
[USF President] This season of celebration, hope, and prayer

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Dear USF Community,

My heartfelt thanks go to all who participated in our joyous commencement ceremonies last week. Our student representatives, honorary degree recipients, and all graduation speakers delivered thoughtful, stirring, and memorable messages to graduates and their families. The attention and hard work by commencement marshals and facilities staff ensured that the celebrations across campus ran smoothly and efficiently. And I join the graduates in thanking their faculty and staff mentors for their extraordinary work in and beyond the classroom — work that is truly changing the world from here.

As this year nears its close, I write with prayers that every member of our university community — students, faculty, and staff on all our campuses, as well as alumni and members of our boards — experience the joy and hope that this season reminds us to celebrate.

While we are preparing for the holidays, reflecting on our individual graces, and

enjoying all that we have accomplished together this year, we are also living with daily headlines chronicling domestic and global crises, displacement of persons and populations, injustice, inhumanity, and other deeply troubling news.

I pray that you, your families and friends will find solace and hope in the message of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or the traditions you celebrate and bring you close to those you love. May hope be with us all to strengthen our resolve in the way forward.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.
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