

**ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

TO: Class of 2009 (August 2008, December 2008, and May 2009 JD and LLM Graduates)
FROM: Office of the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

This schedule is also available on-line at www.stmarytx.edu/law/Graduation2009

March 18, 2009 (Wed.) **DELIVERY OF GRADUATION INVITATIONS & REORDERS –**
Atrium, Law Administration

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Delivery of orders placed in November 2008; reorders taken today will be ready early April. You can also contact The Graduation Center directly (210-829-7393).

April 13, 2009 (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 13, 2009 (Mon.) **LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH –**
In Front of the Law Faculty Building

12:30 p.m. - Includes the 2009 LAW graduates and faculty ONLY. Please dress in business attire. Orders for the pictures by Herndon Panoramics will be taken on-site at a cost of \$20.00 each. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

April 29 and 30, 2009 (Wed. and Thur.) **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 8, 2009 (Fri.) **UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE MASS – Bill Greehey Arena**
St. Mary's University Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

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, 2009 (Sat..) **GRADUATION REHEARSAL – Municipal Auditorium**
100 Auditorium Circle San Antonio TX 78205

10:00 a.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, 2009 (Sat.) **GRADUATION CEREMONY – Municipal Auditorium**

1:00 p.m. - Arena doors open to the public. Guests do not need tickets to attend.

2:00 p.m. - Graduates report to the Lower Level for robing (the hood is carried on your left arm) and lining up in alphabetical order.

2:45 p.m. - All graduates are to be in-line for the processional into the Municipal Auditorium.

3:00 p.m. - Commencement begins.

5:00 p.m. - Return gowns, hoods and tams to The Graduation Center back in the Lower Level

May 16, 2009 (Sati.) **GRADUATION RECEPTION – Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk**
111 E. Pecan St. San Antonio TX 78205

5:00 p.m. - Graduates and their guests are invited to the reception immediately following the ceremony.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GRADES: Your name will appear on a list posted on the website (www.stmarytx.edu/law, "Graduation 2009") 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 Gateway 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 Graduation Center (210-829-7393) 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 Acting Director of Career Services, Faye Bracey, at fbracey@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.**
