



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

ZARAGOZA

AUG. 14, 2026
PARENT AND GUEST GUIDE



ZARAGOZA

YOUR FIRST RATTLER TRADITION

Zaragoza, Spain, was the town where Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, took time to reflect on his life. It was a place of new beginnings for him. During his time in Zaragoza, Blessed Chaminade was inspired to form the Society of Mary (Marianists), an order of priests and brothers who eventually founded St. Mary's Institute, the forerunner to St. Mary's University, in 1852. Blessed Chaminade's experience in Zaragoza parallels the reflection and new direction you will experience as you begin your collegiate career. As you make the transition to life at St. Mary's, you will be introduced to the campus, academic programs, faculty members, administrators, and other students and their families. We welcome you as a member of the University community and are happy to discuss questions, concerns or curiosities you might have about the experiences St. Mary's has to offer. This program will acquaint you with the University and our academics, social life and spiritual resources before classes start.

***The Characteristics of Marianist Universities* articulates the common elements of the Marianist educational philosophy and spirit. These characteristics are:**

- Educate for formation in faith
- Provide an integral quality education
- Educate in the family spirit
- Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation
- Educate for adaptation and change

These approaches to education permeate the St. Mary's experience, from course work to extracurricular events. Zaragoza is designed with these characteristics in mind.

Rattler Meet Groups: *Small group sessions will be led by Zaragoza Leaders who are undergraduate students. Each Rattler Meet Group session will include time for the groups to gather and further explore the session topic through activity, reflection and conversation.*

FRIDAY, AUG. 14, 2026

8 to
9:15 a.m.

Zaragoza Check-In

Registro Para Zaragoza

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center (AA&CC),
Bill Greehey Arena, Lobby

The Zaragoza program begins here.

9:30 a.m.

New Beginnings and Strong Foundations

Nuevos Comienzos

AA&CC, Greehey Arena

The Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., *Vice President for Mission*

Tim Bessler, Ed.D., *Vice President for Student Development
and Dean of Students*

Skye Razavi and Nicolas Urbina, *Zaragoza Student Directors*

Allow our staff to welcome you and learn about our community!

10 a.m.

Academic Convocation

Convocación Académica

AA&CC, Greehey Arena

Academic Convocation introduces new students to the traditions and expectations of our academic community. This program instills a sense of belonging to the institution and advances the centrality of academic life in the St. Mary's experience.

11 a.m.

Gold Group — Lunch

Grupo Dorado — Almuerzo

University Center (UC), Diamond Back Cafe

Blue Group — Art of College Parenting

Grupo Azul — El Arte de ser Padres de estudiantes universitarios

AA&CC, Movement Studio

Noon

Gold Group — Health and Safety Panel

Grupo Dorado — Panel de salud y seguridad

UC, Mengler Conference Room

Blue Group — Lunch

Grupo Azul — Almuerzo

UC, Diamondback Café

1:15 p.m. **Gold Group — Art of College Parenting**
Grupo Dorado — El Arte de ser Padres de estudiantes universitarios
UC, Mengler Conference Room

Blue Group — Health and Safety Panel
Grupo Azul — Panel de salud y seguridad
AA&CC, Auxiliary Gym

2:30 p.m. **Parent Panel**
Panel para Padres
AA&CC, Greehey Arena

3:45 p.m. **Rattler Blessing**
Bendición
AA&CC, Greehey Arena

The Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., *Vice President for Mission*

Join us for an informational session followed by a blessing for students, parents and guests.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



★ Stay tuned for exciting new amenities!

MAP KEY

- 39 Adele Hall •▲
- 31 Albert B. Alkek Business Building
- 43 Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Bill Greehey Arena
- 10 Alumni Pavilion
- 45 AT&T Center for Information Technology
- 20 Blank Sheppard Innovation Center
- 23 Blume Library
Cotrell Learning Commons
Starbucks
The Pub at St. Mary's
- 37 Bordeaux Hall •▲
- 30 Casa Maria Marianist Residence
- 6 Center for Life Directions
- 9 Chaminade Hall •
- 3 Chaminade Tower
Admission Office
- 7 Charles Francis Hall
- 41 Cremer Hall •▲

- 35 Donohoo Hall •▲
- 27 Dougherty Hall •▲
- 46 Founders Hall •▲
- 34 Frederick Hall •▲
- 8 Garni Science Hall
- 24 Law Administration Building
- 25 Law Classrooms Building
- 33 Law Library
- 44 Leies Hall •▲
- 32 Lourdes Hall •▲
- 12 Marian Hall •
- 11 Marianist Residence
- 21 Moody Life Sciences Center
- 56 Périgieux Hall •▲
- 26 Raba Law Building
- 2 Reinbolt Hall
Assumption Chapel
- 22 Richter Math-Engineering Center

- 1 St. Louis Hall
(Administration)
Business Office
Financial Assistance
Registrar's Office
- 36 St. Mary's Research Center
National Archives,
Marianist Province of the
United States
- 18 Treadaway Hall •
Guadalupe Chapel
Recital Hall
University Police
- 38 University Center
Campus Life
Diamondback Café
Rattler Outfitters
(University Bookstore)
- Residence hall •*
The Village at St. Mary's •

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SAVE THE DATE

FALL 2026 EVENTS

MONDAY, AUG. 17

Rattler Round-Up

TUESDAY, AUG. 18, TO FRIDAY, AUG. 28

Welcome Weeks

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Continuing the Heritage Day of Service

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

Mass of the Holy Spirit — Opening School Liturgy

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

The Lin Great Speakers Series

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

Burgers with the Brothers

FRIDAY, OCT. 2, TO SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Family Weekend

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

StMU 5k for the Neighborhood

Rattlerpalooza

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

Christmas Tree Lighting and Alumni Social

GET CONNECTED!

Follow these St. Mary's Instagram accounts to get useful information and discover cool things happening on campus!

CAMPUS LIFE

Student Life
@stmarysstulife

**Fraternity and
Sorority Life**
@stmu_fsl

**Registered Student
Organizations (RSO)**
@stmurso

**Orientation and
Leadership Programs**
@stmu.orientation

Community Engagement
@stmu_engagement

STUDENT DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

**University Programming
Council (UPC)**
@upc_stmu

**College Panhellenic
Council (CPC)**
@stmupanhel

Emerging Leaders
@stmuemerging_leaders

**Student Government
Association (SGA)**
@sga_stmu

**Inter-Fraternity Council
(IFC)**
@stmu_ifc

Commuting Rattlers
@stmu_commuters

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY OFFICES

St. Mary's University
@stmarysu

**Career and Professional
Development Center**
@stmucareer

**TRiO Student
Support Services**
@stmu.trio.sss

Residence Life
@stmureslife

**Student Health and
Wellness Programs**
@stmu_well

Rattler Success Center
@stmary_rsc

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The Bells of St. Mary's
Ah! Hear they are ringing
They sing out the bright hope
Of hearts firm and true.

And while they are ringing
Our young hearts are singing
The praises of, the glory of
The Gold and Blue!

MISSION

St. Mary's University,
as a Catholic Marianist University,
fosters the formation of people in faith
and educates leaders for the common good
through community, integrated liberal arts
and professional education,
and academic excellence.



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