

Recipe for August 2006 “Student Send Off”

This event is a combination of liturgy (like Rite 13, but covering a different age group) and celebration/hospitality.

In 2006, event organizing was done by John Sack, liturgy by Lori Walton, and Celebration by Laura Biche and Phyllis Kallman.

General philosophy: the event is to celebrate young-adult transitions: to college, progress in college, and from college into their own careers and advanced plans. We are also trying to note that the families of the students are in their own transitions as students leave home for the first time, seek permanent jobs for the first time, etc. We want to celebrate the young adults, and support the families.

We also want to help the parish keep track of what the students are doing, and where they have gone.

General timeline:

In May/June, when seniors know where they are going for college, and before families scatter on vacation, get an update on student status from the youth minister. Publish a CAS article asking for updates so we don't miss anyone.

In June or July, set the date for the event, in August.

The event is in August to catch people when they come back from vacations, but before the students start off to college. So, typically mid August.

In the August CAS, publish an article listing all the students and their status, again asking for corrections. (A sample article from August 2006 CAS is shown.)

The week before:

Send the clergy the list of students as revised (to help write the announcement and liturgy, sample for 2006 shown), and also the hospitality hosts (in case the student names are to be on a cake, as in 2006).

Order the cake. A full sheet will do.

(CAS item, note that this includes the errors! These went into CAS for August 1, in hope that parents would correct the mistakes before the August 13 event. Some did!)

Heading off to college:

Ashly Mitchell (going to college in San Bernardino), **Martha Bass** (going to Washington University in St. Louis, interested in international relations and environmental studies), **Peter Cady**, **Mary Wilbourn**, **Christopher Lowman** (heading to Stanford, interest in archaeology, and fencing), **Megan Walton** (Lori Walton's daughter will be going to Sonoma State this fall), **Timothy Biche**, **Roxanne Pinto** (going to Harvard, interested in English and biology), **Jason Baldwin** (going to College of San Mateo for two years, then to San Jose State, interested in studying law enforcement).

In College:

Max Pinto (returning to Williams as a junior)
Austinn Freeman (a sophomore at Stanford this fall, planning to study human biology or psychology; definitely playing varsity soccer), **Elizabeth Johnson** (entering her senior year at UCLA, majoring in Economics, minor in German), **Hannah McCarthy** (a junior at Santa Clara?), **Matt Begaye** (back from his freshman year at U Arizona, he'll be at Foothill, and is interested in psychology, business, biology and English), **Hermione Sharp** (Diane Montgomery's daughter will be a sophomore, going to Santa Clara), **Patricia Bass** (a junior at McAlester), **Paul Frankle** (returning to Johns Hopkins as a sophomore), **Grace Lane** (will go to Mission College this fall, and is deciding on subsequent transfer), **Sarah Wootton** (returning to Scripps College as a sophomore, interested in humanities and music)

Recent Graduates:

Caroline Tate (recently graduated Princeton with a degree in architecture, now job hunting in the field of arts administration in New York City and then possibly graduate school), **Jonathan Law** (recently graduated Cornell in architecture, and is just starting a job in SF), **Sarah Tinsley** (just graduated from Heald College in business administration with an emphasis in criminal justice; **Kara Harvill** (graduated from Brown with a degree in history, studying comparative colonialism), **Christopher Crump** (graduated from UCLA with a degree in geography/environmental science and sustainable living), **Laura Tatum** (graduated Bowdoin, majored in sociology and Spanish, and is working on

the “wakeupwalmart.org” campaign for worker benefits),
and **Kristin Tatum** (graduated Stanford majoring in human
biology with a specialty in the environment, and is
working on disadvantaged-youth tutoring in SF).

Please let John Sack, sack@stanford.edu, know if we've
forgotten anyone, or have the wrong details.

In Celebration of New Beginnings and Transitions

As we begin looking towards the fall season, we honor and hold up those in our community who will be starting anew: a new beginning in college, a new semester in college, a new beginning in work.

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All of those who are moving into new areas of life are invited to come forward.

Priest : The Lord be With You

People : **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Most Gracious God, it is in You that we find our strength for entering into all that is unknown and new. Give us grace, O Lord, to know You, to love You, and to trust in You. Let our transitions lift us up – to new heights, to new goals, to new worlds.

For those entering or continuing college:

Gracious God, your Holy Spirit instructs our hearts in the ways of life. In going to college, these young adults have set aside a time of learning and preparation for their life's work. Through all the years ahead, make them hungry for wisdom tempered with love. Help them discern the truth in all that they learn, in the people they meet, and in the choices they face each day. Keep their minds alert for the rigors of study and exams. Keep their bodies safe and well. Give them a heart bold to question, yet alive to your wonders. And assure them always of your love and of our love; through Christ your Wisdom made flesh. ***Amen.***

For those entering the work force:

Holy God, you call us to work as friends of Jesus who was sent among us to serve and reconcile. As these young adults enter the workforce, bless them with wisdom and skill. May the work of their hands bring them satisfaction. May they be faithful, honest, and fair with all who labor beside them, and may they experience the same graciousness in return. In all that they do, may they glorify Christ, whose saving work on the cross brings us to rest in your love, and through whom we pray. ***Amen.***

For the families and Church community:

Loving God, your spirit keeps us moving forward in faith as you call our children, our brothers, our sisters, into new places and new

beginnings. We give thanks for their new and continuing opportunities, and we ask for your grace as we move into this time of transition and separation. Strengthen and comfort those family members who are left to experience their absence. May they know your healing love. As a community, we give thanks for their lives and for their presence amongst us. May we always provide a place of shelter, peace, and love for them to return to, while encouraging them to continue along their paths of becoming the people you have made them to be. ***Amen.***

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