREMONY – Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center**

11:00 a.m. - Arena doors open to the public. Guests do not need tickets to attend.

12:00 p.m. - Graduates report to the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Auxiliary Gym, for robing (the hood is carried on your left arm) and lining up in alphabetical order.

12:45 p.m. - All graduates are to be in-line for the processional into the Bill Greehey Arena.

1:00 p.m. - Commencement begins.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GRADES: Your name will appear on a list posted on the website (www.stmarytx.edu/law, "Graduation 2008") and on the outer west door of the Law Administration Building once all of your grades are in and recorded. **This confirms your graduation.** You can view your grades on ATROX to monitor individual grades, as well as your semester and cumulative GPAs. **Updates will be posted as the Director of Student Records receives and processes the professors' grades.**

GRADUATION PHOTOS AND VIDEO: A professional photographer from The Harding Studios (210-533-7672) will take pictures of all graduates as they receive their diplomas from the University President. Proofs are mailed directly to the graduates for selection and purchase. Editron ProVideo Productions (817-599-4723) will record the ceremony in both VHS and DVD formats; copies can be ordered at their display table on graduation day.

MAILING OF DIPLOMAS: Graduates who do not attend Commencement will have their diplomas mailed to the address provided on the *Application for Degree* Card. For a change of address, send written notification to: Ms. Yvonne Ersch Olfers, School of Law, St. Mary's University, San Antonio TX 78228-8602, or yolfers@stmarytx.edu.

CSO SURVEY: The Career Services Office (CSO) is required to collect post-graduation employment information from each graduate; this information is kept confidential. Please complete the *Graduating Student Survey* form placed in your campus mailbox, or access the survey on-line at http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/career_services/?go=grad_surv. Direct any questions about the survey to the Director of Career Services, Annette Wilson, at awilson@stmarytx.edu.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS MUST BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION AND THE CONFERRAL OF THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE. This is a University Policy.
