



SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
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2025

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## *The Seal of Saint Xavier University*

From its earliest design honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Coat of Arms seal of today, the seal of Saint Xavier University symbolizes a proud history of Catholic education in Chicago.

Designed by Art Department faculty member Sister Mary Solina Hicks, R.S.M., this seal includes a black-and-white checkerboard and diagonal gold bars from the family coat of arms of Saint Francis Xavier, red and gold bars and a white Jerusalem cross taken from the shield of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an open book to represent education and the Scripture verse: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Saint Xavier University continues to use this seal as a symbol of its heritage and mission.



## Congratulations, Graduates!

On behalf of the Saint Xavier University community, we are so proud of each of you. You had many options for college, and we are so glad you selected Saint Xavier. Graduation is a significant achievement, so please take time to celebrate and reflect on your accomplishments. Our prayer is that you are successful in every aspect of your life. Please stay connected to Saint Xavier after graduation. As we live out our Catholic tradition and Mercy heritage, your involvement will help make Saint Xavier even better for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Keith Elder, Ph.D., MPH, MPA

*President*

**“We can never say ‘it is enough.’”**

*Catherine McAuley, Familiar Instructions*

# ***Mission Statement***

Saint Xavier University, a Catholic institution inspired by the heritage of the Sisters of Mercy, educates persons to search for truth, to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to serve wisely and compassionately in support of human dignity and the common good.

## ***University Vision***

Saint Xavier University, the affordable, Catholic Mercy institution, will become known for the strength of its relevant curricular and co-curricular offerings; accomplishments of its faculty, staff and students; robust community engagement; and the success of its graduates.

## ***Core Values***

The Saint Xavier University community commits itself to practicing eight core values as it engages in a search for truth and knowledge, both for personal enhancement and to understand and improve our world.

### **RESPECT**

moves us to understand the gifts and unique contributions of every person in the University community and to value diverse perspectives.

### **EXCELLENCE**

commits us to challenge ourselves to utilize our God-given gifts: intellectual, social, physical, spiritual and ethical.

### **COMPASSION**

compels us to stand with and embrace others in their suffering that, together, we may experience God's liberating and healing presence.

### **SERVICE**

calls us to use our gifts, talents and abilities to advance the genuine well-being of our community and those we encounter.

### **HOSPITALITY**

draws us to do our daily work with a spirit of graciousness that welcomes new ideas and people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

### **INTEGRITY**

gives us the ability to realize the greater good in our actions and programs and challenges us to look at our work and ourselves holistically and as one united with others across the globe.

### **DIVERSITY**

builds a community that fosters a climate that is open and welcoming to diverse people, ideas and perspectives; that promotes a constructive discourse on the nature of diversity; and that engages faculty, staff and students in activities that promote the University's core values.

### **LEARNING FOR LIFE**

in the liberal arts tradition, encourages us to pursue knowledge and truth throughout our lives in ways that improve our communities and ourselves and that strengthen our understanding of each other.

## ***The Ceremonial Mace***

Saint Xavier University introduced a ceremonial mace to the commencement procession in January 2004. The mace is an ornamental staff that has historically symbolized academic authority and adds to the pageantry of the ceremony. The Saint Xavier University mace consists of a carved walnut staff adorned with the Saint Xavier seal, cast in bronze, and is ushered in by a faculty member serving as the grand marshal of the procession. The mace is displayed in the University's Robert and Mary Rita Murphy Stump Library.





## Academic Dress

“The formal academic regalia being worn today had their origins in the clerical costumes of medieval Europe and have evolved into a great variety of patterns and styles. Late in the last century, the American colleges and universities agreed to standardize their regalia; however, there is now a movement to return to individual designs for each institution.

The gown worn by those holding or receiving the bachelor’s degree is plain black with pointed sleeves. The master’s gown was characterized by a unique, long, closed sleeve with a slit at the elbow, through which the arm protruded; this peculiarity is now being replaced by a sleeve more like that of the bachelor’s. The doctoral gown has very full bell sleeves and is trimmed with velvet in panels down the front and in strips across the sleeves. This trim may be either black or in a color that denotes the particular type of doctorate – royal blue for the Ph.D., green for the M.D. and various others.

The familiar mortarboard cap bears only a faint resemblance to its close relative, the clerical biretta. Some institutions now specify a soft cap somewhat like a tam o’shanter. The bachelors decorate the cap with a tassel in black or the color indicative of the degree. Masters wear black tassels; the doctors wear either black or metallic gold.

Most symbolic and informative of the regalia is the hood, which is no longer raised over the head but is hung down the back, just as a cleric wore it when baring the head in church. The bachelor’s hood is three feet long, the master’s is three-and-one-half feet, and the doctor’s is four feet long with a rectangular panel, which once served as a shoulder cap when the hood was raised. A curious short tail at the peak of the hood is all that now remains of a long strip, which was wrapped around the throat as a scarf. All of the hoods have a velvet border in the color of the degree according to the same system used for the trim of the doctoral gown.

In the Middle Ages, academic hoods were lined with miniver, lamb’s wool or rabbit fur – a necessity in unheated schools and churches. By the 14th century, professors wore silk-lined hoods in summer; satin is now used to line the hoods. The colors and patterns of the satin lining of the hood identify the college or university conferring the degree.”

*Richard C. Pilger, Jr., Marshal Emeritus, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana.  
Used with permission.*

The following is a list of common academic colors:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Business, Accounting	Light Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Education	Light Blue	Science	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work	Citron
Music	Pink	Speech	Gold
Nursing	Apricot	Theology, Religious Studies	Scarlet



## ***Graduation Honors***

Due to grade reporting and program printing deadlines, graduation honors are not listed in the commencement booklet. However, graduation honors are announced with the students' names as the diploma is awarded.

To be eligible for graduation honors, students must have completed at least 50 graded semester hours at Saint Xavier University and earned a cumulative grade-point average of:

3.50 for Cum Laude (with honors, white Honor Cords)

3.70 for Magna Cum Laude (with high honors, silver Honor Cords)

3.90 for Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors, gold Honor Cords)

The cumulative GPA is based exclusively on credits earned at Saint Xavier University and is the higher of (a) the GPA for all credits earned at Saint Xavier University or (b) the last 50 hours earned prior to graduation. If the student reaches and exceeds 50 hours in a term, then all courses earned that term are counted in the GPA for the "last 50 hours." The student is not allowed to pick the courses to equal exactly 50 hours. Graduation honors are recognized for undergraduate degrees only.

Honors announced during the commencement ceremonies are anticipated honors based upon grades posted to the student record, excluding the current active semester. The honors posted on the transcript, as part of the student's official record, are based upon grades earned through the final semester. The posted honors may differ from the announced honors.

"Honors Scholar" denotes a student who has completed all requirements of the Saint Xavier University Undergraduate Honors Program, including senior-year research or creative project.



# *College of Liberal Arts and Education, Natural Sciences and Computer Science Ceremony*

## **Musical Prelude**

Saint Xavier University Commercial Ensemble  
Fish 'n' Chips  
Shawn Salmon, D.A.  
*Director of Jazz and Commercial Music*

## **Processional**

“Pomp and Circumstance”  
by Edward Elgar

## **Order of Procession**

Marshal

Karen M. Wood, DNSc, RN, CCRN  
*President, Faculty Senate*  
*Associate Professor, School of Nursing*

Master of Ceremonies

Adrian Aldrich, M.Ed.  
*Vice President, University Advancement*

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President's Senior Leadership Team

Deans

Members of the Board of Trustees

Acting Provost

## **Procession of Graduates**

“Pomp and Circumstance”  
by Edward Elgar

## **Welcome**

Adrian Aldrich, M.Ed.  
*Vice President, University Advancement*

## **Invocation**

Jenny DeVivo '99, Ph.D.  
*Vice President, Mission and Heritage*

## **The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley**

*Sr. Dolores Nieratke, R.S.M.*

arr. Thomas McNichols

The University Chamber Singers  
Thomas McNichols '05, M.M., Conductor  
*Director of Choral Activities*

## **The National Anthem (please stand)**

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

arr. James McKelvy

The University Chamber Singers  
Thomas McNichols '05, M.M., Conductor  
Words by Francis Scott Key

## **A Special Request to All Guests**

*To assure that today's ceremony is a joyous occasion for all present, we respectfully request that guests silence cell phones and remain seated during the entire ceremony unless otherwise noted. As student names are called, please refrain from shouting, whistling or making other noise. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until all graduates have exited the building. Thank you.*



*May 10, 2025*

Provost's Address

Natalie Page, Ed.D.

Student Commencement Address

Lydia Lopez, B.S.  
*Early Childhood Education, Class of 2025*

Presentation of Candidates

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Angela Pirlott, Ph.D.  
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Education*

Natural Sciences

Charlene Bermele, DNP, MSN  
*Dean, College of Nursing, Health Sciences and Business*

Computer Science

Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D.  
*Professor and Director, Graham School of Management*

Announcer of Recipients

Rola Othman, Ed.D.  
*Director, Information Technology*

Benediction

Charles R. Newman, B.Arch.  
*Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Closing Remarks

Adrian Aldrich, M.Ed.  
*Vice President, University Advancement*

Recessional

"Grand March" from *Aida*,  
Giuseppe Verdi  
arr. Leonard Bernstein

Refreshments

SXU Diner Atrium/O'Malley Quad  
Warde Academic Center

### **A Special Invitation**

*You are invited for refreshments immediately following the ceremony to celebrate our graduates. Follow the signs directing you to SXU's historic 49th Streeth Gateway Arch through the Smith-Morris Quad and into the Warde Academic Center. Along the way, you will find many photo opportunities for students and families..*

# *College of Liberal Arts and Education*

Angela Pirlott, Ph.D., Dean

## *Bachelor of Arts*

Rosa Husein Abdelfattah	Meadow J. Cox	Pablo Guerrero Jr
Dalia K. Abughoush	Gustavo A. Cruz	Brandon Gary Gutierrez
Isaac J. Adams	Jonathan M. Cruz	Tiffany Marie Haepp
Marlen Aguilera	Vejas P. Cuplinskas	Charles T. Haltom III
Mert Z. Aksoy	Caroline Curtin	Aidan P. Harris
Milia G. Alfarah	Delaney Alexandria Davis	Brogan Emmett Hayes
Bayan A. Al-Hennawi	Savannah N. Davis	Deelan Hernandez
Eduardo L. Almanza	Anthony P. Defilippo	Fernanda Hernández
Monserrat Jamilet Álvarez	Izabella De Luna	Devyn L. Howard
Sánchez	John Cassidy Dematteo	Shurouq J. Ideis
Dominic A. Amedio	Cristian A. Diaz	Jotham N. Israel
Ellie R. Andersen	Troy Alan Dorian	Mariam Khaled Jaber
Jennifer L. Andersen	Stephanie Duran Martinez	India A. Jackson
Tamara Aparicio	Paulina Duran Serna	Kevin William Jaycox
Alondra Aquire	Younna M. Elboghday	Christopher Jimenez
Adrian A. Arellano	Deana Elhit	Jason Jimenez Garrido
Ayobami B. Arokoyo	Litzy Elias	Mason D. Johnson
Alexis Marie Palma Aurelio	Bryan Escudero	Muhammad Judeh
Dashawn C. Baker	Evelyn Espinoza	Kevin Kapica
Bethany Rae Baldwin	Brett J. Feller	Maxwell Timothy Kasick
Diamond-April Andrea	Karolina Maria Ferenc	Patrick D. Kerrigan
Billinger	Emilee N. Figueroa	Jacob Russell Kincade
Laura Kathryn Blachowicz	Saralynn Figueroa	Isabella Emily Klejka
Batool Hael Bsharat	Aaron M. FitzPatrick	Sara Mason Kolinski
Gabriela Budz	Jack Patrick Flynders	Carter Douglas Kopp
Lawrence S. Butnariu	Paola Francisco	Kevin James Kuchta
Alejandro Caballero	Lendale T. Franklin	Adrian Lopez
Isabela Cabral Lujan	Shea E. Galam	Anely Lopez
Guadalupe Cardenas	Kylie Laine Galbraith	Phoenix S. Lopez
Sean R. Carey	Gilbert Gallarzo	Anthony I. Loyola
Maria J. Carrillo	Angela Garcia	Jocelyne S. Lujano
Isabella R. Casas	Isabella Maria Garcia-Del	Cinthy M. Luna
Jacqueline M. Castro	Bosque	Zitlhaly Anahi Luna Flores
Angel Chavez	Luis Adan Garibay	Barbara Lunsford
Natalie Ann Chibe	Loyda Garza-Ramirez	Domenic F. Lupo
Dorothy Chraca	Gabriella Viktoria Gianakas	Alexander W. MacFarlane
Amanda Marguerite Cinkus*	Erin Elizabeth Giusto	Melanie Guadalupe Márquez
Samantha Mariah Cook	Jonique S. Golden	Jenifer Martinez
Fabrizio Coss	Alejandro X. Gonzalez	Jocelyn Martinez Velasquez
	Dennis Masao Graham	Nancy Martinez
	Maria Belem Grande Tepoz	Javen C. Mays

# *College of Liberal Arts and Education*

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Talia M. McMullen  
Crystal Medina  
Natalya Mendoza  
Jimmie L. Miles  
Beyonce N. Mitchem-Nash  
Sarah N. Mohamed  
Rayann Jihad Mohammad  
Gerald R. Molizon  
Katie Montoya  
Anahi Moreno  
Anthony Moreno  
Marissa J. Murillo  
Ala M. Nator  
Kaitlyn G. Nestor  
Mai Thi Nguyen  
Page Nieciak  
Magdalena Niemiec  
Anthony M. Nilsson  
Riley A. Nolan  
Gianella M. Nunez  
Gabriel S. Ojeda  
Gabriela Olivares-Diaz  
Adam I. Omar  
Vanessa Marie Orlando  
Aileen Ornelas  
Jarely Palacios  
Gina M. Paparelli  
Brendan Michael Patton  
Adolfo Pelayo Pelayo  
Matthew Pennala  
Haydee Perez  
Yared Perez-Zamora  
Hayley R. Polak  
Matthew A. Ponce  
Jaime E. Quito  
Erika A. Ramirez-Reyes  
Stephanie Ramirez  
Autumn R. Revoir-Pratt  
Alexus M. Rivera-Kotos  
Tobey C. Rigsby  
Sophia Robledo

Tony A. Robles  
Gema J. Rodriguez Espinoza  
Ioan I. Rojas  
Gabriela V. Rosales  
Margaret Grace Rozich  
Zelma Salgado  
Victoria J. Salinas  
Omar A. Samaniego  
Zeina A. Samhan  
Stephanie S. Sanchez  
Jacquelyn Santana  
Lucy N. Santillan  
Jessica Guadalupe Santoyo  
Louisa Anna-Maria Schreiber  
Karolina Scislowicz  
Jazmin Serrano  
Javell M. Sheppard  
Hillary V. Shipp  
Josiah Sianez  
Jasmin M. Simpson  
Taylor M. Soderlund  
Anthony Solano  
Luis A. Solorzano  
Rebecca A. Stockover  
Yair Tapia  
Makenzie L. Telstad  
Valentine J. Tokarczyk Jr  
Trevor N. Tovey  
Roman M. Trejo  
Dean A. Tsoumbakopoulos\*  
Naomi Yadira Vazquez  
Beatrice Vega  
Daniel Vergara Jr  
Nestor Vigil  
Guadalupe Villaseñor  
Mariana Rene Vulich  
Julia Margaret Walko  
Ashareau J. Ware  
Johnnetta Ann Washington  
Johnathon R. Weber  
Kiara Crystal White

Jonathan J. Yanes  
Haila Yousef  
Kayla Ann Yurko  
Daniela Zamora  
Jessica P. Ziemann

## *Bachelor of Science*

Genin Farid Abas  
Jaycee A. Aggelopoulos  
Raul Jason Aguilar Jr.  
Jenin J. Ali  
Erica Alvarado  
Hannah O. Archambeau  
Sabeen M. Barakat  
Sierra J. Campbell  
Breanna Marie Cerrentano  
Priscilla Chavez  
Lady L. Condo Ochoa  
Mayte Contreras Diego  
Julia Margarete Czart  
Monica Sienna Darrow  
Cassidy Rose Dawson  
Alexis Anne Degnan  
Margaret Sue Dennehy  
Mary Clare Duffy  
Elian H. Fariz  
Cristian Flores  
Kara D. Frencl  
Gabriela Garcia Gonzalez  
Giani R. Garcia  
Alexia D. Gonzalez  
Viridiana Gonzalez  
Paola Guerrero  
Isabel Guzman  
Tuqa M. Hammad  
Jenan Harb  
Jenin N. Hasan  
Evelyn R. Hernandez  
Natalia M. Hornik  
Malak Ibrahim

# *College of Liberal Arts and Education*

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Jamaya Jenkins  
Thalia Jimenez  
Arwa Khalil Jubeh  
Jena H. Kanaan  
Grace Elizabeth Kelleher  
Mia M. Lacny  
Raeann Marie Leach  
Emma Lopez  
Lydia Elizabeth Lopez  
Natalia Lopez  
Lilli F. McGlothlin  
Piedad C. Medina  
Bryana J. Mendez  
Meghan Anna Milazzo  
Megan C. Noonan  
Yvette Nunez  
Guadalupe Ochoa  
Evan A. Olivo  
Meadow Elizabeth Olszak  
Cesar B. Onate-Rocco  
Jersey Ann Panock  
Melanie Marie Perez  
Izabella Pikul  
Jacqueline M. Recinos  
Guardado  
Gema J. Rodriguez Espinoza  
Lizbeth Rodriguez  
Taylor Callie Romano  
Alyssa R. Rygula  
Judith Salgado  
Desireé Silva Santos  
Deborah P. Scott  
Vanessa M. Serna  
Jocelyn Rosa Serratos\*  
Julieanne L. Shannon  
Sydney A. Shepard  
Adrian Sojka  
Vincent P. Stella\*  
Ewelina Stopka  
Jennyfer Torres Figueroa  
Jiovanny E. Villarreal

Brian J. Wierzgac  
Kaitlyn Wright

## *Bachelor of Music*

David Francis Bravo Jr.  
Faith An Michelle Buralli  
Ashley N. Butt  
Lucas A. Lowry  
Marco L. Martinez  
Abigail E. Newtoff  
Salvador Oronia

## *Master of Arts*

Donovan D. Adelman  
Elizabeth Arvizu  
Frida S. Barajas  
Leighann Cannon  
Sheree M. Claiborne  
Nathanael Michael Claussen  
Patricia M. Clohessy  
Sara Ana Cook  
Kali Ann Graziano  
Shavonne Shari Hudson  
M. Lorena Arrieta Johnson  
Shontelle Latrice Mapson  
Ruth G. Mayorga  
Payton L. Medlin  
Lia A. Munoz  
Carmen Nevarez  
Maria Ochoa  
Sean O'Hara  
Serena Yahya Rahahleh  
Kristen Leigh Clarke Roach  
Tina L. Sonne

## *Master of Arts in Teaching*

Alma Y. Agosto  
Nicholas R. Blankenship

Christopher M. Boril  
Candace E. Brooks-Cooper  
Alex Luke Crivellone  
Maya Marie Durdan  
Laura Fehlberg  
Daniel Robert Ferrel  
Josefina Garcia Leon  
Stephanie Suzanne Gasior  
Aisha J. Greer  
Elizabeth Ann Guerrero  
Michelle Guadalupe Gutfrucht  
Patrick Henry Hackett II  
Curt A. Hasan  
Amy Jo Hayes  
Felicia M. Johnson  
Lionel Khalil Johnson  
Amy Paula Jurado  
Jen Manieson  
Evelyn Denisse Martinez-Aguilera  
Tyler O. McCulloch  
Riley A. McGreal  
Allison Marie Michaluk  
Samantha Tallarico Migely  
Patrick Clinton Miller  
Abigail R. Minervini  
Mary Kate Moriarty  
Bradley James Nowak  
Charles E. Owens  
Kadrien N. Payton  
Jordan Alexander Reiff  
Catherine A. Romanowski  
Kathryn Diane Smith  
Kayla Jade Stevens  
Jamilex Stephanie Tinoco Lara  
Clifford M. Varnado Jr  
Porsche C. Walker

# ***Natural Sciences***

Charlene Bermele, DNP, MSN, Dean

## **Bachelor of Science**

Ayah S. Abdallah  
Mohamad F. Abdallah  
Ali Abdelrahman  
Sabreen A. Absi  
Kylie Allen  
Samantha Alvarez  
Citlally Antunez  
Jena Marie Bady  
Melissa Becerril  
Alicja Bukowski  
Edward G. Gabriel Burgos  
Torres  
Katie L. Cahue  
Jessica Arcelia Calderon  
Alyssa Caraballo Sierra  
Abigail R. Carr  
Jimena Lizbeth Carranza  
Chanes  
Jonathan Castaneda Rivas  
Joanna Maria Chlebek  
Haya Ahmad Daineh  
Sarah R. Driscoll  
Camila Claudeth Duran Flores  
Mohamed E. El-Hamarnah  
Gabrielle C. Escobedo  
Amairani Janeth Farias Brito  
Andrea Nicole Flores  
Brieanna Nicole Ford  
Mariana Gomez  
Mia G. Grover  
Adilenne E. Gutierrez  
Samantha Gutierrez\*  
Naya Irene Adams Haymon  
Anahi A. Hernandez  
Elizabeth Hernandez  
Hayley A. Hitterman  
Makayla H. Hollister  
Natalia M. Hornik  
Courtney M. Hunter

Alexandria G. Isajczuk-  
Macelli  
Lizbeth Guadalupe Jacobo\*  
Muhammad Kamel Kamel  
Abdallah H. Kanan  
Noor Isa Latif  
Andrew J. Lux  
Pablo L. Martinez  
Jeremy William Meister  
Sarai Elizabeth Mendez  
Carolyn Stella Rose Modrich  
Caitlin Caroline Moore  
Lindsay T. Morgan  
Qaadir H. Muhammad  
Sadina Muhammad  
Megan Murphy  
Jaren Orbeck  
Javier Pena  
Ellen R. Place  
Diana Popovych  
Maria Fernanda Rico Lopez  
Nadia S. Roberts  
Javier Romero  
Sohaib Salama  
Emily Saldana  
Jacqueline R. Sanisaca  
Adrien Chevon Santiago  
Nibal Hussein Sarabta\*  
Richard P. Schroeder  
Bridget A. Sheehan  
Briana S. Smith  
Mary Anna Stepuszek  
Fernanda A. Torres  
Anna Tumiel  
Mohammad M. Turk  
Angela Rose Vecchi  
Alejandra Velazquez  
Gabrielle E. Venson  
Jiovanny E. Villarreal  
Meagan Kathleen Walsh

# *Computer Science*

Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D., Director

## *Bachelor of Arts*

Fahmi Amjad Abdulhafeez  
Godwilla A. Alsum  
Jose Cayetano Aranda Jr  
Michelle D. Bell  
Millie Carreon  
Fabian Davila  
Keith A. Davis  
Aaliyahna Nicole Derrell  
Garrett M. Dudley  
Josue Guzman  
Charles A. Lott  
Nicholas J. Marmolejo  
Henry Martinez-Sanchez  
Neida Ocampo  
Anthony Luis Pustelak

Daniel Quiroz  
Moises C. Quiroz  
Perla Rodriguez  
Daniel C. Roman  
Victoria C. Sandoval  
Jiebin Situ  
Wayne J. Sterling  
Sebastian J. Szuba  
Donivin Marcin Truty  
Rogelio Vilchis

## *Master of Applied Computer Science*

Riley E. Costello  
Francisco Javier Espinoza  
Henry Sanchez  
Steve M. Thomas

## *Bachelor of Science*

Ahmad Abraham  
Max Eli Alkofer  
Hugo C. Campos  
Eric Cruz  
Edmon Demirovski  
Saralynn Figueroa  
Estepan Garcia  
Ryan R. Garcia  
Denari A. Gassion  
Dilyn L. Howard  
Jonathan Jacobo  
Luis Angel Jimenez  
Farron Q. Jones  
Asma Khan  
Kamil Rafal Krawczyk  
Enrique Loza  
Jacob W. Malinoff  
Michael D. Manzella  
Jenifer Martinez  
Luis R. Ortiz



# ***Honorary Degree Recipient***

## **Citation honoring Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich**

*Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Laws, **honoris causa***



Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich was born on March 19, 1949, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Blase and Mary (Mayhan) Cupich. He is one of nine children, with five sisters and three brothers.

Cardinal Cupich was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha on August 16, 1975. He was pastor of two parishes in Omaha. He was appointed Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, by Pope John Paul II on July 7, 1998, and was ordained and installed on September 21, 1998. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the sixth Bishop of Spokane, Washington, on June 30, 2010, and installed on September 3, 2010. Cardinal Cupich was appointed Archbishop of Chicago by Pope Francis on September 20, 2014, and installed as the ninth Archbishop of Chicago on November 18, 2014.

On October 9, 2016, Pope Francis named him a Cardinal, and he was elevated to the College of Cardinals in a consistory on November 19, 2016, at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Cardinal Cupich obtained his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1971. He attended seminary at the North American College and Gregorian University in Rome, where he received his Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology in 1974 and his master's degree in theology in 1975. Cardinal Cupich is a graduate of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he received a Licentiate of Sacred Theology in 1979 and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in 1987 (both in sacramental theology), with his dissertation entitled "Advent in the Roman Tradition: An Examination and Comparison of the Lectionary Readings as Hermeneutical Units in Three Periods."

Additionally, Cardinal Cupich was secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., from 1981-1987 and served as chair for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People from 2008-2011.

Throughout his priesthood, Cardinal Cupich has been devoted to promoting the educational mission of the Catholic Church, first as a religion teacher in an Omaha Catholic high school and then in the Creighton University diaconate program. He was president rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio and chair of the National Catholic Education Association. He is chancellor of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, president of the Chicago Catholic Schools Board of Education, and a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education.

Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Cupich to the Dicastery for Bishops in 2016, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2022, and the aforementioned Dicastery for Culture and Education in 2024. Cardinal Cupich also serves on the USCCB Committee on Migration and the Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. He is an executive member of the Catholic Mutual Relief Society and chancellor of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Cardinal Blase J. Cupich the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this 10th day of May 2025.

# *College of Nursing, Health Sciences and Business Ceremony*

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*Vice President, Mission and Heritage*

## **The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley**

*Sr. Dolores Nieratke, R.S.M.*  
arr. Thomas McNichols

The University Chamber Singers  
Thomas McNichols '05, M.M., Conductor  
*Director of Choral Activities*

## **The National Anthem (please stand)**

*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
arr. James McKelvy

The University Chamber Singers  
Thomas McNichols '05, M.M., Conductor  
Words by Francis Scott Key

## **A Special Request to All Guests**

*To assure that today's ceremony is a joyous occasion for all present, we respectfully request that guests silence cell phones and remain seated during the entire ceremony unless otherwise noted. As student names are called, please refrain from shouting, whistling or making other noise. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until all graduates have exited the building. Thank you.*

*May 10, 2025*

Provost's Address

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Conferral of Honorary Degree

Natalie Page, Ed.D.

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*President, Brother Rice High School*

Carey Temple Harrington  
*President, Mother McAuley High School*

Commencement Address

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
*Archbishop of Chicago*

Presentation of Candidates

Graham School of Management

Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D.  
*Professor and Director, Graham School of Management*

School of Nursing  
Health Sciences

Charlene Bermele, DNP, MSN  
*Dean, College of Nursing, Health Sciences and Business*

Announcer of Recipients

Rola Othman, Ed.D.  
*Director, Information Technology*

Benediction

Charles R. Newman, B.Arch.  
*Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Closing Remarks

Adrian Aldrich, M.Ed.  
*Vice President, University Advancement*

Recessional

"Grand March" from *Aida*,  
Giuseppe Verdi  
arr. Leonard Bernstein

Refreshments

SXU Diner Atrium/O'Malley Quad  
Warde Academic Center

### **A Special Invitation**

*You are invited for refreshments immediately following the ceremony to celebrate our graduates. Follow the signs directing you to SXU's historic 49th Street Gateway Arch through the Smith-Morris Quad and into the Warde Academic Center.*

*Along the way, you will find many photo opportunities for students and families.*

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Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D., Director

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#### Founded

1846	Saint Xavier University	Chicago, Illinois
1853	Mount Aloysius College	Cresson, Pennsylvania
1899	Mercy College of Health Sciences	Des Moines, Iowa
1908	Georgian Court University	Lakewood, New Jersey
1912	Saint Joseph's College of Maine	Standish, Maine
1918	Mercy College of Ohio	Toledo, Ohio
1923	College of Saint Mary	Omaha, Nebraska
1924	Misericordia University	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1926	Mercyhurst University	Erie, Pennsylvania
1928	Mount Mercy University	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1929	Carlow University	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1932	University of Saint Joseph, Connecticut	West Hartford, Connecticut
1934	Salve Regina University	Newport, Rhode Island
1941	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit, Michigan
1948	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania
1958	Maria College	Albany, New York
1958	Trocaire College	Buffalo, New York

### *Mercy Heritage*

Founder and sponsor of Saint Xavier University, the religious congregation of the Sisters of Mercy originated in Dublin, Ireland. Today, more than 6,000 Sisters of Mercy, along with Mercy Associates and Companions, serve more than 30 countries on every continent except Antarctica. The Sisters of Mercy sponsor 17 colleges and universities in the United States and serve more than 34,000 students.



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# *The Suscipe of Mother Mary Catherine McAuley*

(1778-1841)

Founder of the Religious Sisters of Mercy (1831)

Declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II (1990)

My God, I am thine for all eternity;  
teach me to cast my whole self into the arms of Thy Providence  
with the most lively unlimited confidence  
in Thy compassionate, tender pity.  
“Grant, O most Merciful Redeemer,  
that whatever Thou dost ordain or permit  
may always be acceptable to me;  
take from my heart all painful anxiety,  
suffer nothing to afflict me, but sin;  
nothing to delight me, but the hope of coming  
to the possession of Thee, my God,  
in Thy own everlasting Kingdom. Amen.”

The original wording of “The Suscipe” as found  
in *Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy*, by Mary C. Sullivan, R.S.M.



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