

Commencement Mass

Marshal's Instructions

The Commencement Mass for the Class of 2023 will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday May 19th in O'Laughlin Auditorium. Here are the College Marshal's instructions on attire and procession for this celebration of your graduation. Please read the information carefully so that the ceremony may run smoothly and elegantly.

NOTE: If you have questions about any other part of the weekend, please go to the Commencement website:

www.saintmarys.edu/commencement

If you have any mobility issues that may impact your participation, please let me know so that we can make accommodations.

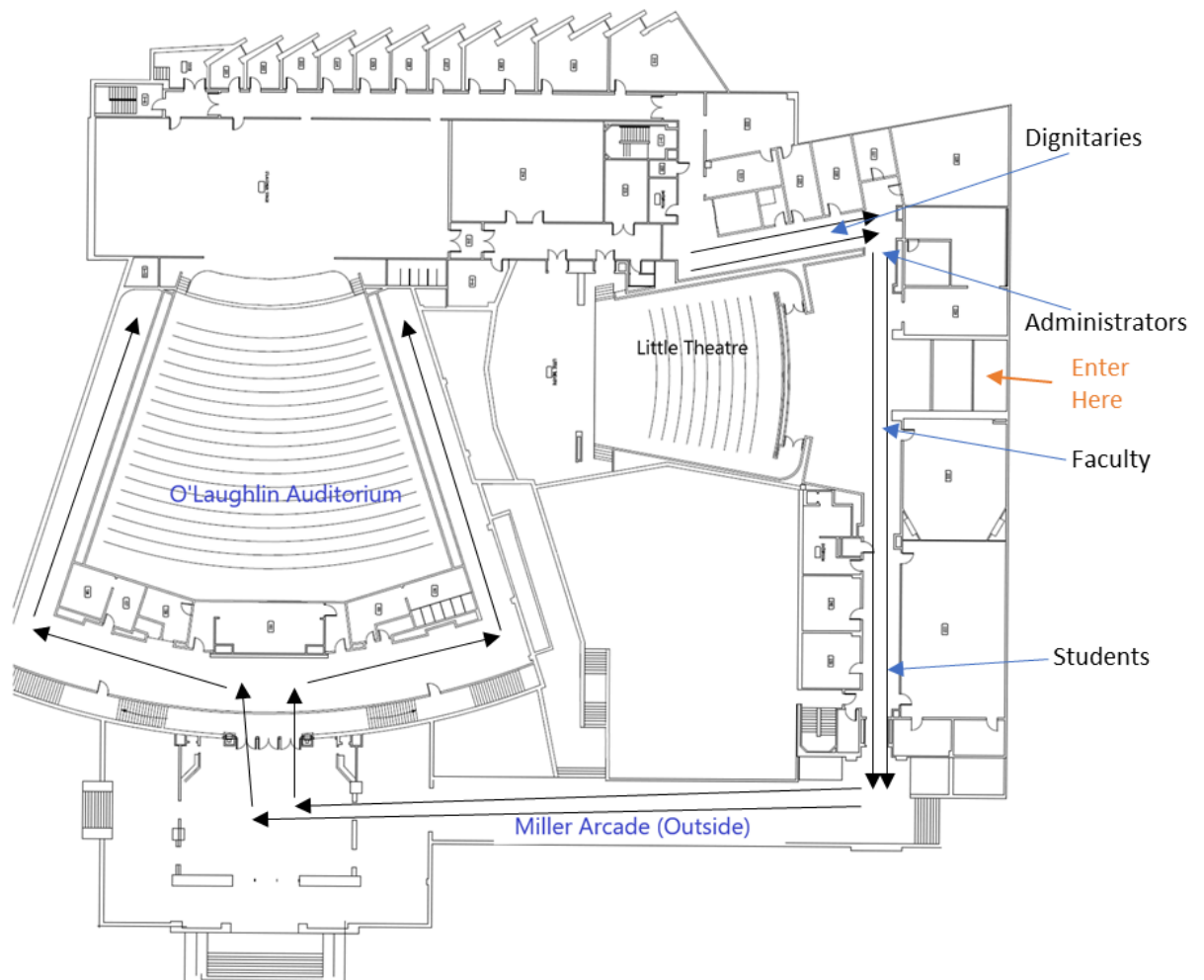
ATTIRE:

Caps, gowns, and hoods are required for graduates at Commencement Mass. Approved honor cords are accepted garb, as are the medals given to Presidential Scholars, class pins given at the August Convocation and a **single** graduation stole recognizing membership and achievement in College organizations.

PROCESSION:

All graduates (both undergraduate and graduate students) will assemble on the second floor of Moreau Hall outside of the Little Theater/Galleries **by 3:45 p.m.** on Friday, May 19th. Form a double line in the hallway of equal numbers. Unlike Commencement, the **line** you are in and the **order** you are in do

not matter. Nor does it matter if undergraduates and graduate students are mixed together. If you want to sit next to your friends, they will need to be in your same *line* and not across from you in the other line. See the diagram below. *To avoid congestion coming into O'Laughlin, please enter directly into Moreau via the Little Theatre/Moreau Gallery entrance (marked below)*



The procession moves at exactly 3:55 p.m.

Marshals will lead the two lines out of the Art wing of Moreau, onto the Miller Arcade and into the lobby of O'Laughlin

Auditorium. The lines will then split and proceed down each aisle in the Auditorium. The two sides will fill in alternate rows. Please move all the way to the end of the row and fill each seat. Follow the Marshal's instructions as we process in.

Instructions will be given during the liturgy about the reception of Communion.

RECESSION:

At the end of the liturgy, marshals will lead you out of your rows towards the Lobby of O'Laughlin. You will exit your row at the opposite end of where you came in. It will be last in, first out: the liturgical party will be first out followed by the stage party. Then we'll start with those in the rows around mid-auditorium and work our way towards the row closest to the stage. If the weather is nice, you can go outside to mingle.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, you'll be led out of O'Laughlin, under the walkway, and back towards Moreau.

Please let me know if you have any questions.